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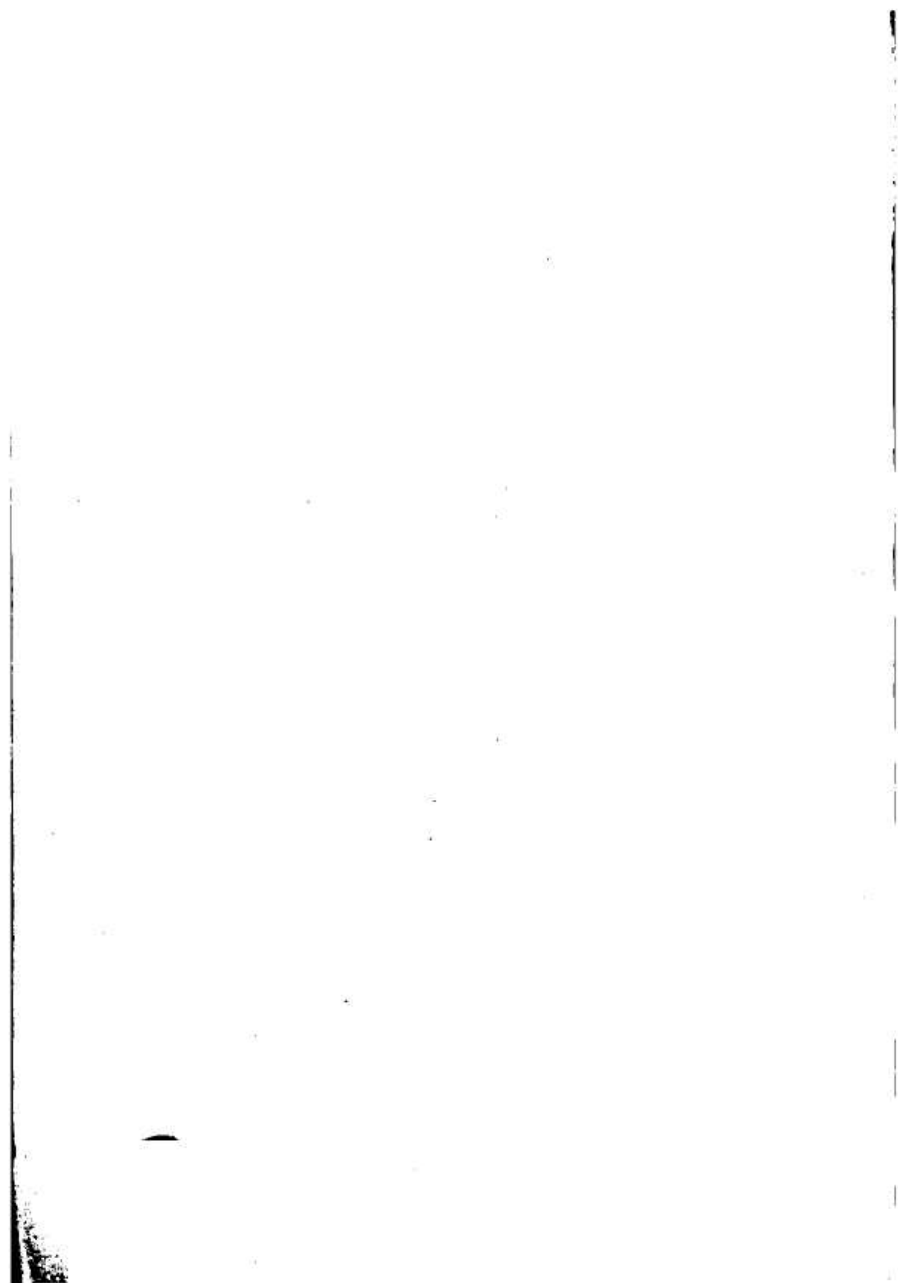
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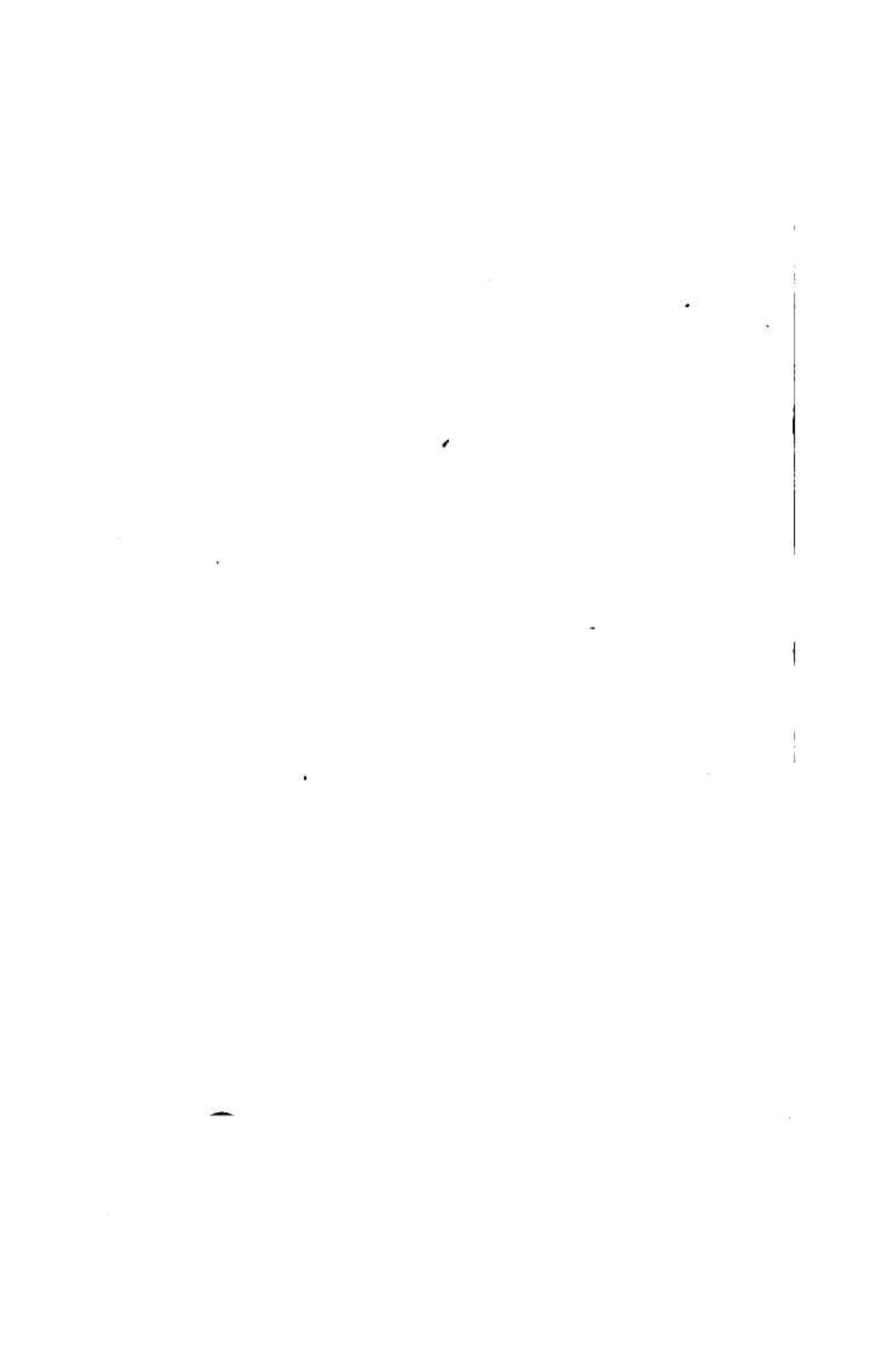
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PREFACE.

THE following is a copy of the Report presented to the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield in 1883, omitting certain paragraphs relative to suggested arrangement of the manuscripts, and provision for their perusal:—

“To the Very Rev. the Dean and the Canons Residentiary of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield.

“Gentlemen,

“I have the honour herewith to submit to you a rough MS. Catalogue of the Muniments of your Cathedral Church.

“So far as previous Catalogues or Indexes are concerned, I have found—

- “1. A list of Evidences and Charters, then in the custody of the Sacrist, of 14th century date, written in a slovenly way on an irregular shaped slip of parchment. About two-thirds of those therein mentioned seem to be now extant.
- “2. Traces on the indorsements of Deeds, both by letters and numerals, of a tolerably comprehensive arrangement of the Muniments *circa* 1675.
- “3. An 18th century separation of a large number of documents into bundles, though on what principle it is difficult to surmise.
- “4. A very cursory and imperfect return, or ‘Index,’ on two sheets of foolscap, returned to the chairman of the Parliamentary Record Commission of 1800.
- “5. The beginning of a systematic cataloguing by the Right Rev. Bishop Hobhouse, 1877–9, as partly shown by indorsements in his own handwriting on some of the earlier documents, and partly by papers which the Bishop most kindly handed over to me when leaving Lichfield, and which have been of service to me in compiling this Catalogue.

“The present Muniment Room of the Cathedral Church was the upper part of the ancient Sacristy, or ‘Martilogium’¹ as it was locally termed. For the maintenance and repair of this part of the structure there were separate endowments, and an account was kept

¹ See note, p. 220.