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INTRODUCTION.

THE Tract here presented to the reader is from a copy believed to be unique, preserved in the Library bequeathed to the British Museum by the will of the late Right Hon. Thomas Grenville, in 1845. It is from the press of Richard Pynson, and was entirely unknown to Ames when he published his “Typographical Antiquities,” as well as to Herbert and to Dr. Dibdin when editing the subsequent editions of that work.

The author of this Journal, for such it really is, was the Chaplain to Sir Richard Guylforde by whom the pilgrimage was undertaken; further than this we are without information, as even his name is unrecorded.

Sir Richard Guylforde was a person of known eminence; of a good family, as the pedigree which accompanies this preface will explain; and one of those who, upon the usurpation of Richard the Third, quickly espoused the cause of the Earl of Richmond. Polydore Vergil mentions him expressly among those whom Sir Reginald Bray brought into his lure, taking an oath