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PREFACE.

This abridgment has been prepared at the suggestion of a number of professors and instructors in our colleges and higher institutions of learning. The experience of our officers, both volunteers and regulars, in the great civil war which has just terminated, has proved that this subject has been too much neglected, not only in our colleges, but also in our two great national schools—the Military and Naval Academies. An attempt is here made to supply a suitable text-book for such instruction.

The plan of the larger work has been closely followed, the chapters are the same, and only a few of the paragraphs have been changed. Therefore, the instructor or student who may desire to further investigate any particular question, has only to turn to the corresponding chapter and paragraph of the larger edition, and to refer to the authorities there quoted. It should be remembered that these authorities are not quoted in support of the author’s opinions, but are often in conflict both with those opinions and with each other.

*In order to diminish the size and reduce the price of this abridgment as much as possible, the author has omitted most of the discussions in regard to the principles adopted, and also many of the historical illustrations, leaving these to be supplied from the larger work, according to the judgment of the teacher, and the opportunity of the student.

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