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The better part of valour is discretion (v. 4. 119).



HENRY IV.

INTRODUCTION

TO THE

FIRST PART OF KING HENRY THE FOURTH.

I. THE HISTORY OF THE PLAY.

The First Part of King Henry the Fourth was first published in quarto form in 1598, with the following title-page (as given in the Cambridge ed.):

The | History of | Henrie the | Fovrth; | With the battell
at Shrewsburie, | *betweene the King and Lord* | Henry Percy,
surnamed | Henrie Hotspur of | the North. | *With the
humorous conceits of Sir* | John Falstafie. | AT LONDON,
Printed by *P. S.* for *Andrew Wise*, dwelling | in Paules
Churchyard, at the signe of | the Angell. 1598.

It had been entered by Wise on the Stationers' Registers, under date of February 25, 1597-8, as "a booke intituled The