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PREFACE

TO

THE THIRD VOLUME.



I HAVE TO ASK my readers to make two corrections in my account of the Parliament of 1614. I spoke of Montague as having been rejected by the City of London, and of Pym as having been the member for Calne. Montague, however, sat for London, and though Eliot was a member of this Parliament, Pym was not. The mistake was pointed out to me by Mr. DUNCOMBE PINK, who has printed in *The Palatine Note Book* the only existing authoritative list of this Parliament, from the MS. in the Kimbolton Library. He was good enough to send me a copy, after my own text was in type, to which I referred in a note, though I regret that I did not then verify by it the statements which I had made upon inferior authority.

In quoting from Salvetti's News-Letters, of which the transcripts are to be found in the British Museum (*Add. MSS.* 27,962), I have not thought it necessary to add any special reference, as the letters are in chronological order, and are therefore easily to be found by their dates.

In this and in future volumes the quotation of *Venice MSS.* means that the reference is to the documents seen by

myself at Venice : that of *Venetian Transcripts* means that I have made use of the admirable collection sent to the Public Record Office by Mr. RAWDON BROWN.

The papers formerly belonging to the East India Company, upon which my narrative of the struggle with the Dutch in the East is principally founded, are in the India Office, but abstracts of them are to be found in the Calendar of Papers relating to the East Indies edited by Mr. SAINTSBURY.