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PREFACE

THIS new edition of this book has been revised line by line, and the corrections, amendments, and additions, which have been collected during the sixteen years since it was first written, are now incorporated in it. I have had the very great advantage of using a collection of unpublished letters of Jackson to William B. Lewis, 250 in number, the property of the Messrs. Ford. I have been allowed to avail myself of all the material in these letters which was useful for my purpose; and I have now to make my acknowledgments to the owners of them for their courtesy and generosity. In the quotations from Jackson's letters I have reproduced the original exactly, as respects spelling, punctuation, and capitals, not even correcting obvious slips of the pen, or inaccuracies of an old man. It is left to the reader to make such allowances where necessary. As I have been under strict injunctions not to increase the size of the book, I have cancelled much which was intended, in the first edition, to elucidate events or proceedings of Jackson's time, but which did not

strictly belong to it. The cancelled passages were especially important in Chapters VIII., IX., and X. of the first edition. The great number of excellent works which have been added to the literature of American history within sixteen years make these passages less necessary. On the whole, therefore, I have curtailed the history and extended the biography.

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