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And now I will unclasp a secret book,
And to your quick-receiving discontents
I'll read you matter deep and dangerous;
As full of peril and advent'rous spirit,
As to o'erwalk a current, roaring flood,
On the unsteadfast footing of a spear.
O! the blood more stirr'd,
To rouse a lion than to start a hare.
—First part of KING HENRY IV.,
Act I., Sc. III.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, }
WASHINGTON, July 29, 1887. }

WM. H. JONES, Esq.,
FORT WAYNE, IND.

Dear Sir :

I thank you very much for your little work, *Federal Taxes and State Expenses*, just received on yesterday. I have read it carefully and with great interest. It presents the questions in strong, cogent, and apt style, and if circulated, must serve to awaken thought and stimulate inquiry on subjects not less important to the country, than any that can be discussed ; and you have done good work in this presentation of them.

Very truly Yours,
A. H. GARLAND.

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Whether Mr. Jones is a Republican or a Democrat, a Free-Trader or a Protectionist, we are glad to say does not appear in his book. It has the important merit of discussing this problem of finance entirely apart from the current questions of our party problems. What brings him to the subject is the patent fact of the financial needs of the States under the present system of taxation.

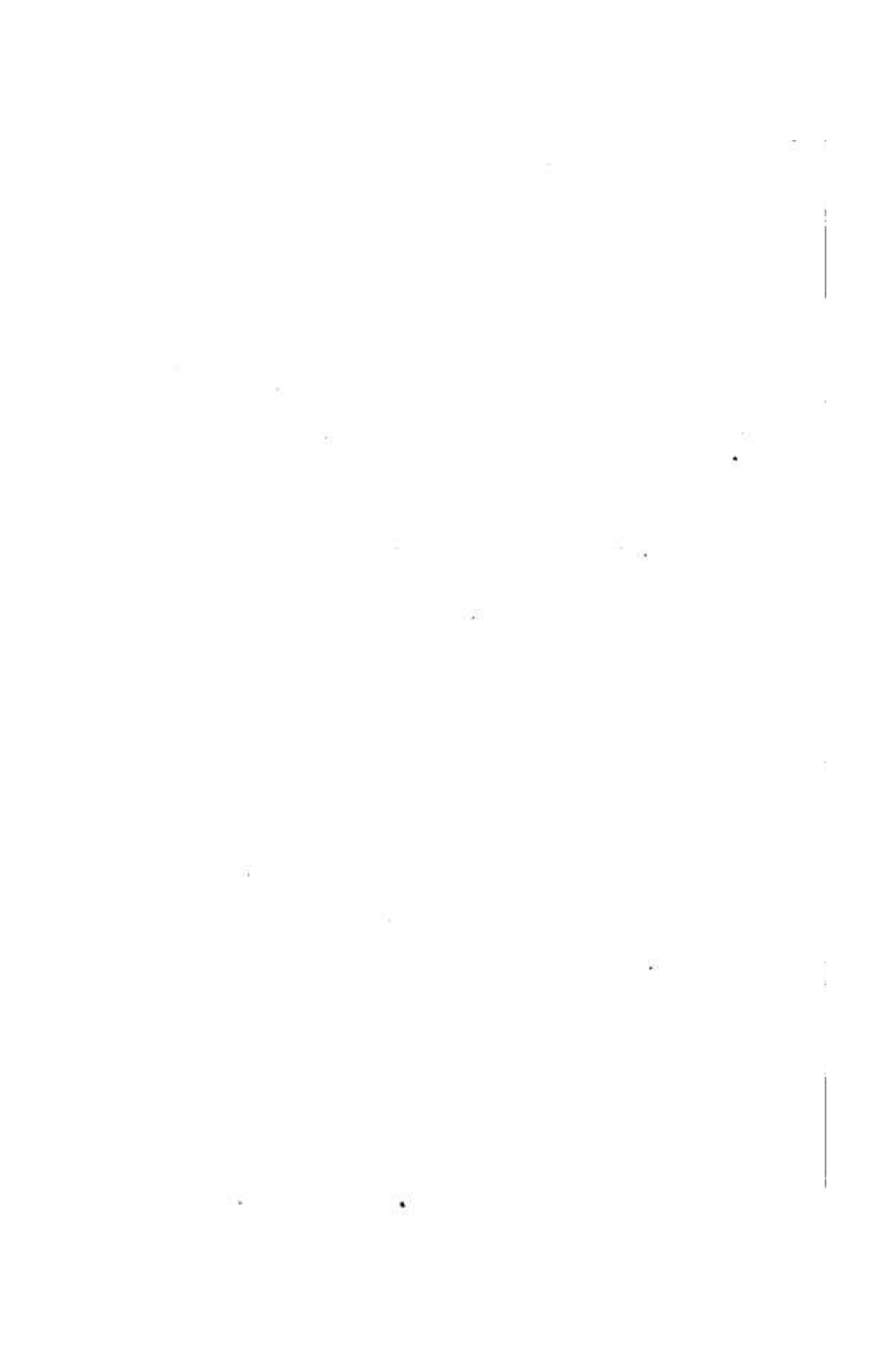
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HONORABLE AUGUSTUS H. GARLAND

LATE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

IN GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIS GENEROUS ENCOURAGEMENT TO
THE AUTHOR TO UNDERTAKE THIS WORK



PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

If explanation be needed for publishing a second edition of "FEDERAL TAXES AND STATE EXPENSES," it may suffice to say, that the distinction between "*The Public Good*," and the "general welfare of the United States," now for the first time attempted to be supplied, is deemed by the author a sufficient one. From whatever cause the existing lack of distinction between these seemingly like, but essentially different subjects may have arisen, it cannot be denied, that the difference between them has not hitherto been marked with the clearness necessary to its being readily understood. The line of separation between them has been so obscure, and the two essentially different subjects so generally confounded, that the author has thought the attempt to mark and separate them, at least to the approval of the Lawyer, the Statesman, and the Legislator, if not to the popular apprehension, was at least worth the attempt; however faulty the attempt may prove. Even positive failure may produce the