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WITH AN INTRODUCTORY ESSAY

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"The name of Republic will be exalted, until every neighbor, yielding to irresistible attraction, seeks new life in becoming part of the great whole; and the national example will be more puissant than army and navy for the conquest of the world."—CHARLES SUMNER'S "Prophetic Voices Concerning America."

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THIS book was first published in 1885, and two editions were exhausted shortly thereafter. The present edition has been corrected and revised by the addition of some new material, by reconstructing the concluding pages, and by incorporating an introductory historical essay, written for the French edition, by the late M. Emile de Laveleye, the eminent Belgian publicist and professor of the University of Liège.

PREFACE.

THE reasons why the people in the thirteen American colonies, when they dissolved their connection with Great Britain, adopted as their form of polity a Democratic Republic, are usually taken for granted and accepted as a matter of course. I have nowhere been able to find more than a passing allusion to this important subject. During the winter of 1883-4, I delivered two lectures, one in the city of New York and the other before the Long Island Historical Society in the city of Brooklyn. The interest awakened by these lectures induced me to further investigate the subject and embody the result in a more permanent form. That this little treatise is exhaustive of the subject is not claimed, but some facts are presented which I trust may be deemed worthy of consideration. The older and more permanent our government becomes, the greater will be the interest that attaches to its origin