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MR. THOMSON'S History of the Second War between Great Britain and the United States, was written and published very soon after the termination of that eventful contest. The author had the advantage of abundant resources for his work. Besides the great mass of official documents at his command, he was in possession of numerous letters and journals from officers who had served in the war, and he was personally acquainted with many of the conspicuous actors in that grand drama.

These circumstances, known to the public at the time, gave authority to his work, and it passed rapidly through six editions. The copyright having passed into the hands of the present publishers, they determined on republishing it, with the addition of a history of the military transactions of this country down to the present time, including the War