

serve his critical attitude down through the period when he was an active participant.

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*Messages and Papers of Jonathan Jennings, Ratliff Boon, and William Hendricks, 1816-1825.* Edited by LOGAN ESAREY, Indianapolis, Indiana Historical Commission, 1824. Pp. xvi, 544.

This volume is the twelfth of the Indiana Historical *Collections* and the third in the series of Governor's Messages and Letters. It includes the messages and other official papers of the three governors who served the state of Indiana from 1816 to 1825. It also presents a number of speeches and letters of Governor Hendricks from the periods preceding and following his term as governor. Very little of the correspondence of Governor Jennings has been discovered. In the case of Governor Boon, simply his message of December 2, 1822, is included. In fact, this was his only message, since he acted as governor for a few weeks only following the resignation of Governor Jennings near the close of his second term.

Doctor Esarey furnishes an introduction of twenty-five pages dealing in an interesting and instructive manner with the political history of the territory and state from 1800 to 1825. In addition, he presents brief biographical sketches of each of the three governors. He adheres to his policy, followed in the preparation of the two preceding volumes in the series, of avoiding as far as possible the use of footnotes and other editorial detail. Perhaps he is too modest in this regard. The volume is well-printed, well-bound, and attractive. It gives pleasure to all who are interested in the history of Indiana and the Middle West, to see these volumes come from the press. The people of the state and the members of the General Assembly should be proud of the opportunity to continue their support of the Indiana Historical Commission in the good work of publishing the sources of the State's history.

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