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## FOREWORD

This list comprises all known publications of documentary material necessary for the study of state constitutional conventions. This includes official publications, official reprints, and documents included in other volumes (as historical society collections and congressional documents); but not material in legislative records, such as that providing for calling of conventions and for amendments. Debates which were reported only in newspapers are noted, but files of these newspapers are likely to be found only in the local libraries of their respective states.

There is, of course, a great difference in the importance of the works listed, the more valuable being the "Journals", "Proceedings", or "Minutes", and the "Debates". It is hoped that the list of the works of major importance is substantially complete. Of the minor items, it may seem that some are of no importance at all; but as a scholar may approach his subject from any angle, all publications, such as rules, ordinances, reports of committees, speeches, lists of members, where such have been separately published, have been included. It will be noted however that the major items are always listed first. The constitutions themselves are not generally listed, because they are included in Thorpe's edition of "Constitutions and Charters", 7v. 1907 (in U.S. 59 Cong. 2 sess. H.misc. doc.357) Certain constitutions, however, as those of the southern states in 1861, and proposed constitutions which were never adopted, have been listed.

