

PREFACE

A part of this book has had a prior existence in the form of a pamphlet, called "The Behring Sea Dispute," printed in the spring of 1890 for private circulation. While the substance of that pamphlet is retained in the following pages, a large amplification has been rendered necessary by the growth of the subject. At that time the diplomatic correspondence had not yet been published which frames the issues in this controversy between Great Britain and the United States and presents the arguments on behalf of the United States as formulated by Mr. Blaine. It was first made public in this country in two messages from the President to the House of Representatives, dated respectively July 23, 1890, and January 5, 1891. The presentation of later correspondence to Parliament, and the newspaper file, have enabled me to bring the subject down to date of February 11, 1892.

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