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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

from them to be true and secret; but Sir Richard Guylforde's father had been comptroller of the household to Edward the Fourth, and it is more probable that, knowing as they well did the means by which Richard had mounted the throne, they fell readily into defection, without the necessity of previous lure.

Father and son, at the same moment, raised forces for the Earl of Richmond in Kent; and on the Duke of Buckingham's defeat were both included by name in the act of attainder of the Duke and his followers.b Of Sir John Guylforde, the father, we hear nothing at the moment. But Richard is stated to have fled immediately to the Earl in Britany, and to have returned subsequently with him to Wales, when at the landing at Milford Haven he received the honour of knighthood." There is no mention of him at Bosworth; but through the reign of Henry the Seventh, as far as his twenty-first year, Sir Richard Guylforde was the object of continued favour. On the 29th September, 1485, he received the custody of the royal manor of Kennington, where Henry took up his residence previous to his coronation. On the 2nd of October following he was made one of the Chamberlains of the Exchequer; subsequent to which, on the 8th March, we find him Master of the Ordnance

Polyd. Verg. Hist. ed. Gandav. 12mo. 1556, tom. ii. p. 1396.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Rot. Parl. vol. vi. p. 245 b. <sup>c</sup> Collins's Baronetage, vol. v. p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pat. 1 Hen. VII.

e Ibid.

and of the King's Armoury.\* He was likewise one of those whom the King made choice of for his Privy Council. In the 2nd of Hen. VII. he received the bailiwick of Winchelsea in grant from the Crown: on the 1st of October that year the manor of Higham in Sussex, to him and his heirs male, with power to build and embattle; and on the 31st December the King gave him the marriage of Elizabeth, the heir of Robert Mortymer. Collins says, on the 15th of April this year, by the name of the King's right trusty counsellor and knight for his body, Sir Richard Guylforde was appointed to take care for the building of a ship of seven hundred tons, to be like a ship called the Columbe of France: and that on the 5th October, 3rd Hen. VII. the sum of one hundred marks was ordered to be paid to him for preparing requisites for the justs against the Queen's coronation.' In the 5th Hen. VII. we learn, upon the same authority, that he covenanted by indenture to serve the King upon the sea with five hundred mariners and soldiers for two months from the 12th July in three ships; on the 13th May it is added. probably in the 6th Hen. VII. he had given him three hundred marks of the first money arising from

a Collins, ut supr. See also the Act of Resumption, Rot. Parl. vi. 364 b.

b Grafton, p. 856.
c W. D. Cooper's Hist. Winchels. p. 116.

d Ibid. p. 169. Collins, ut supr.

<sup>\*</sup> Pat. 2 Hen. VII.

Collins, p. 3.

the subsidies in the port of Chichester.\* On the 30th March, 7th Hen. VII. the King, reciting that he had granted 401. yearly, besides the fees belonging to the offices of Master of the Ordnance and of the Armoury, orders 201. thereof to be immediately advanced, for his good and acceptable service, and that "now specially, in this our great journey to our royaume of France, to him right ponderous and chargeable." In the 8th Hen. VII. the marriage of Thomas de la Warr was granted to him. In the 9th Hen. VII. a hundred pounds were given to him toward the maintenance of his charges in being Sheriff of Kent:d and in the same year, he and his son Edward had a re-grant of the Office of the Armoury in the Tower of London for the lives of each of them." In the 11th Hen. VII., 21st April, he received the stewardship of the manors and lands in Surrey and Sussex which had belonged to the Duchess of York;' and on June 17th in the same year, 1496, he aided in discomfiting the Cornish rebels on Blackheath; on which occasion he was made a Banneret.<sup>8</sup> In the 12th Hen. VII. the marriage of Catherine Whiteside was granted to him; and in the same year money was granted to him, being then

<sup>\*</sup> Collins, p. 3. b Ib. c Pat. 9 Hen. VII.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Collins, p. 3. <sup>8</sup> Pat. 9 Hen. VII. <sup>f</sup> Pat. 11 Hen. VII.

<sup>\*</sup> See Grafton, p. 916. In this year also, probably as a reward, an Act passed for disgavelling his lands in Kent. See Hasted, vol. i. p. lxxxix.

h Pat. 12 Hen. VII.