

PREFATORY NOTE

The subject of the émigrés in America is as a whole an unworked field and was pointed out to me as such by Professor Edward G. Bourne. He suggested that I make a preliminary investigation to see whether there was material for a doctor's thesis. I found enough to encourage me but it was widely scattered and the task of co-ordinating it full of difficulty. I decided therefore to postpone treating the whole subject until I could hope to do it some measure of justice, and to devote my first efforts to the elaboration of an almost unknown episode concerning which I had found many original letters and first-hand records of various kinds.

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