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OF

RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

1786-1861

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PREFACE

This annotated bibliography is designed as a guide to a compilation of speeches, reports, statutes and other documents relating to the Rhode Island Constitution of 1843 known as "The Potter Collection." The seven volume set consists of documents collected by Elisha R. Potter from 1786 to 1861 involving the constitutional development of Rhode Island during this time period.

The seven volume collection is in chronological order from 1786 to 1861 with a "Table of Contents" prepared by Elisha R. Potter at the beginning of each volume. To preserve both the authenticity of Potter's work and make it easier to locate the various documents, Mr. Potter's "Table of Contents" is used as a reference citation in the annotated bibliography.

The format of the entries is as follows:

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