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## PREFACE

THIS book, begun at Bowdoin College, is finished at Brown University. In writing it I have tried to keep in mind the needs of students in high schools and academies, for whose use it is particularly designed, and to avoid overloading the text with relatively unimportant details. I am under obligations to numerous State and local officials for information and assistance in matters relating to their respective offices; to Mr. Edward W. Wheeler of Brunswick, Maine, for light on some points of legal procedure and the organization of the party system in the State; and to Mr. John A. Merrill, of Auburn, for his kindness in furnishing me with advance sheets of his revision of the laws of Maine. For historical data relating to the educational system of the State I have drawn largely upon the annual reports of Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Public Schools, particularly the report for 1900.

The texts of a number of documents in the Appendix are reprinted from my "Select Charters," by permission of The Macmillan Company.

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AUGUST, 1902.





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