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added, "that an uniform and convenient edition of the whole, published
"under His Majesty's royal sanction, would be an undertaking honour-
"able to His Majesty's reign, and conducive to the advancement of
"historical and constitutional knowledge; that the House therefore
"humbly besought His Majesty, that He would be graciously pleased to
"give such directions as His Majesty, in His wisdom, might think fit,
"for the publication of a complete edition of the ancient historians
"of this realm."

The Master of the Rolls, being very desirous that effect should be given
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