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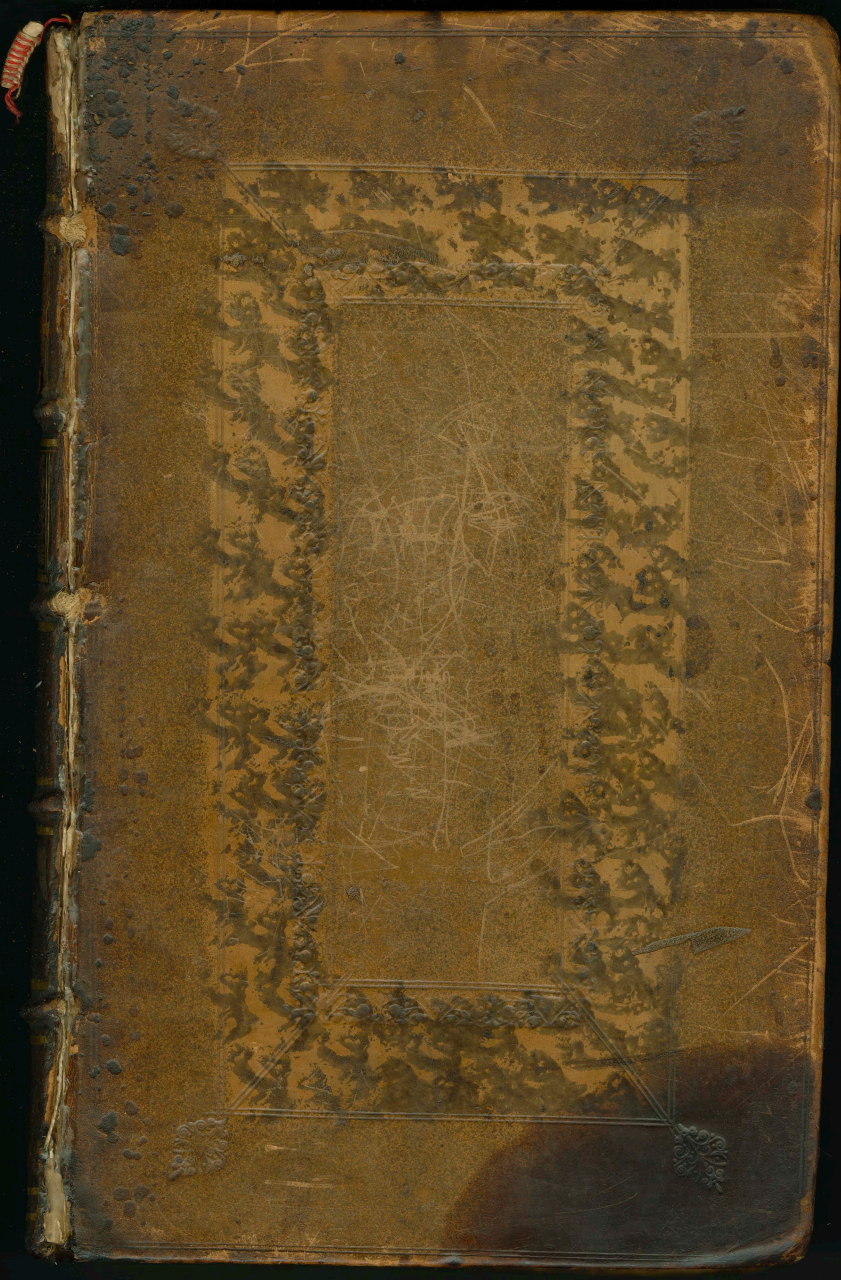
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THE
HISTORY
OF THE
REFORMATION
OF THE
Church of England.

The Third Part.

BEING A
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TO THE
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By the Right Reverend Father in GOD,
GILBERT Lord Bishop of SARUM.

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D E D I C A T I O N

T O T H E

K I N G.

S I R,



HIS Work, which is designed to Finish the History of Our *Reformation*, seems reserved to be laid at Your M A J E S T Y 's Feet; who, we trust, is designed by God, to Compleat the *Reformation* it self.

To Rectify what may be yet amiss, and to Supply what is defective among us; to Oblige us to Live, and to Labour, more suitably to our Profession; to Unite us more firmly among ourselves; to Bury, and for ever to Extinguish, the Fears of our Relapsing again into *Popery*; and to Establish a Confidence and Correspondence, with the *Protestant* and *Reformed Churches* Abroad.

The Eminent Moderation of the most *Serene* House from which Your MAJESTY is descended, gives us Auspicious Hopes, that as God has now raised Your MAJESTY, with Signal Characters of an amazing Providence, to be the Head and the Chief Strength of the *Reformation*; so Your MAJESTY will, by a Wise and Noble Conduct, form all these Churches into One Body: so that tho' they cannot agree to the same Opinions and *Rituals* with us in all Points, yet they may join in One Happy Confederacy, for the Support of the Whole, and for every Particular Branch of that Sacred Union.

May this be the Peculiar Glory of Your MAJESTY's Reign; and may all the Blessings of Heaven and Earth rest upon your Most August PERSON, and upon all Your Royal Posterity.

This is the Daily Prayer of him, who is with the Profoundest Respect,

S I R,

Your MAJESTY's

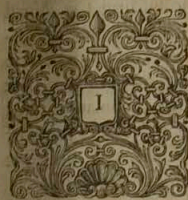
Most Loyal, most Obedient,

and most Devoted

Subject and Servant,

G. I. SARUM.

THE
P R E F A C E.



HAD in my Introduction to this Volume, which I publish'd a Year ago, said all that then occurred to me in the way of Preface: But some Particulars coming to my Knowledge since that Time, give me an Occasion to add a little to what was then copiously deduced.

I begin with Mr. *Le Grand*, who I understand is now in a considerable Post in the Court of *France*. He being lately at *Geneva*, explained himself to my Friends in these Terms, *That he was Young when he wrote against me; and that the Heat of Youth had carried him to some Expressions, from which he would abstain, if he were to write now: He was glad to hear that I was upon the Reviewing the History of the Reformation; and named to them a Life that he had seen in Spain, of Bartholomew Caranza, Archbishop of Toledo, who was King Philip's Confessor, and went with him to England, and was particularly employed in Reforming (as they called it) the Univerfities. And, as he said, he died when he was to be delivered out of the Prison of the Inquisition. He added, that he had also seen a Collection of Cardinal Pale's Letters, with an Account of what passed in England after the Death of King Edward, which he believed I had not seen, and that could inform me of many Particulars; but that he himself had other Employments than to think of the Affairs of England. If I had received this Civil Message from Mr. Le Grand before I had published my Introduction, I would have said nothing at all with relation to him: But what is passed cannot be recalled: So I hope he will accept of this for all the Reparation I can now make him.*

As for *Anthony Harmer*, some have doubted if he could be capable of making Three Capital Errors in one Line: Vol. III. [a] And