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PREFACE

This compilation of the texts of the diplomatic and consular laws and regulations of various countries, has been made in connection with the work of the Research in International Law conducted under the auspices of the Faculty of the Harvard Law School. The preparation of draft conventions with a view to the codification of the law as to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities and the Legal Status and Functions of Consuls, seemed to necessitate an assembling of the texts of the various laws and regulations. These texts were not available; indeed, no collection of such texts seems to have been published, with the exception of the *Règlements consulaires des principaux Etats maritimes de l'Europe et de l'Amérique*, edited by Baron Ferdinand de Cussy, and published at Leipzig in 1851. Too frequently writers on these subjects have contented themselves with references to the laws of a few states only. After the texts had been assembled for the work of the Research in International Law, it was decided to publish them in the hope that an up-to-date collection might fill a need not only in connection with any attempted codification, but also in connection with the current activities of diplomats and consuls and in connection with the work of jurists and publicists.

The texts collected are so voluminous that their preparation for publication has necessitated a large amount of selection. Two general divisions have been made with respect to each state: (1) the organization of its own diplomatic and consular services; (2) the laws relating to diplomats and consuls sent by other states. Under (1), an attempt has been made to set forth the outlines of the organization of the services, particularly as regards recruitment and classification; details in regard to salaries, leaves of absence, consular fees, office management, and similar matters have been reduced to a minimum; provisions in regard to functions, on the other hand, have generally been given *in extenso*. Under (2), provisions relating to the status of foreign diplomatic officers and consuls have been reproduced in full, except for the omission of some details of ceremonial. In some cases, official memoranda which contain résumés of administration and application of the laws have been included.

Texts of many of the laws and regulations were procured for the Research in International Law by the Department of State of the United States. So far as possible, these have been checked and supplemented by texts appearing in official publications of laws and regulations. The translations have given considerable difficulty; some of them were made under the editors' direction, and in other cases the source of the translation has been indicated.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- Antokoletz—ANTOKELETZ, D., *Tratado de derecho internacional público*. 2d ed., Buenos Aires, 1928.
- C. Cls. or C. Cls. R.—United States Court of Claims Reports.
- C. C. Reps.—Circuit Court Reports.
- C. I.—Circular Instruction of the Department of State of the United States.
- Comp. Dec.—Decisions of the Comptroller of the United States Treasury.
- Comp. Gen.—Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States.
- Contuzzi—CONTUZZI, F. P., *Trattato teorico-pratico di diritto consolare*. Turin, 1910.
- C. R.—Consular Regulations of the United States.
- C. R. Ann.—Consular Regulations of the United States Annotated.
- Curtis—CURTIS' United States Circuit Court Reports.
- De Cussy—DE CUSSY, F., *Règlements consulaires des principaux Etats maritimes de l'Europe et de l'Amérique*. Leipzig, 1851.
- Dip. Ser.—Diplomatic Serial.
- E. O.—Executive Order of the President of the United States.
- Esperson—ESPERSON, P., *Diritto diplomatico e giurisdizione internazionale marittima*. Turin, 1872-1877.
- Fed. Cases—Federal Cases.
- Fed. Rep.—Federal Reporter.
- Gemma—GEMMA, S., "Console—Consolato" in *Digesto Italiano*, VIII, p. 385.
- G. I. C.—General Instruction, Consular.
- H. C. Deb.—HANSARD'S House of Commons Debates.
- M. I.—Mimeographed Instruction of the Department of State of the United States.
- Op. Att. Gen.—Opinions of the Attorney General of the United States.
- R. S.—Revised Statutes of the United States. 1878.
- Stat. L. or Stat.—United States Statutes at Large.
- Sup. Ct. Rep.—United States Supreme Court Reporter.
- T. D.—Treasury Decision.
- U. S.—United States Supreme Court Reports.
- U. S. C.—United States Code.

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