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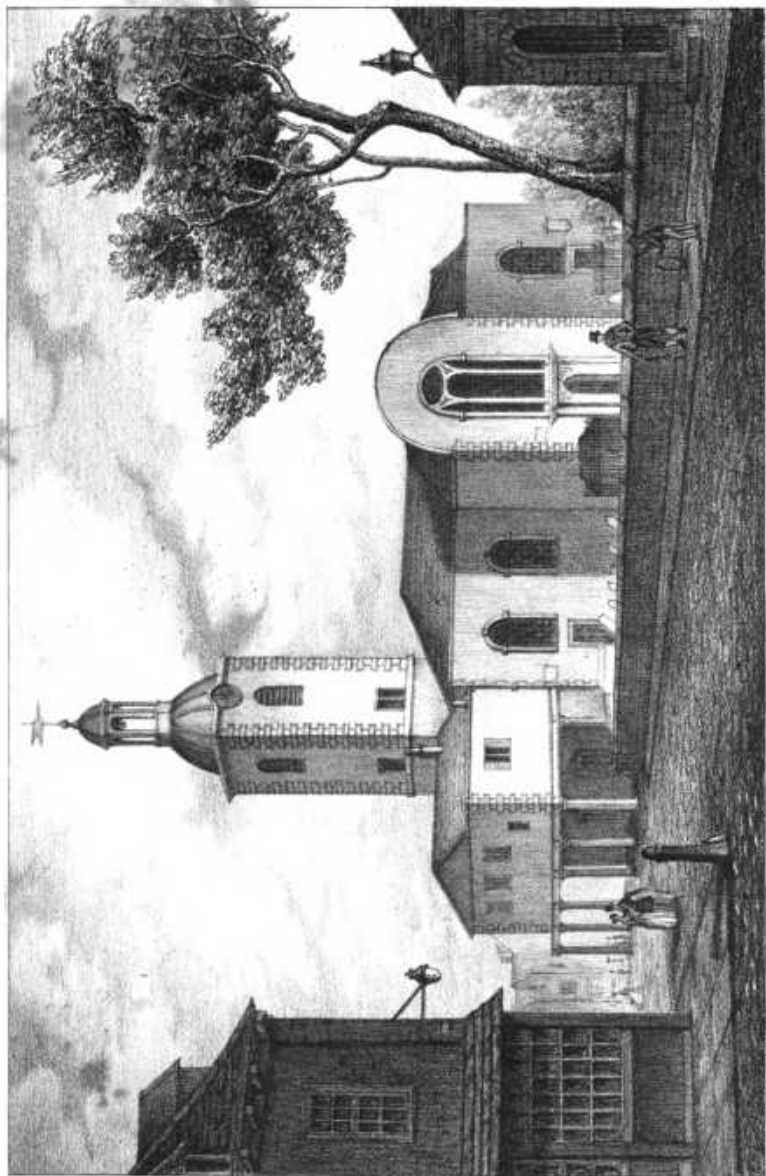
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P R E F A C E.

IN presenting this Work to the Inhabitants of Bermondsey, and the Public at large, the Author wishes to state that his first intention in writing the History of this Parish was merely for his own gratification; but, after having compiled the greater part, he was advised to publish the same, and it is hoped that any inaccuracies which may occur in the following pages will be imputed rather to the multiplicity of the business in which the Author is engaged, and the short space of time he has been able to devote in collecting the materials for the Work, than to any intentional carelessness in its compilation. To the intelligent reader, the History of this Parish presents a variety of recommendations, describing a spot of no mean repute, as having been honored by the occasional residence of some of our early English Princes; the

Monastery established in this locality claims more especially the attention of those interested in the History of this Parish. With pleasure we take a retrospect of the earliest era of the Parish, when, in tracing out the vestiges of its Abbey, we seem as it were in fancy to converse with the shades of those who once inhabited it.

The local circumstances likewise, which are connected with its Parochial History, cannot fail to be particularly interesting; there is no part of English History presents attractions so various and manifest as this interesting branch of inquiry.

In conclusion, the Author tenders his best thanks to those Ladies and Gentlemen who have so kindly interested themselves in contributing to the present Work; and, having sedulously consulted every accessible record both printed and in manuscript, he hopes it will give general satisfaction.

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