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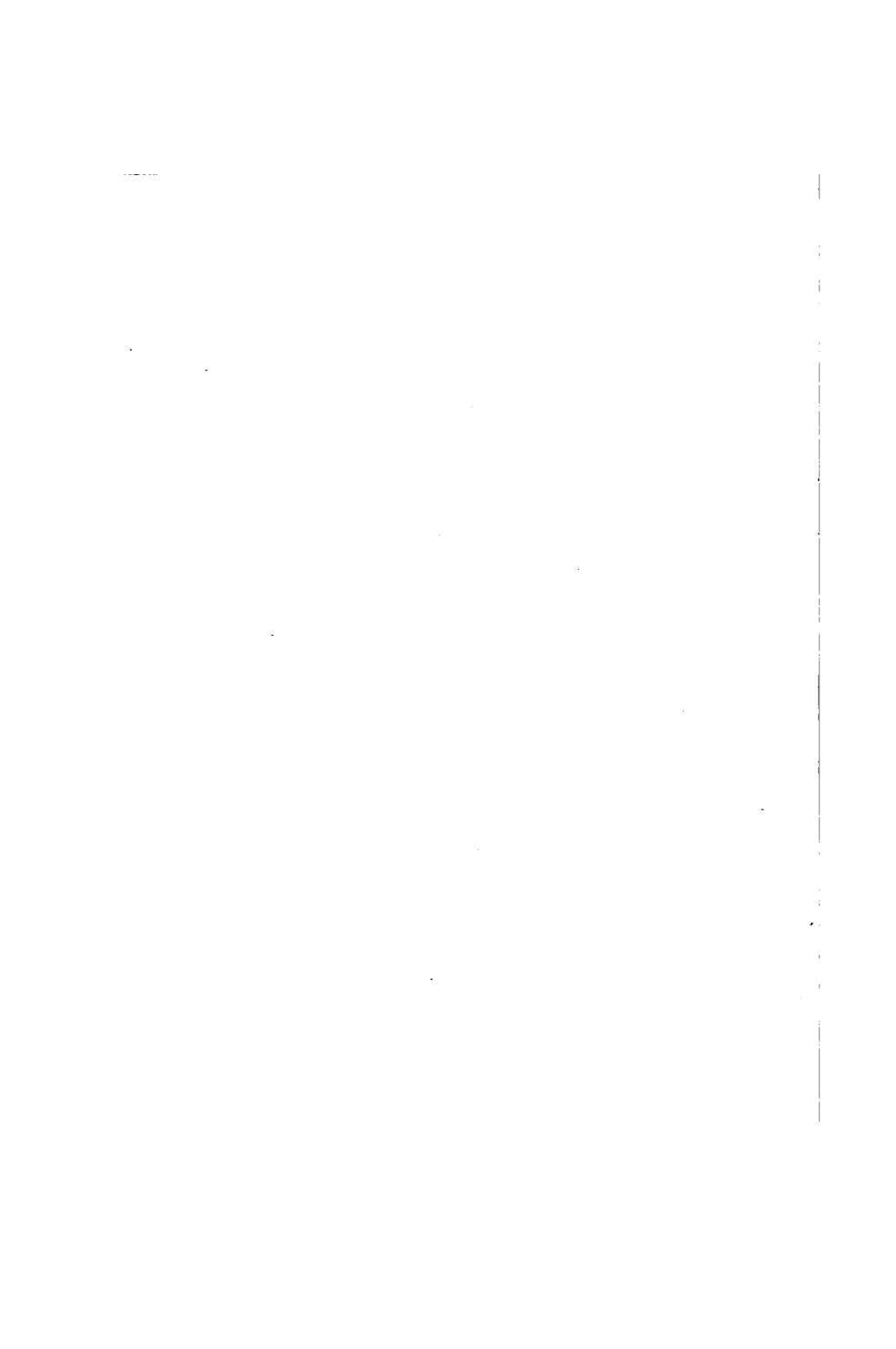
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HIS volume contains translations of the Charters granted by the Crown to the Company of Clothworkers of the City of London. In the nineteenth year of King Henry VIII. [A.D. 1527-8] the ancient Fraternities or Guilds of the Fullers and Shearmen were united and conjoined by the name of "The Guild or Fraternity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Clothworkers in the City of London"; which title was confirmed to them by subsequent charters, together with numerous privileges. The Charters of Incorporation of the Fullers and Shearmen, therefore, precede in these pages those of the Clothworkers' Company, and complete its corporate history.

The first part of this book contains the Charters of Incorporation and the *Inspeximus* and Confirmation Charters; the second, the Grants of Lands, and also a Private Act of the fourth year of James I., confirming certain possessions to the several City Companies.

The translations are close and literal, so as to reproduce the language of the originals as faithfully and accurately as possible.

CLOTHWORKERS' HALL,
19th March, 1881.

