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TO MY FATHER.





## PREFACE.

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Investigation into English economic history has now reached a point where all material which will throw any light whatever upon the difficult problems concerned is welcome. It has seemed to me necessary, therefore, while limiting the field strictly to the manorial organization and life, to omit nothing in the accompanying essay which might prove of even the slightest value. Recent work in this subject has shown that questions of greatest moment can be brought nearer to a solution by attention to the minutiae of local life and custom than by the study of law books and state documents. The fact that my investigation has been carried on in America, away from contact with English manorial life, as it exists to-day, and away from the sources and students of English economic history, has made it necessary to rely almost entirely upon printed documents. This is perhaps not so serious as it would have been had the period been a later one. It cannot be expected that in a constructive work of this kind error has been wholly avoided, but it is hoped that this essay will give to future students a fuller knowledge, at least, of Anglo-Saxon economic life, a knowledge which seems very essential to an understanding of the economic history of the ensuing four centuries.

I wish to express my indebtedness for many kind suggestions to Dr. James W. Bright of Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Charles Gross of Harvard University, and to my colleague Professor F. H. Giddings of Bryn Mawr. It is a matter of regret that the second series of Professor Vinogradoff's essays has not yet appeared, for they must throw much light upon many of the problems treated in my own study.

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