TO
MY PARENTS
PREFACE

THIS book has been written after careful consideration of the original sources on which our knowledge of Greek history is based. I have therefore chosen to make reference in the footnotes to the main parts of the original evidence, in the hope that some readers will be encouraged to study the ancient authorities in translation or in the original and form their own opinions. Limitations of space have not permitted me to refer also to the work of modern scholars, which has been an inspiration and a guide to me in interpreting events and tendencies; but reference to such work is available in commentaries on individual authors and in general histories. Many points in Greek history are controversial. I had intended to concentrate my studies on such points in a second volume, but it has seemed better to publish them as short appendixes here and as separate articles in classical journals, to which references are made in the footnotes. The general reader will find that no technical knowledge is required of him. There is no Greek script; ancient names are given in the traditional Latinized form (island names, for instance, end in -os and mainland names in -us), and modern place-names are transliterated and accented. A map reference will be found in the Index for almost every place which is mentioned in the book.

A knowledge of modern Greece has been of great value to me. It was acquired during many months of study and travel in Greek lands and two years of war-time service on the mainland and in Crete. I owe the opportunity of writing this book to the initiative of the Delegates of the Clarendon Press; they and their staff have shown great patience and thoroughness in bringing it to completion. While I was engaged upon it, the Master and Fellows of Clare-College granted me a sabbatical year and the Council of Clifton College granted me a grace term. I am deeply grateful to them. The generosity of the Institute for Advanced Study, the Managing Committee of the British School of Archaeology at Athens, the Managers of the Leverhulme Research Fellowships, and the Fulbright Trustees enabled me to work under ideal conditions at Princeton and at Athens. So many scholars and pupils have helped me that I must be excused if I do not mention them all by name. I owe particular gratitude to Sir Frank Adcock, the late Professor A. J. B. Wace, and Professor H. A. Thompson for unfailing encouragement and assistance, and to the following scholars who have been most generous in reading and criticizing parts of the book: Professor A. Andrewes, Professor H. F. Cherniss, Professor J. M. Cook, Mr. R. M. Cook, the late Mr. T. J. Dunbabin, Professor C. F. Edson, Mr. G. T. Griffith, Mr. G. S. Kirk, Dr. A. H. McDonald, Mr. R. Meiggs, Professor B. D. Meritt, Professor D. L. Page, Professor A. E. Raubitschek, Dr. F. H. Stubbings, and Professor H. D.
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Westlake. My wife helped me to compile the Index, and Mr. H. J. Crawfurd of Clifton College has read and corrected the proofs with so keen and scholarly an eye that any errors which remain are entirely due to me.

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The main changes in the second edition are as follows. I have rewritten entirely the opening part of Chapter 1 and the first two sections of Chapter 2 of Book I in the light of recent excavations and interpretations, with which my work as an editor of the revised Cambridge Ancient History I–II has kept me in touch. I have included mention of tumulus burials in Albania; the excavation reports have not been noted otherwise by scholars in western countries, and I give a fuller account of them in my forthcoming book Epirus. My knowledge of Albanian and my pen-friendship with one of the excavators, Professor Frančo Prendi, have helped me in this matter. I have made changes in my account of the origins of the Athenian Alliance in sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 5 in Book III, and the arguments on which they are based will appear in a forthcoming article in JHS 86. A new section is added to Appendix 2; this refers to the cylinder seals found at Thebes. Otherwise the changes are small.

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