

INTRODUCTION

THIS VOLUME BRINGS TO A CONCLUSION our editorial labors that began in 1967. It has been a richly rewarding scholarly experience, one that would have been impossible for one or two of us to have achieved on our own. We hope that the usefulness of these volumes to historical scholarship over the years, and the value of similar collective scholarly efforts, will cause the historical profession to turn away from its almost exclusive attention to the monograph and recognize the value and scholarly quality of documentary editing.

As with the earlier volumes of text, this last one is the work of many hands and brains. Louis R. Harlan is the principal editor, but he worked with the volume indexes that were prepared principally by Raymond W. Smock, who also gave this cumulative index a critical reading. Susan Valenza did much of the early work on the printout of the first ten volumes of the series, checking the accuracy of entries and correcting many anomalies. Sadie M. Harlan prepared the bibliography and helped to proofread the three drafts of the cumulative index. The late Dennis Burton programmed and keyboarded the cumulative index and did much preliminary correction work, and LaDonna Burton carried this work to completion.