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> *Arthur began to increase*
> *his personal entourage*
> *by inviting very distinguished men*
> *from far-distant kingdoms to join it.*
>
> Geoffrey of Monmouth
> Quoted in The Discovery of King Arthur

When Rome left its province of Britannia for good in 410 A.D., after more than three centuries of rule, the native population had little protection against intruders.

Thirty years later (or so), looking for help outside their own boundaries, native Britons—a Celtic people who inhabited the country known today as England)—had little choice. Scholars believe Britons living in Ceint (today's Kent) hired German-Danes from Angulus (the Angles) and Germans from Saxony (the Saxons) to work as mercenaries.

Their pay? Briton land.

Had those early Britons envisioned what could happen when mercenaries (invited or not) reached their shores, perhaps they would have looked elsewhere (or nowhere) for help. One thing is certain: Requests for Anglo-Saxon help ultimately led to unwelcome invasions which forever changed Britannia and her people.

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