

his Instructions which he was directed to lay before them. The review of his conduct on this and other matters by the Lords of Trade and Plantations, in 1781, is also given in full as essential to an understanding of the issues raised (see p. 722). Among the papers received since the issue of the first edition, two documents, "A Plan of General Instructions for Sir G. Carleton" and "Draught of Particular Instructions to Carleton," leading up to the General Instructions of 1786, are also included as throwing light upon these important instructions.

Apart from some necessary changes and extensions in the foot-notes, the only other important alterations will be found in the references to the Journals of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Quebec. When the first edition was prepared the only copies of the Minutes of Council available were those in the "Q" series, which were given in the Minutes as sent from Canada to England and preserved in the Public Record Office. Within the past few years, however, the original Minute Books of the Councils were discovered in Canada among the records of the Governor General's Office, and have been transferred to the Public Archives. The text of all extracts from the Minutes, as given in the Constitutional Documents, has been read and revised from these originals. In consequence, the references have been changed to conform to the new sources. At the same time the former references to the "Q" series are also retained in order to preserve connection with quotations which have been made from the first edition of this work. Similar observations will apply to certain petitions, etc., the originals of which have lately come to light and are now deposited in the Archives. In each case, while the text is revised in accordance with the originals, references are given to the copies as formerly known, as well as to the originals recently discovered. The two parts in which the original volume now appears are paged consecutively, hence the table of contents in the first part and the index in the second part refer to the whole work.