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PREFACE

The following collection of cases and other authorities on the Law of Admiralty requires prefatory comment in at least two particulars.

In the first place, the collection is incomplete. It has been necessary to keep within rather definite limits of space. Within those limits it has seemed better to develop selected topics somewhat fully, leaving out others altogether, rather than to spread the collection out over as much of the field as one would like to include. In the result, the subjects of jurisdiction, the maritime lien, and the reception and modification of the maritime law have been treated at length. Average, salvage, insurance, collision, affreightment contracts, limited liability, the Harter Act, and other interesting and important topics have not been treated at all. It is planned to publish cases on additional topics in the substantive maritime law if the undertaking seems warranted after experience with the present collection.

In the second place, the collection is tentative. There are no footnotes and such materials as are usually thus included must be supplied by the instructor. The cases are so arranged that the order may be changed, new cases inserted, or old cases omitted without preparing new stencils for the rest of the book. It is planned to make revisions frequently. There is a special significance, therefore, in the somewhat platitudinous remark that criticisms and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

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