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Thomas Erskine May (1815-1886) was a renowned constitutional lawyer and historian. He was born in London, England, and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. After graduating, he worked as a lawyer and journalist, and in 1847 he was appointed Clerk of the House of Commons. He held this position for over 30 years, and during that time he wrote several important works on constitutional law, including *Treatise on the* Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament (1844) and Constitutional History of England since the Accession of George III (1861-1863).

May's work on constitutional law was highly influential, and he is considered to be one of the most important figures in the development of modern constitutional thought. His writings helped to shape the British constitution, and they continue to be studied by scholars and practitioners of constitutional law today.

In 1961, a series of essays entitled *Hart Studies in Constitutional Law* was published in honor of Thomas Erskine May. The essays were written by leading scholars in the field of constitutional law, and they covered a wide range of topics, including the nature of the British constitution, the role of the judiciary, and the rights of individuals.

The *Hart Studies in Constitutional Law* are a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history and development of constitutional law. They provide a comprehensive overview of the field, and they offer a variety of perspectives on the most important issues in constitutional law.

The Life and Work of Thomas Erskine May

Thomas Erskine May was born on 8 February 1815 in London, England. He was the son of Thomas May, a prosperous merchant, and Charlotte Erskine, the daughter of David Erskine, 2nd Baron Erskine. May was educated at Westminster School and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied law. After graduating from Cambridge, May worked as a lawyer and journalist. In 1847, he was appointed Clerk of the House of Commons. He held this position for over 30 years, and during that time he wrote several important works on constitutional law.

May's most famous work is his *Treatise on the Law, Privileges,*Proceedings and Usage of Parliament, which was first published in 1844.

The *Treatise* is a comprehensive guide to the British constitution and parliamentary procedure. It has been used by generations of

parliamentarians and constitutional lawyers, and it remains one of the most authoritative works on the subject.

May also wrote a three-volume *Constitutional History of England since the Accession of George III*, which was published between 1861 and 1863. The *Constitutional History* is a detailed account of the development of the British constitution from the late 18th century to the mid-19th century. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of British constitutional law.

May was a highly respected constitutional lawyer and historian. He was awarded the Order of the Bath in 1873 and was knighted in 1886. He died on 17 May 1886 at the age of 71.

The Hart Studies in Constitutional Law

The *Hart Studies in Constitutional Law* are a series of essays written in honor of Thomas Erskine May. The essays were edited by Henry W.R. Wade and A.W. Bradley, and they were published in 1961. The essays cover a wide range of topics in constitutional law, including the nature of the British constitution, the role of the judiciary, and the rights of individuals.

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The following is a list of the essays included in the *Hart Studies in Constitutional Law*:

- "The Nature of the British Constitution" by Henry W.R. Wade
- "The Role of the Judiciary" by A.W. Bradley
- "The Rights of Individuals" by D.C.M. Yardley
- "The Crown and the Constitution" by John P. Mackintosh
- "The House of Commons and the Constitution" by S.A. de Smith
- "The House of Lords and the Constitution" by A.L. Goodhart
- "The Privy Council and the Constitution" by K.C. Wheare
- "The Civil Service and the Constitution" by W.J. M



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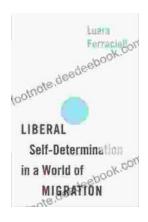
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