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"I ergo tu, et tibi usurpare aude aut dominans Apostolatam, aut apostolicus dominatum. Planè ab alterutro prohiberis. Si utrumque simul habere voles, perdes utrumque."—S. BERNARDI (*de Consideratione*), AD EUGENIUM PAPAM, l. ii. c. 6.

"Stupor circumdat me super obstinatione Scholasticorum et adulato-
rum Curie Romanæ, contradicentium omnibus antiquis historicæ
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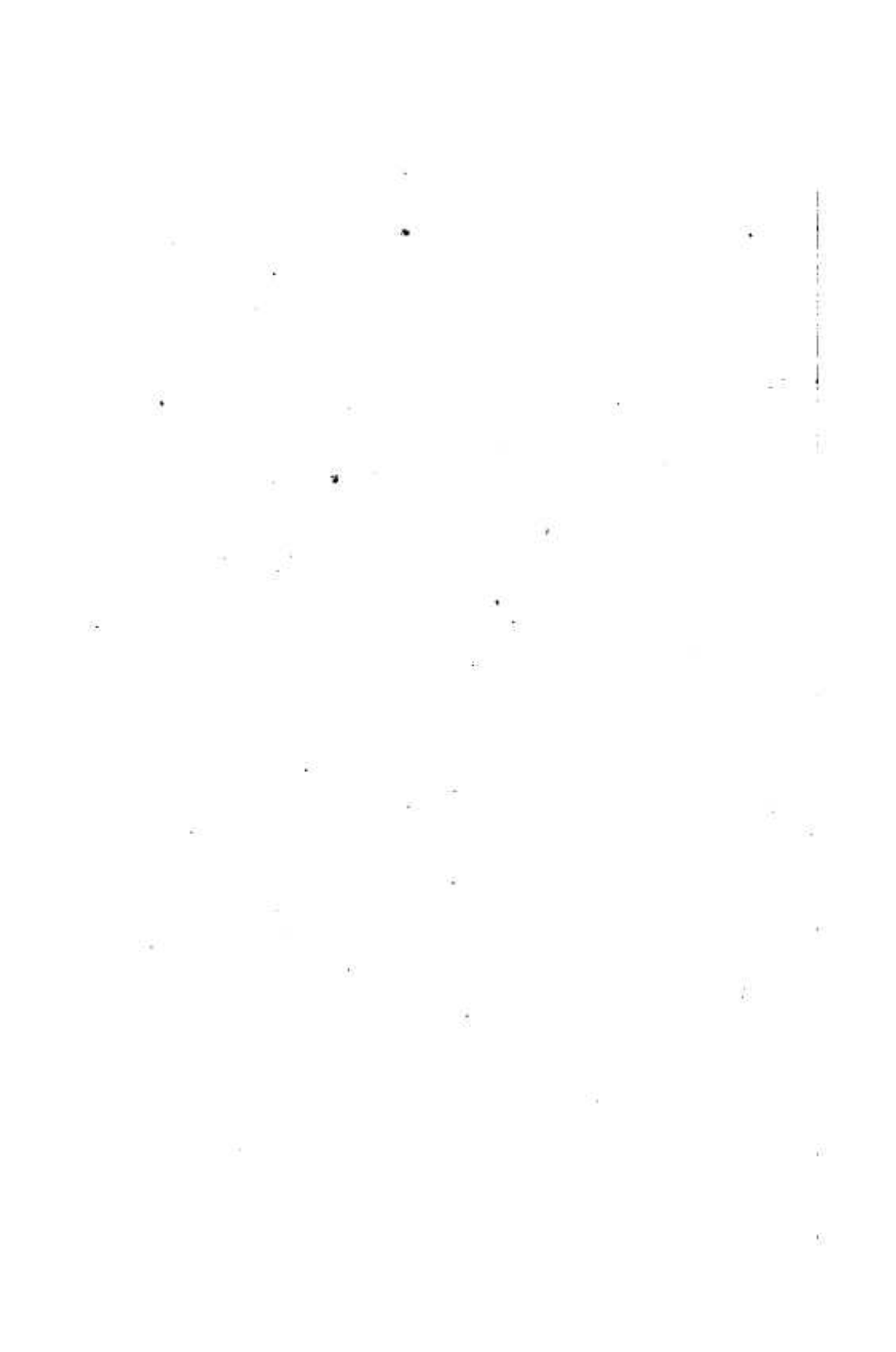
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PREFACE.

THE object of the following pages is to present to the reader, in as brief a form as possible, a sum of the arguments, legal and doctrinal, on which England, from the very first day of her existence as a nation, has rested her opposition to the claims of the Papacy, arising out of the so-called "Privilege of Peter." These, limited in their earlier assertion, have now grown so exorbitant, and even scandalous, in their character, as to change the complexion of the older controversy, and to need a treatment different in its nature from those which were so successfully applied to it in another age. The doctrine of "Infallibility" was then indignantly disavowed—the subordination of the Pope to a Council was (at least out of Italy) admitted