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On his death, 3 February 2006, A.P.M. left this book complete except in a number of small details, which I have undertaken to finish up on his behalf. If this constitutes editing the book for publication, it is very light editing, even taking into account the half-dozen places in which I have deleted single sentences that seemed to me redundant or otherwise incongruous, and the two or three more places in which I have changed single words (at one place, putting “expectable” where A.P.M. clearly meant something stronger than “possible”). At one point (Chap. I, 42, text, and note 79), where I could not document the quotation cited by A.P.M., I substituted another quotation with the same import. I have left standing all the important points that, were he still alive, I would dispute with him, though I would be cautious about doing so, deferring to his scholarship, both deeper and more extensive in these matters than mine. In any small additions that I have made I have tried to keep to his language and style. I have tried to fill in bibliographical details where these were missing in the notes and I have checked the notes for anomalies needing resolving, which has been done. In the course of doing these things, I have found reason to rely generally, without checking every one of them, on the accuracy of the notes as A.P.M. left them. A.P.M. also left a bibliography for the book, comparable to the ones included in the previous two volumes of his multi-volume work. However, the bibliographical information included in the notes to the text, which needed only a little in the way of filling out, makes publishing the bibliography otiose, particularly since it omits many things to be found in the notes. The cost of publishing it, which would be substantial, could not be easily justified. Therefore, it has been decided not to publish it.

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