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## P R E F A C E

Except for chapters in general Histories, which are inadequate, we possess no printed description of the political, military, and diplomatic aims and action of Portugal during the period from the death of Charles II of Spain to the Peace Treaties of 1713 and 1715 with France and Spain. The published monographs, even in Portuguese, are not very many, but the manuscript material in various languages is abundant, as will appear in the following pages. When consulting the diplomatic papers it will be well to remember the names and dates of the Portuguese representatives in foreign Courts. These were: in France from 1699 to 1704 José da Cunha Brochado; in England from 1696 to 1712 D. Luis da Cunha and also from 1710 to 1715 Cunha Brochado; in Holland from 1694 to 1709 Francisco de Sousa Pacheco and from 1710 to 1716 the Conde de Tarouca, who was appointed Extraordinary Ambassador and first Plenipotentiary to the Congress of Utrecht with D. Luis da Cunha as his colleague.

The Portuguese Secretaries of State were: from 1688 to 1702 Mendo de Foios Pereira, from 1702 to 1703 José de Faria, from 1703 to 1705 D. Antonio Pereira da Silva, from 1705 to 1707 D. Thomás de Almeida and from 1707 to 1736 Diogo de Mendonça Corte Real.<sup>1</sup>

A useful introduction to the subject is provided by *An Account of the Court of Portugal under the Reign of the present King Dom Pedro II* (London, 1700; French version Paris, 1702); it was published anonymously but written by the Revd John Colbatch, Chaplain of the British Factory in Lisbon, during seven years at the end of the seventeenth century. He was an intelligent observer and consulted reliable authorities. His book contains detailed information on Portuguese history for the half century preceding the War of the Spanish Succession, and elaborate descriptions

<sup>1</sup> Luis Teixeira de Sampayo, *O Arquivo Historico do Ministerio dos Negocios Estrangeiros*, pp. 99–102, 114. Coimbra, 1925.

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of the character and attainments of King Pedro and his ministers, with chapters on the relations of Portugal with the Holy See, France, Spain and England. These need to be checked from the more complete and documented sources published in modern times. Reference may also be made to the *Mémoires* attributed to Théophile Daupinéaut, though his judgments on public men are often rendered suspect by his sarcastic disposition.<sup>1</sup>

Translations of passages from the works of D. Luis da Cunha and of some diplomatic documents will be found in the Appendices. He is perhaps the most famous of Portuguese diplomats and spent most of his life in foreign Courts in the service of Pedro II and John V, who succeeded his father in 1706. In the science of diplomacy D. Luis was a “fifth Gospel” to many of his countrymen and he came to be regarded as an oracle in Paris where he died in 1740 at the age of seventy-eight.

I should add that my Bibliography is only tentative and not meant to be exhaustive. Sr. Gastão de Melo e Matos has been good enough to assist in its compilation with his wide and detailed knowledge of the subject.

E. P.

10 October, 1938

<sup>1</sup> Published in part by me under the title *Memorias sobre Portugal no reinado de D. Pedro II* in *Arquivo Historico de Portugal*, vol. II. Lisbon, 1936.