PREFACE.

The present volume forms part of a series of Calendars of the Patent Rolls from the reign of Edward I. to that of Henry VII., the object and character of which are explained in the Preface to the first volume for the reign of Edward III. (A.D. 1327—1330.)

The Rotulus Viagii, part of which is calendared in this volume, is a roll of thirty-six membranes containing entries of the first eleven years of the reign of Henry IV. It appears, as its name implies, to have been taken with the King on his journeys. The documents enrolled on it are mostly letters patent, though letters close and charters also appear. It has been thought convenient that the portion for each year should be calendared immediately after the normal rolls for the same period.

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