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P R E F A C E.

IT was once considered essential to have a Preface, be the matter what it might to which it was introductory. . In this instance we gladly avail ourselves of the privilege, and state the "reason why" we have published the following short sketch.

Having the pleasure of being acquainted with several worthy Broughtonians, including the "Magistracy," who have often expressed their anxious wish to have some information regarding the early history of the old Burgh, the present volume is the result of an attempt to gratify that desire.

We have endeavoured to narrate its history from the earliest period of authentic record down to the time when the Barony was merged within the Royalty of the City of Edinburgh. Having included at one time the Burgh and Regality of Canongate, we considered it requisite to notice a few events in connection with the latter; but it was impossible to notice every