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PREFACE

THE attention of the author of this monograph was first directed toward the history of Bavaria during the Napoleonic period in the fall of 1914. At that time he cherished the hope that his study and investigations in this country might be supplemented by research work in European collections of historical material. The prolongation of the war, however, has interfered with this plan and the author has been forced, in consequence, to modify somewhat the subject of his dissertation and to base it entirely on the material to be found in American libraries. As a result, this monograph is based almost entirely on source material found in the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, Columbia University Library, the Boston Public Library and the library of Harvard University, and sufficient source material for a wholly satisfactory treatment of a number of topics has not been found. An investigation of further statistical material, the mass of pamphlets which the religious policy of the Bavarian government called forth and, above all, the archives of the Bavarian government, would undoubtedly reveal much additional material bearing on the subject of this monograph.

The author also wishes to make acknowledgment of the assistance which has been given him at different stages of his task. Special courtesies extended to him by those in charge of the Library of Congress, Columbia University Library and the library of Harvard University have facilitated greatly the work of collecting material. Two of the author's students have contributed greatly to the work of putting the

author in touch with persons familiar with European religious customs. Professor Hazen has kindly consented to read the proofs, and the generosity and encouragement of several members of the faculty of Political Science have made possible the publication of the dissertation in the *Studies in History, Economics and Public Law*.

ERRATA

"The passage in the text based on note 1 on page 110 should read as follows:

"Their re-establishment in Bavaria was announced to the Chapter of the order on August 9, and the church and monastery of the Theatins, at Munich, were turned over to the knights for use as a church and a residence of the Grand Prior of the Bavarian branch of the order respectively. The Grand Prior was in the future to be a prince of the ruling family."

Note 1 on page 110 should read as follows:

¹ "Den 9. Aug. wurde von Minister Montgelas die neue Einsetzung des Maltesersordens dem versammelten Malteserkapitl. eröffnet. Auch wird künftig die Kirche der Theatiner (welche aufgehoben werden) zur Malteserkirche und das Kloster zur Wohnung des Grosspriors (wozu für künftig ein baierischer Prinz ernannt werden soll) bestimmt werden." Westenrieder, *Denkwürdigkeiten und Tagebücher*, p. 67.

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