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The Printing of this Work was commenced BY THE COMMAND OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING WILLIAM IV., under the Direction of the Commissioners of the Public Records of the Kingdom.

The Work has been for some time suspended, and is not now completed according to the original design. It has been carried on to its present extent, and is now published BY THE COMMAND OF HER MAJESTY.

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THE Three ROLLS, of which the whole of the matter entered upon them is to be found in this Volume, are the earliest in the Series of GREAT ROLLS OF THE EXCHEQUER, better known by the name of the PIPE ROLLS. The Series extends in almost unbroken continuity from the twelfth to the nineteenth century. One Roll of this class remains, of an earlier date than any in the Series. It belongs to the reign of King HENRY the First, and serves to show that this mode of enrolling the Accounts of the Royal Revenue was in use at an earlier period than that at which the Series takes its beginning.

This early Roll was transcribed and printed by Command of His late Majesty King William the Fourth in 1833.

Each of the earlier Pipe Rolls consists of a number of Rotulets, fastened together at the head. The Rotulets are each formed of two membranes; the width is fourteen inches.

The writing is in the large and square character; the membranes are for the most part written both on the front and dorse. In a few places they are a little injured; but in the main these Rolls may be said to be in excellent preservation.



The Pipe Rolls which have now been printed all belong to the period before the reign of King Henry the Third. For much of that period they are almost the only records we possess, and thus contain innumerable notices of persons, places, and transactions of which there is no other memorial whatever. The earlier of them place us amidst the persons who lived before the time of legal memory. If we desire to know what names were great in England in the reign of Henry the Second, we must peruse with attention the Pipe Rolls of that reign.

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Anno 31 Henrici I., A.D. 1130-1131.

Annis 2, 3, 4 Henrici II., A.D. 1155, 1156, 1157,  
1158.

Anno 1 Ricardi I., A.D. 1189-1190.

Anno 3 Johannis, A.D. 1201-1202.

The last of these was printed from the Chancellor's Duplicate.

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