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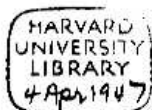


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## INTRODUCTION

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THE documents contained in this volume are mainly drawn from two sources. The letters addressed to Jackson are taken from the Add. MSS. of the British Museum, No. 9343. The despatches addressed to Stephens are in the 'Admiral's despatches, Leeward Station No. 9,' at the Record Office. A few other documents have been added for purposes of illustration. These are the letters of Lord Robert Manners, quoted from the Fourteenth Report of the Historical Records Commission, the extracts from the log of the *Canada*, and from Sir Samuel Hood's Journal, and Admiral Graves's account of his action with the Count de Grasse in the Chesapeake, which is taken from the 'Admiral's despatches, North American Station No. 10.' All these MSS., except the first-named, are in the Record Office.

It would, perhaps, be more accurate to say that all these documents, except the letters to Mr. Jackson, are of the nature of illustrations, since it was for the sake of these confidential outpourings of Hood's to his friend that this volume was compiled. All the letters to Jackson are not printed here for the first time.