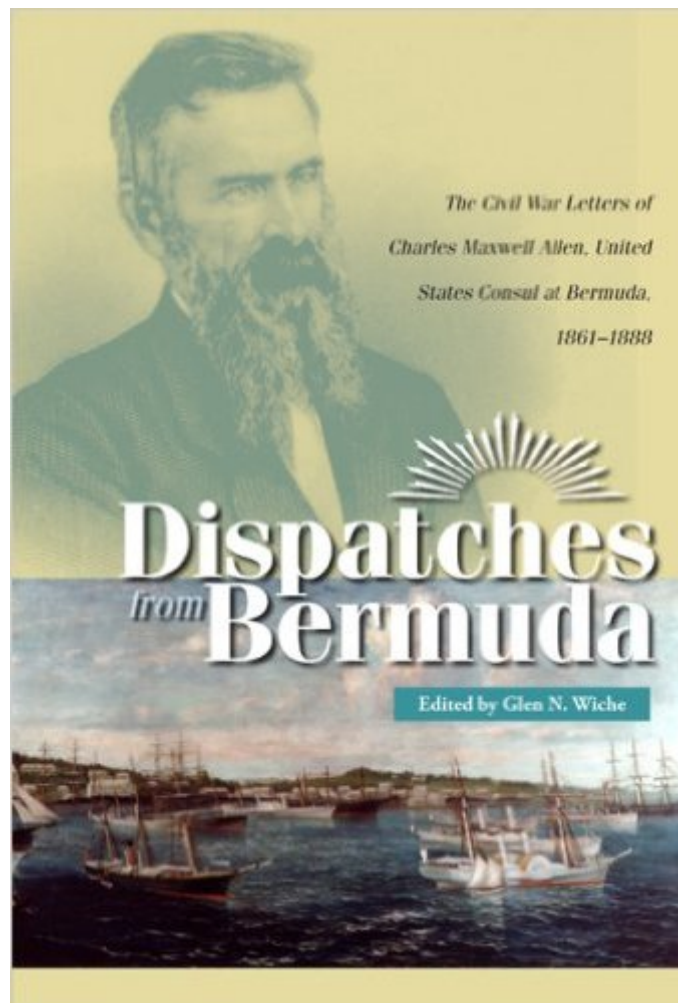


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Synopsis

Charles Maxwell Allen was US consul to Bermuda during the Civil War. It was an important post, as the British colony was a centre for Confederate blockade-running activities, and Allen found himself involved in the world of espionage as he sought to thwart these activities. This book presents his dispatches to the State Department.

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Dispatches from Bermuda is one of the firsthand books you start reading and don't want to put down. Like logistics, Civil War diplomacy is rarely studied, and that is a shame because it had a large impact on the war in ways that many people do not appreciate (just like logistics). Allen's perspective as U.S. consul in Bermuda is fascinating and unique because he was the North's only official representative there in a hotbed of Confederate activity. If you are interested in Union blockading efforts and related matters, read this book. Allen's letters and the author's notations are really worthwhile and add something fresh to the discussion.

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