

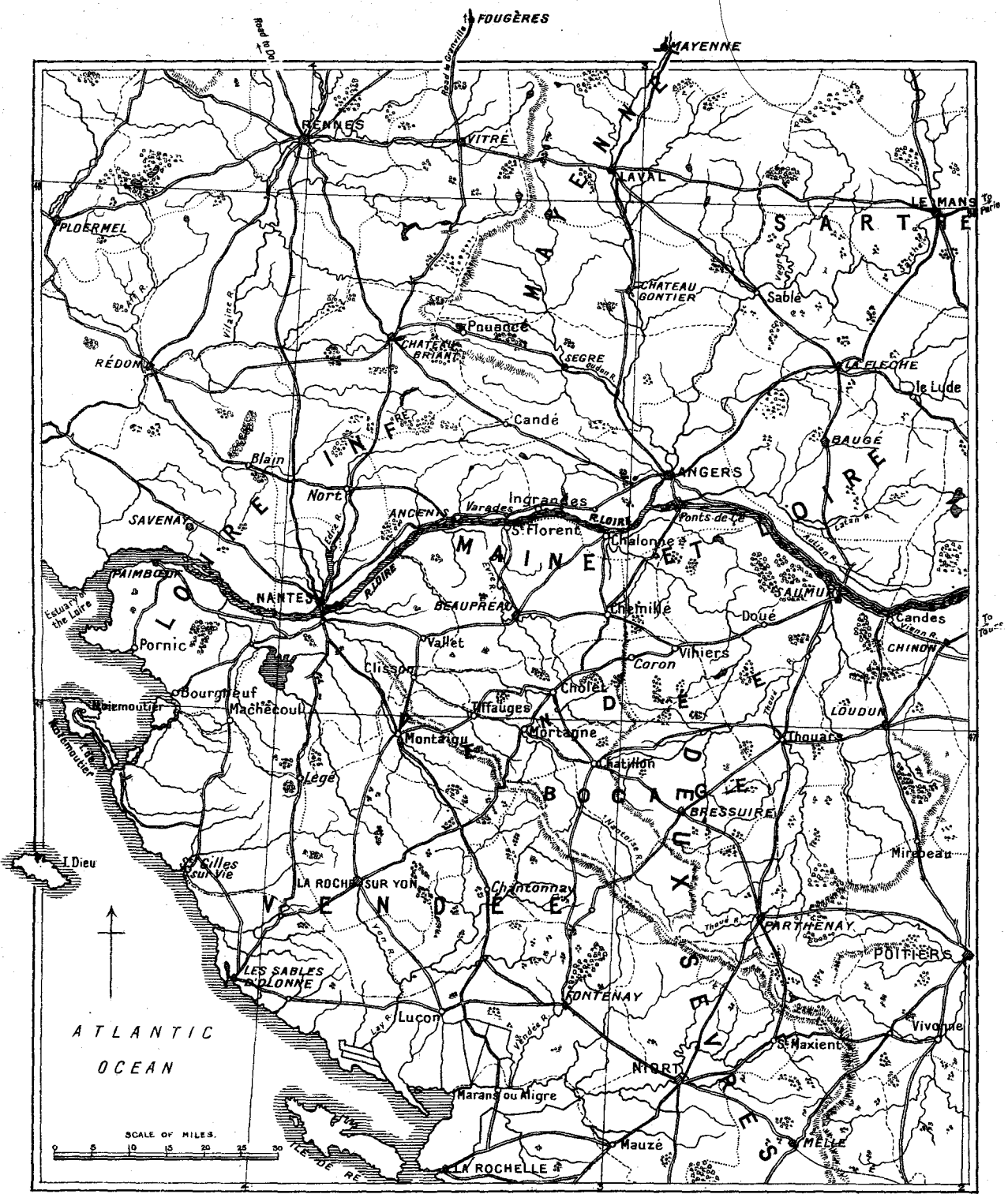
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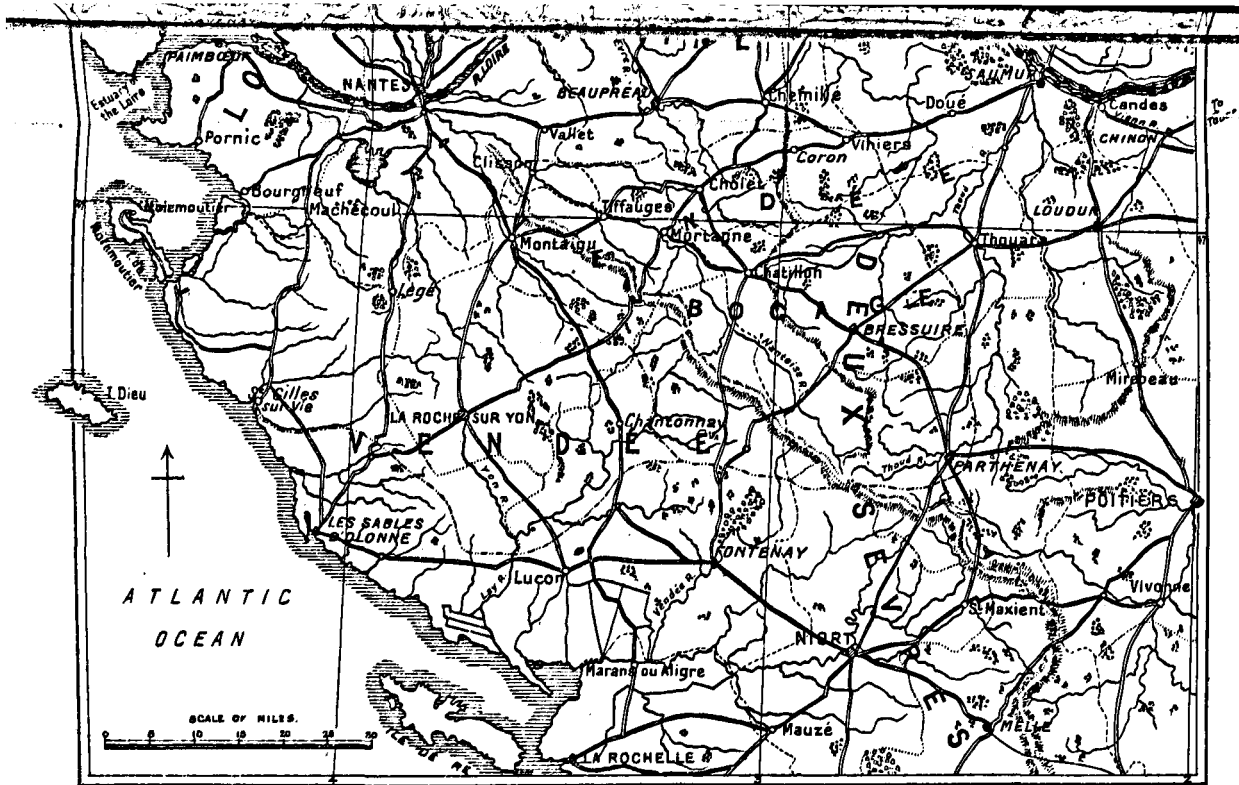
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## PREFACE

IN recent years there has been published in France a very large number of books and magazine articles which have given a great deal of new information about the French Revolution.

A set of able, conscientious, hard-working searchers for historical truth have devoted the best years of their lives to the examination of hitherto unattainable or unused material: the local archives—the records of local courts of justice—the registers of prisons—the minutes of proceedings of the local administrations.

Messieurs Taine, Berriat Saint Prix, and Wallon have done great service in this respect as regards France as a whole; but in the west of France, which was the scene of the Vendean struggle, Messieurs Ch-L. Chassin, Benjamin Fillon, A. Lallié, Charles Dugast-Matifeux, Camille Bourcier, and many others have been working on the same lines, and have brought to light a mass of documents of the utmost value. Startling facts have been discovered, details of events hitherto buried in obscurity have been unearthed, and the workings of the minds and the true characters of many revolutionists revealed and laid bare to the world.

The results of the toil of these labourers in the field



of history have from time to time been published, either in reviews and magazines such as "La Révolution Française," "Le Revue de Bretagne," "Le Revue de la Révolution," or as books such as M. Berriat Saint Prix's *La Justice Révolutionnaire* or M. Chassin's series of works on *La Vendée*.

Also in the older and contemporary books upon the subject, of which there is such a splendid collection in the British Museum, there is a mass of material which has been but very partially drawn upon by historians or brought within the reach of the general reader.

As the facts stated in these works must profoundly modify the views generally held on the subject of that Revolution, it is desirable that a wider public attention should be directed to them than they have hitherto received.

The information being derived almost exclusively from revolutionary records, and the opinions being mostly those of contemporary republicans—actors and participators in the events described, whatever accounts of revolutionary methods and proceedings are given can scarcely be censured on account of anti-republican bias.

Notes on each page giving the exact chapter and verse for verification of each statement are a constant interruption to a narrative. Instead thereof is given in an Appendix to this work a list of the principal books which have been utilised. The more recent ones are easily obtainable. The earlier and rarer works are to be found in the British Museum.

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