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PREFACE.

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IN 1884, I published the first volume of a work entitled "Letters and Times of the Tylers." In 1885, a second volume was published. In the eleven years which have intervened, many original letters, and copies of letters in responsible hands, have come to light. As some of these have important connection with the events related in the volumes mentioned, I have deemed it proper to add a third volume to an already extensive work. In the present publication, important public questions are more fully illustrated by letters of distinguished statesmen, assisted by foot notes and cross references. Short personal sketches and summaries of great historical subjects, like the Annapolis Resolutions, The Bank, The Whig Party, the Annexation of Texas, Appointments to Office, are given. The letters were, in the main, derived from the collections of Virginius Newton, of Richmond, Dr. J. S. H. Fogg, of Boston, Gen. Duncan S. Walker, of Washington, the Lenox Library of New York, Judge C. W. Tyler, of Clarksville, Tenn., and John N. Cushing, of Newburyport, Mass. These collections represent respectively the correspondences of Hon. Thomas Newton, of Henry A. Wise, of Robert J. Walker, of James K. Polk, of Cave Johnson, and of Caleb Cushing. Thomas H. Clay, of Boston, grandson of Henry Clay, furnished the two letters of John Tyler addressed to Mr. Clay, published on pages 75 and 92 respectively.

My object has been to get at the truth, and to furnish authentic replies to some few of the current misrepresentations of historical writers. The three volumes thus presented to the public have this at least to recommend them, that they appear to be the only work which exhibits, by a con-

tinuous series of letters, the views of representative southern men on important public questions from the Revolution to the War of 1861. The comments and narratives of the editor may pass for what they are worth.

The present volume is limited to two hundred and fifty copies; and of the first and second volumes, a sufficient number remains to supply such persons as may desire to have a complete set. Address, Henley T. Jones, Bookseller in Williamsburg, Va. Price of three volumes complete \$7; vol. III., \$3.00.

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