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BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ON CUSTOMS FORMALITIES IN  
RUSSIAN PORTS, ON CLEARANCE OF GOODS FROM  
THE CUSTOM HOUSE, ON STAMP DUTY, ON THE  
RUSSIAN MINING LAW, AND ON MISCELLANEOUS  
COMMERCIAL MATTERS

ALSO

*COMPARISON OF RUSSIAN MONEY, WEIGHTS, AND  
MEASURES WITH FOREIGN CURRENCY AND ENGLISH  
AND FRENCH WEIGHTS AND MEASURES*

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## PREFACE

THE last few years have witnessed great activity in Russian commercial legislation. Several laws in force since the earlier part of the last century have been replaced by modern ones, meeting the requirements of the changed conditions. Thus the old law of 1819 on Customs' Regulations, with changes introduced since 1862, has been superseded by a new one, sanctioned on the 15th May, 1901. This law, which has been gradually put into force, is now in operation in all Russian custom-houses, except those in Central Asia. The antiquated law on Bills of Exchange of 1832 has given place to another based on perfectly modern principles, and in force already from the 14th January, 1903. From the 14th January, 1904, all ships arriving in Russian ports will have to comply with new formalities, defined by regulations sanctioned on the 21st June, 1903, and repealing the Regulations of the 19th December, 1819, which were subject to alterations from the year 1867. The intricate questions of stamp duty, which the law of 1874 tried to solve, have now in the law of the 10th June, 1900, with its annexed instructions, been