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"Out of monuments, names, words, proverbs, traditions, private records and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books and the like, we doe save and recover somewhat from the deluge of Time."

LORD BACON, *Advance of Learning*.

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FOREWORD.

The preparation of the first of the papers in this volume had its suggestion in a remark made to the writer July 6, 1905, when the Maine Historical Society and its many guests were on their way down the St. George's River from Thomaston to St. George's harbor in the revenue cutter Woodbury to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of George Waymouth's memorable visit to the coast of Maine in 1605. The gentleman who made the remark called my attention to a house on the Cushing side of the river as once the home of Edward Kelleran, who, as mate of a Maine schooner at the time of the anti-slavery agitation preceding the Civil War, was wanted in Georgia as "a fugitive from justice" in a runaway slave case. What was said concerning the affair awakened a desire for fuller information. Inquiries in the office of the secretary of state at Augusta revealed the fact that no records of the case were on file there. The state librarian, Mr. Carver, was without any information concerning it, but, having kindly offered to make a search in my behalf, he was at length able to inform me that he had found an allusion to the matter in a message of one of the governors of Maine in the period mentioned. Following this clue I was soon able to find other allusions having reference to it, and at length obtained the fuller information I desired. From material thus gathered I prepared and read the paper as