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Preface

This collection of cases is intended primarily for use in the introductory course in American government and is designed to supplement the standard texts. Its object is to introduce the student to a study of cases, and to give him a deeper understanding and appreciation of the significance of courts and case-law in the American system of government. It is not the editors' intention to cover or even to touch upon, however briefly, the entire field of constitutional law, or to include the last word of the Supreme Court on any particular constitutional question.

In 1946 Vassar College published *Twenty Cases on the Constitution*, a small collection of Supreme Court opinions edited by the present collaborators. This volume was used for two years in our course in American national government and is now out of print. The present book is in no sense a reissue of *Twenty Cases on the Constitution*, for it not only includes thirty-one cases instead of twenty, but also the organization of the material has been changed so completely as to make of this a virtually new presentation.

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