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IL TREMISSE CON IL BUSTO BATTUTO
DA CARLO MAGNO A LUCCA:
DUE NUOVI ESEMPLARI (*)

Abstract

The article provides a brief outline of the still little known and researched issue of gold tremissis with a facing bust struck under Charlemagne for the mint of Lucca, following his proclamation as king of the Lombards after the defeat of Desiderius in 774. An alternative interpretation of the type is suggested, bearing on the similarities of the facing bust with the St. Michael shown on a solidus struck by Sico (817-832) in Benevento, and two new specimens, previously unpublished, are presented.