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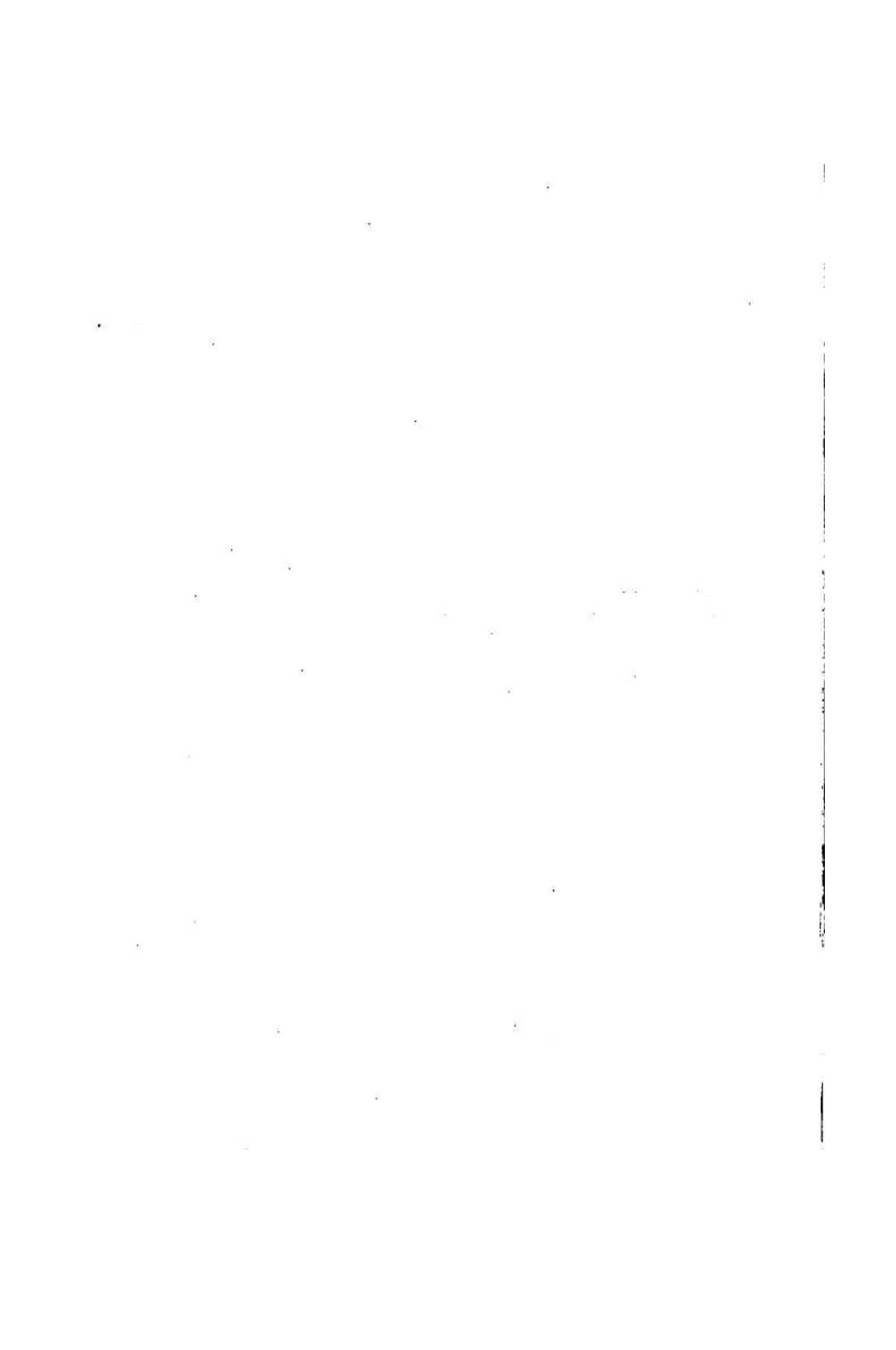
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PREFATORY NOTE.

A FEW weeks ago I was asked by the Lord Provost's Committee to prepare for the use of the Members of the Town Council and others a Historical Sketch of the Town and Port of Leith and its connection with the City of Edinburgh. This I have endeavoured to do in these pages from the best sources of information that were available to me.

The volumes of the Burgh Records of the City of Edinburgh naturally shed a considerable light upon the subject, and it will be seen that I have freely utilised these. The various charters have been reproduced at length, with a translation appended. That translation is, as a rule, the one to be found in the volumes of the Burgh Records Society.

I have tried to enliven the work by anecdote. This may tend to make it more interesting to the reader.

In so far as I have stated reasons in favour of the proposed Amalgamation of the two Burghs, no one is responsible for these but myself. Having the opportunity, I have taken occasion to place them before the Town Council and the public, as conveying my own views on this important question.

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