

It is hoped that the classified list of authorities at the commencement of the book will be of use to those who are interested in the law of naval warfare and desirous, like the writer, of investigating the intricate subject of contraband still further, particularly with a view to the position to be assigned to it in international law after the conclusion of the present war. In Appendix A has been added for convenience of reference the parts of the Declaration of London and of the General Report which relate to the topics dealt with in the body of the book. In the remaining Appendices will be found, in addition to the various Contraband Proclamations, the Orders in Council adopting the provisions of the Declaration, the important Circular of the Department of State defining the attitude of the United States towards trade in contraband by American citizens, and the Order in Council of March 11, 1915, issued by way of reprisal for the German war-zone proclamation.

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