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TO
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JOHN POYNTZ EARL SPENCER, K.G.,
LORD LIEUTENANT AND CUSTOS ROTULORUM
OF THE
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON,
THESE PAGES ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
INSCRIBED BY
THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE old County Gaol in Northampton having been recently abolished and partly pulled down, I thought it might be a matter of some interest to local Archæologists, and a small addition to the History of the County of Northampton, to have an account of the building of this Gaol.

To make this account as perfect as possible I have searched the Records of the County and Borough of Northampton. I have also had the benefit of the valuable information Mr. John Taylor was able and willing to give me; I have been much assisted by the Rev. R. Isham, whose knowledge of this County is surpassed by none; and by Mr. W. Shoosmith, Mr. H. Simpson, Mr. A. Percival, Mr. L. J. Deacon, Mr. J. A. Gotch, Mr. J. Howe, Mr. J. F. Noble, Mr. G. Foster, Mr. D. Norman, Mr. C. Botterill, Mr. S. Beattie, and Mr. B. Rust. To each of these gentlemen my thanks are due. From the information thus obtained I have written in the following pages such facts concerning the first construction of this Gaol, its many alterations and additions, as appeared to me to be authentic.

As the History of the Gaol is intimately connected with, that quite beautiful building, the County Hall; and the Judges' Lodgings adjoining, I have added what information I could obtain as to these buildings. I have also written a few words on the County Gaols and Bridewells.

C. A. M.

Pitsford,

August 28th, 1885.