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*Your Lordships ever humbly  
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JAMES WARE.



THE

PREFACE

TO THE

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*WHAT* varietie of choyse matter the affaires of this Kingdome doe affoord to an Historian, especially since the middle of the raigne of King Henry the VIII. any one that is but meanely versed in our Histories can testifie: But if we consider how little hath hetherto bin published, wee cannot but blame the slownes of our learned men, who have (for by-respects) forborne to take paines in so worthy a subject. England hath had the happines that some parts of her Historie have bin lately excellently performed, by the right honorable Francis late Viscount St. Alban, the right Reverend Francis Lo: Bishop of Hereford, the most learned William Camden and others. Some will hereafter, I hope, doe the like for Ireland: In the meane while we are to accept of these tastes, the one left unto us by Edmund Cam-

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pion, and the other by *Doctor Hammer*, who died (*of the plague in Dublin in the yeare M. DC. IIII.*) before he had finished his intended worke: out of whose collections, what now beareth his name hath bin preserved by our most Reverend and excellently learned *Primate*. Other helps (to passe by those which are already divulged) may be plentifully had by him who will undertake this taske, out of the ancient and moderne recordes, both in this Kingdome and in *England*, as also out of diverse manuscript *Annales* and *Chartularies*, which are yet extant among us, besides those authors of *English* birth, as *John Wallingford* a *Monke of St. Alban*, *Thomas VVike* a *Canon of Osney*, and others, (which I have scene) in that excellent library and treasury of *MSS.* antiquities, gathered by *Sir Robert Cotton* knight and *Baronett* deceased, who doe onely obiter touch upon our affaires. An intention there was not long since by *Sir James Ley* knight then *Lord Chiefe Justice of the Kings Bench in Ireland*, (afterwards *Lord High Treasurer of England* and *Earle of Marleburgh*) to have published some of our country writers in this kinde, for which end hee caused to be transcribed and made fit for the *Presse*, the *Annales* of *John Clynne* a *Friar minor of Kilkenny*, (who

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*lived in the time of King Edw. the 3.) the Annales of the Priory of S. John the Evangelist of Kilkenny, and the Annales of Multifernan, Rosse and Clonmell, &c. But his weighty occasions did afterwards divert his purpose. The copies are yet preserved, and J hope ere long with other Annales and fragments of the same nature will be divulged. Wee come now to the Authors in hand.*