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PREFACE

THE Netherland Government in 1899, at the time of the assembling of the First Peace Conference at The Hague, prepared and laid before that conference a collection of official documents and extracts from writers of authority relating to the various questions which had been proposed for discussion by the Russian Government. This collection, as published, is entitled *Actes et documents relatifs au programme de la conférence de la paix publiés d'ordre du gouvernement par Jhr. van Daehne van Varick* (The Hague, Martinus Nijhoff, 1899).

An English translation of the volume is contained in the present pamphlet issued by the Division of International Law of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in pursuance of the policy of the Trustees to disseminate information of this nature and of the specific direction of the Executive Committee in regard to the above-mentioned documents. The first part of the volume relates to the subject of the limitation of armaments, and has heretofore been issued by the Division in English translation as No. 22 of this Pamphlet Series, the supply of which has been exhausted.

The footnotes of the original have been enlarged by adding biographical and bibliographical data.

It will be observed that the Rush-Bagot Agreement between Great Britain and the United States for the limitation of armament upon the Great Lakes of North America was not included among the documents submitted by the Netherland Government to the Hague Peace Conference. As the present publication consists solely of the documents laid before the Conference, it was not deemed advisable to insert it in the text. Inasmuch, however, as one of the documents included in the collection refers to the Agreement, it is, for the sake of completeness, added in the form of an appendix.

The reader interested in the Agreement will find it most conveniently perhaps in the second of the present series of pamphlets, entitled *Limitation of Armament on the Great Lakes*, being the report made under date of December 7, 1892, by the Honorable John W. Foster, Secretary of State, to the President of the United States.

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