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I MUST remind the readers of these lectures that they are lectures on a period of history, and not a substantive historical work. Were they the latter, I should have conceived it my duty to support the statements made in them by references, not merely to the original authorities on which they are based, but also to the modern writers to whom I am indebted for any of the views embodied in them. Such as they are, I have thought they might dispense with this addition. For convenience sake I have placed a short chronological table before each lecture.

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