

Anton Scharer, *An emperor-title before 800: on the Charters of King Coenwulf of Mercia* (p. 109–116)

The charter of King Coenwulf of Mercia on an exchange transaction, dating from 798 and using the title of *imperator*, is presented together with an outline of the conditions of its making. The successful reconquest of Kent provided the historical background for propagating Coenwulf's imperial claims of rulership. As further indications of the latter, Coenwulf's gold coin (*mancus*) and his leaden seal are discussed.

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