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PREFACE

Nearly one hundred thousand corporations and firms are interested in governmental contracts. It is therefore obvious that it would be of advantage to both the lawyer and the business man to have in readily accessible book form the statutes providing for and regulating contracts with the government, the leading decisions construing these statutes, and practical suggestions as to the status and duties of the government officers in calling for bids and awarding contracts. A clear statement of the rights and obligations of the bidders to whom these contracts are awarded, and a trustworthy description of the procedure for the collection of and enforcement of claims against the United States arising out of such contracts is of equal importance.

The preparation of the present volume was commenced prior to the outbreak of the Great War. War work of various kinds has interfered greatly with its progress. It is now complete and the confusion and perplexities of emergency war preparations, which naturally led to errors of judgment in regard to government contracts and misinterpretation of statutes and decisions bearing thereon, render the early production of the book most desirable.

At the suggestion of members of the National Association of Credit Men, with which organization the author has been pleasantly identified for some years, the book has been so written and compiled as to be of service not only to the trained lawyer but also to the intelligent business man. Thus it is that this work, in addition to the statutes and to the discussions of the cases interpreting them, also contains much material of a practical nature not ordinarily found in legal works.

In conclusion, the author desires to acknowledge his deep indebtedness for assistance in the preparation of this book to Oscar D. Clarke, Librarian of the Law Library of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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