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INTRODUCTION.



THIS book has been compiled with the object of placing in the hands of the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, a translation of the Charter granted by James I., (under which the Company is at present constituted,) together with the Bye Laws of the Company, and other particulars, including a List of the Livery at this date.

A copy of the earlier Charter granted by Edward IV. to the Guild originally constituted as a Fraternity of Minstrels, is also included. This Charter is not in the possession of the Company, but is preserved at Hereford, and the text is printed in Rymer's *Fœdera*.

The List of Liverymen is arranged in order of seniority according to the dates of their Admission on the Livery. Particulars are given, as far as known to the Compilers, showing in what directions Members of the Livery are actively