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PREFACE

THE subject of the following book was suggested to me by the Great War of 1914 which witnessed rather sweeping changes in the European Law of Nations. Some aspects of the study appeared in *The Modern Review* for 1918 and *The Commonwealth* for 1919. The book is published with some additions and alterations.

Though I am fully aware of the limitations of 'International Law' in Ancient India, I have chosen the title for reasons set forth in the Introductory Chapter. The period dealt with in the survey extends up to A.D. 500 with occasional references to conditions that obtained in later times. I have nearly finished collecting materials for the history of Mediaeval Indian Diplomacy which will be a companion volume to this book.

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