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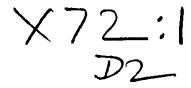


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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

In this edition so many changes have been made as to constitute practically a new volume. The alterations and additions are to be found in both the historical and the positive parts. A more careful study of the early English literature brought to light so much interesting material on the theory of taxation that the entire Book First of Part One has been devoted to it; whereas, in the earlier edition, the whole period was passed over in a few pages. This book is therefore substantially new. In the Second Book a chapter has been added on the Physiocrats, the last chapter on the Mathematical Theory has been rewritten, and considerable additions have been made to some of the other chapters. In Part Two, devoted to the Positive Theory, a chapter has been inserted on the general principles, chapter five has been entirely rewritten, chapter seven has been amplified by a closer study of import duties and stamp taxes, and chapters two and three have been enlarged and amended. The whole work has been so completely revised that scarcely a single page will be found the same as in the first edition. Finally, a bibliography and an index have been added. It is hoped that these changes will ensure for this new edition a reception as favorable as that which has been unexpectedly accorded to the original work.

In preparing this edition I have received great help from my colleagues. Professors John B. Clark and Richmond Mayo-Smith have aided me with valuable criticisms. To Mr. Arthur M. Day I owe much for helpful suggestions in detail as to both matter and form from the beginning to the close of the work. From other friends also I have derived assistance. Professor Ross of Leland Stanford University and Professor Hull of Cornell University have laid me under obligations by calling attention to desirable changes and additions in the text. Professor Marshall of Cambridge and Professor Edgeworth of Oxford have been kind enough to point out some blemishes and possible improvements. Finally, Mr. George W. Morgan has undertaken the very arduous task of aiding me to read the entire proof.

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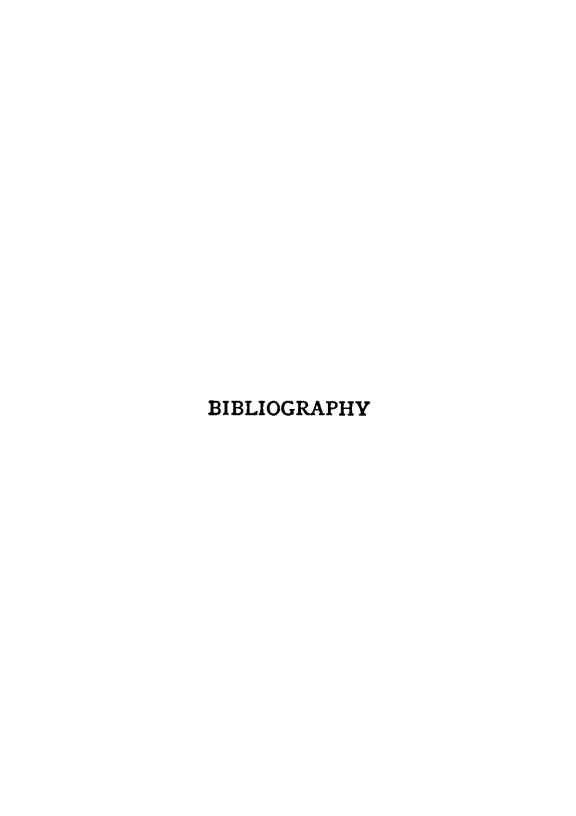
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