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"They be farre more in number, that love to read of great Armies, bloody Battels, and many thousands slaine at once, then that minde the Art, by which the Affaires, both of Armies, and Cities, be conducted to their ends."—Housser, *Preface to Thucydides*.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

THIS Essay was delivered as a course of lectures at the Royal Institution in 1882, and shortly afterwards published as a series of articles in the *Fortnightly Review*. For some time I hoped that I should be able to expand the sketch thus produced into something more substantial. Other and more distinctly professional work, however, has occupied me since, and meanwhile the lectures have become current in America in an unauthorised reprint. It is now thought well that they should be collected by the writer's own hand. Only such revision has been undertaken as is consistent with preserving their original character; and I have not thought it needful to alter what I said in 1882 merely because, in the eight years that have elapsed, others may have said the same things better or at greater length, or because I should myself put them somewhat differently if I were now expressing them for the first time.

The foregoing words, written in 1890, remain

applicable to the present reissue. As the book has lately appeared both in French (*Introduction à l'étude de la science politique*, etc., Paris, 1893) and in German (*Kurze Geschichte der Staatslehre*, Leipzig, in Reclam's Universal-Bibliothek, 1893), I venture to believe that it may still be found useful. A few passages of merely temporary interest have now been altered or omitted.

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