all such cases the compilers of the Calendar adopt the version which appears the most probable, but there must necessarily be many inconsistencies, and inconsistencies of this sort must not be regarded as palaeographical errors.

The only abbreviations in this series of Calendars which require any explanation are those which occur at the end of certain entries. As the practice of the Chancery became gradually systematised, a custom was developed of entering on Letters Patent, and on the enrolment of them, a note of the authority under which the Great Seal had been affixed to them, and it has been thought desirable to repeat these notes in the Calendar, sometimes in an abbreviated form, thus:

- **Per breve de privato sigillo** is rendered - By p.s.
- **Per ipsum Regem** - "" - By K.
- **Per ipsum Regem et Concilium** - "" - By K. & C.
- **Per Concilium** - "" - By C.
- **Per petitionem de Concilio** - "" - By pet. of C.

The original Privy Seals, Petitions, and other warrants to the Chancellor are useful for the verification of doubtful words or names on the Rolls, and references to these documents are sometimes given, within brackets, in the Calendar.

I have only to add that the present volume has been prepared under my immediate supervision by Mr. R. F. Isaacs, Mr. G. J. Morris, M.A., and Mr. H. E. Lawrance, LL.B., all of the Public Record Office, and that the Index has been prepared by Mr. C. H. Woodruff, B.C.L. Other officers of the Department have also rendered assistance from time to time.

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* The list of Corrigenda to the present volume shows forty examples of the alteration of readings which were perfectly legitimate.