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the Terms of Peace.

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INTRODUCTION.

My object in writing this book is an endeavour to excite inquiry, to stimulate thought and promote general discussion on a subject which, with the solitary exception of the vigorous prosecution of the war, is of more importance to our Empire than anything else—the Terms of Peace.

At this preliminary stage it would not, perhaps, be altogether wise for statesmen and those in public or official positions to go into such details, or to give chapter and verse, as are furnished and recorded in these pages. Albeit, there are many things and matters which can be freely written and discussed by an obscure individual enjoying no official authority and representative of no special class, body or organisation, which would be unwise for those in authority.

For instance, a complete catalogue of conditions which Britain will insist upon before allowing hostilities to cease might, if published by the Head Official of the State without consultation with the Allies, be not wholly acceptable to France or Russia. And to create even a suspicion of disagreement