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then consider the evidence for the textual history and reception of the Institutes, Code, and Digest. Included in the volume are plates of all of the most important early manuscripts of Justinian's works, most of which have never been published before.
