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To

MR. CHARLES S. HAIGHT,

with whom it has been my privilege to discuss many of the questions here presented.

## INTRODUCTION.

In preparing the pages which follow, I have endeavored to produce a book which would be of use to business men as well as to lawyers. The scheme which I have adopted is to discuss clause by clause the well known documents in everyday use by shipping men,—time charters, rate charters, ocean bills of lading, including that most important statute, the Harter Act. In view of the excellent English works on the subject, I have not attempted to refer to all of the English decisions, but have done so wherever I have deemed it necessary further to illustrate a point or in the absence of American authority.

I have stated the result of the decisions,—not my own conclusions. I must not be taken as agreeing with every decision to which I have referred.

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New York City, February, 1920.



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