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On the 26th of January 1857, the Master of the Rolls submitted to the Treasury a proposal for the publication of materials for the History of this Country from the Invasion of the Romans to the Reign of Henry VIII.

The Master of the Rolls suggested that these materials should be selected for publication under competent editors without reference to periodical or chronological arrangement, without mutilation or abridgment, preference being given, in the first instance, to such materials as were most scarce and valuable.

He proposed that each chronicle or historical document to be edited should be treated in the same way as if the editor were engaged on an *Editio Princeps*; and for this purpose the most correct text should be formed from an accurate collation of the best MSS.

To render the work more generally useful, the Master of the Rolls suggested that the editor should give an account of the MSS. employed by him, of their age and their peculiarities; that he should add to the work a brief account of the life and times of the author, and any remarks necessary to explain the chronology; but no other note or comment was to be allowed, except what might be necessary to establish the correctness of the text.

The works to be published in octavo, separately, as they were finished; the whole responsibility of the task resting upon the editors, who were to be chosen by the Master of the Rolls with the sanction of the Treasury.

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They expressed their approbation of the proposal that each Chronicle and historical document should be edited in such a manner as to represent with all possible correctness the text of each writer, derived from a collation of the best MSS., and that no notes should be added, except such as were illustrative of the various readings. They suggested, however, that the preface to each work should contain, in addition to the particulars proposed by the Master of the Rolls, a biographical account of the author, so far as authentic materials existed for that purpose, and an estimate of his historical credibility and value.

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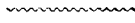
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THE present volume contains the Index and Glossary to the four volumes of the collection of the Monastick Annals of the thirteenth century. I have indicated throughout not only the volume and page, but also the chronicle, in which every event is given; where no chronicle is mentioned, it will be understood that the passage occurs in that chronicle whose initial letter was last given.

My great object has been to secure accuracy of reference. While the successive volumes were passing through the press, no sheet was printed off till it had been indexed; when the chronicle was printed, the index to it was written out, and each reference tested; and, as soon as the last volume was finished, the various indexes were amalgamated; and *every reference* in the present volume has been tested in the proof-sheets. I venture to hope that, whatever errors may be detected in the index, there will be none in the accuracy of the references.

In indexing the history of the reigns for which these Annals are first-hand authorities,—John, Henry III., and Edward I.,—I have arranged the events under the years in which they occurred, in order to facilitate reference, and also to give the outlines of the history of each reign in as useful a form as possible. This has been attended with great difficulty, partly from the

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annalists differing in their chronology, and partly from their beginning the year at different periods. Thus, for instance, the riots at Westminster, under Constantine Fitz-Athulf, are given by the Waverley annalist under 1222, in the Dunstable Annals under 1223; the disturbance between Henry III. and prince Edward is put down by the Winchester annalist under 1258, by Wykes under 1259, and by the Dunstable annalist under 1260; the statute of mortmain (1279) is given in the Bermondsey Annals under 1278, in the Waverley under 1280. The marriage of Henry III. with Eleanor of Provence is given by the Tewkesbury annalist under 1235, and the confirmation of Magna Charta under 1236, because he begins the year with Lady Day.

I have had some doubt as to whether an earl or baron should be placed under his name, or under his title. Generally I have preferred the latter; but in some cases the former arrangement seemed preferable. Thus it is important that the de Montforts should be all indexed together, rather than that the two most important of the family should be separated from the rest as earls of Leicester; so, too, the Clares have been placed under Clare, rather than under Gloucester or Hertford; and the Bigods under Bigod, rather than under Norfolk; but, in all these and similar cases, cross references have been given under the titles. The reverse has been done, in all cases, where it seemed advisable, when the names have been arranged under the titles. Thus, Robert de Belesme will be found among the earls of Shrewsbury, with a cross reference under Belesme. The names of all bishops and abbats are given under their sees and abbeys.

The Glossary contains, it is believed, all the words which a reader of these chronicles might fairly expect to find explained. I have given the explanations as briefly as possible. In the law terms I am chiefly, though not entirely, indebted to Jacob's Law Dictionary, and have frequently made use of his interpretations.

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Cambridge,
February 17, 1869.