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PREFACE.

THESE STUDIES, now collected from the different magazines in which they have first appeared, will not, I hope, be considered as merely reclaimed waifs; for the idea of thus bringing them together in a more permanent form has always been present to me, even whilst originally writing them: and having carefully revised them by the light of the most recent published information and of our own Records, to which the Admiralty has been pleased to permit me free access, I offer them, not only as the relation of some stirring episodes in naval history, but as, each in its own way, a contribution to the earnest study of naval policy, strategy, or tactics.

I have only to add that the dates relating to Continental affairs are given throughout in New Style: those which belong to English correspondence, English records, or to purely English incidents are in Old Style; though occasionally I have given the double date. It is always a troublesome point, and I can only hope that I have minimised the customary confusion.

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