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## P R E F A C E.

THE Essays contained in this Second Series were written with the same purpose as those which have been already published, and on the same plan. They are lectures, in which it has been my object to state the social facts of the time in which the individual, whose history is handled, took part in public business. Hence, as before, each person is introduced to my reader with a prefatory account of certain circumstances which influenced society at the time.

Three of the men whose place in history I have attempted to expound were ecclesiastics. But I have not referred, except in so far as it was necessary for me to do so, to the theological tenets which they entertained. Two of these ecclesiastics were notably political clergymen; by which I mean, that they used the authority of their function in order to disseminate or enforce their political theories. The third was only historically a clergyman, for the

greater part of his public life was justified on the protest which he energetically and perpetually made—that his clerical antecedents did not extinguish his civil rights. His protest was disregarded and rebutted, and, in my opinion, with the most important and decisive consequences. The career of Wilkes is closely connected with that of Horne Tooke, and, in many particulars, is in marked contrast to it.

My reader will find that I have consulted the common sources of information for the history of three among the subjects comprised in this series. But I may perhaps say, that though I have used the *Chronicles*, and such comments on the works and life of Wiclif as have been published, my researches into the social life of Englishmen during the fourteenth century have supplied me with some advantages for dealing with the times of the great English Reformer.

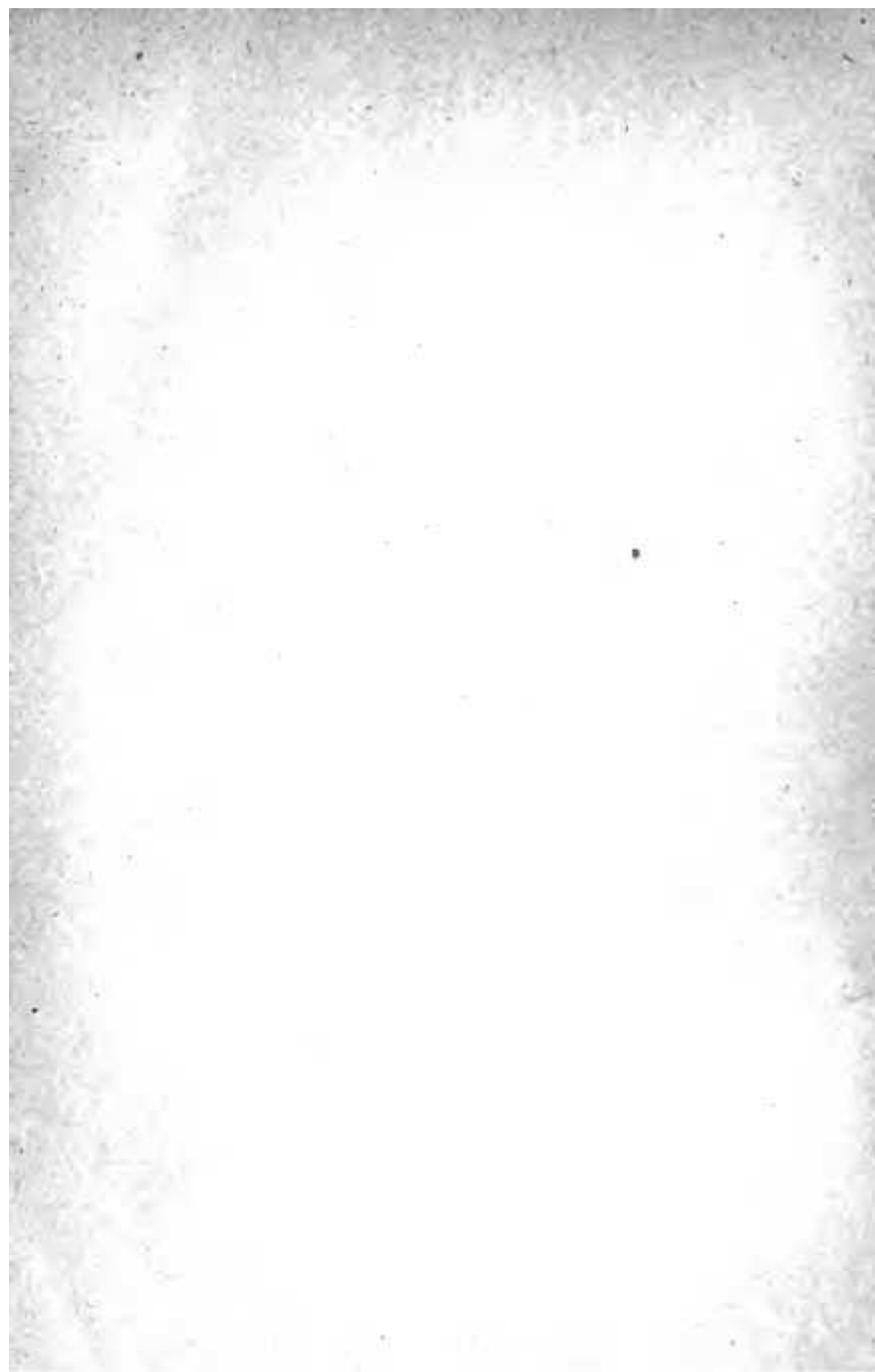
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