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ABBREVIATIONS

Brougham MSS	The Manuscripts of Lord Brougham in University College London
<i>Parl. Deb.</i>	<i>Parliamentary Debates</i>
<i>PP</i>	<i>Parliamentary Papers</i>
UCL	The Manuscripts of Jeremy Bentham in University College London (followed by box and page numbers)
<i>Works</i>	<i>The Works of Jeremy Bentham, published under the Superintendance of his Executor, John Bowring, 11 vols. (Edinburgh, 1838–43)</i>

ENGLISH LAW REPORTS

A & E	Adolphus, John Leycester, and Thomas Flower Ellis, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 12 vols. (London, 1834–40)
Atk	Atkyns, John Tracy, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the High Court of Chancery in the time of Lord Chancellor Hardwicke</i> , 3rd edn, by Francis Williams Sanders, 3 vols. (London, 1794)
B & Ad	Barnewall, Richard Vaughan, and John Leycester Adolphus, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 5 vols. (London, 1831–5)
B & Ald	Barnewall, Richard Vaughan, and Edward Hall Alderson, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 5 vols. (London, 1818–22)

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B&S	Best, William Mawdesley, and George James Phillip Smith, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of Queen's Bench and the Court of Exchequer Chamber on Appeal from the Court of Queen's Bench</i> , 10 vols. (London, 1862–71)
Beav	Beavan, Charles, <i>Reports of Cases in Chancery</i> , 36 vols. (London, 1840–69)
Bing	Bingham, Peregrine, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of Common Pleas and Other Courts</i> , 10 vols. (London, 1824–34)
Bing NC	Bingham, Peregrine, <i>New Cases . . . in the Court of Common Pleas and Other Courts</i> , 6 vols. (London, 1835–41)
Brod & B	Broderip, William John, and Peregrine Bingham, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of Common Pleas and Other Courts</i> , 3 vols. (London, 1820–2)
Camp	Campbell, John, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius, in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas and on the Home Circuit</i> , 4 vols. (London, 1812–16)
Car & Kir	Carrington, F. A., and A. V. Kirwan, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius</i> , 3 vols. (London, 1845–52)
Car & P	Carrington, F. A., and J. Payne, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius</i> , 9 vols. (London, 1825–41)
CB	Manning, James, T. C. Granger, and John Scott, <i>Common Bench Reports. Cases . . . in the Court of Common Pleas and in the Exchequer Chamber</i> , 18 vols. (London, 1846–56)
C&J	Crompton, Charles, and John Jervis, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Courts of Exchequer and Exchequer Chamber</i> , 2 vols. (London, 1832–3)
Cowp	Cowper, Henry, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench from . . . 1774 to . . . 1778</i> , 2nd edn, 2 vols. (London, 1800)

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Cox CC	Cox, Edward William, <i>et al.</i> (eds.), <i>Reports of Cases in Criminal Law</i> , 31 vols. (London, 1846–1948)
Cr App R	<i>Criminal Appeal Reports</i> (London, 1908–)
Cr M & R	Crompton, Charles, R. Meeson and H. Roscoe, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Courts of Exchequer and Exchequer Chamber</i> , 2 vols. (London, 1835–6)
De G F & J	De Gex, J. P., F. Fisher and H. Cadman Jones, <i>Reports of Cases Heard and Determined by the Lord Chancellor and the Court of Appeal in Chancery</i> , 4 vols. (London, 1861–70)
Dougl	Douglas, Sylvester, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench, in the Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty First Years of the Reign of George III</i> , 4th edn, by W. Frere and H. Roscoe, 4 vols. (London, 1813–31)
East	East, Edward Hyde, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 16 vols. (London, 1801–14)
Esp	Espinasse, Isaac, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius, in the Court of King's Bench and Common Pleas from . . . 1793 to . . . 1796</i> , 6 vols. (London, 1801–7)
Exch	Welsby, W. N., E. T. Hurlstone, and J. Gordon, <i>The Exchequer Reports. Reports of Cases . . . in the Courts of Exchequer and Exchequer Chamber</i> , 11 vols. (London, 1849–56)
Fitzg	Fitz-Gibbons, John, <i>The Reports of Several Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> (London, 1732)
Holt	Holt, Francis Ludlow, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius</i> . (London, 1818)
JP	<i>The Justice of the Peace</i> (London, 1837–)
LJMC	<i>The Law Journal Reports, Magistrates' Cases, New Series</i> (London, 1831–96)
LR	<i>The Law Reports</i> (London, 1866–)

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LT	<i>The Law Times Reports</i> (London, 1859–1947)
LTOS	<i>The Law Times Reports, Old Series</i> (London, 1843–59)
Leach	Leach, Thomas, <i>Cases in Crown Law</i> , 4th edn, 2 vols. (London, 1815)
Lewin	Lewin, Sir Gregory A., <i>A Report of Cases Determined on the Crown Side on the Northern Circuit</i> , 2 vols. (London, 1834–9)
Lofft	Lofft, Capel, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of King's Bench</i> . (Dublin, 1790)
Mac & G	Macnaghten, Steuart, and Alexander Gordon, <i>Cases in the High Court of Chancery</i> , 3 vols. (London, 1850–2)
Mod	<i>Modern Reports: or Select Cases Adjudged in the Courts of King's Bench, Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer from the Restoration of Charles the Second to the Twenty Eighth Year of George the Second</i> , 12 vols., 5th edn, by Thomas Leach (London, 1793–6)
PD	<i>The Law Reports, Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division</i> (London, 1875–90)
Peake	Peake, Thomas, <i>Cases Determined at Nisi Prius</i> , 3rd edn (London, 1820)
Peake Add Cas	Peake, Thomas, <i>Additional Cases</i> (London, 1829)
P Wms	Williams, William Peere, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the High Court of Chancery, and of some Special Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 4th edn, by Samuel Compton Cox, 3 vols. (London, 1826)
QB	Adolphus, John Leycester, and Thomas Flower Ellis, <i>Queen's Bench Reports</i> , 18 vols. (London, 1843–52)
Rob Ecc	Robertson, J. E. P., <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Ecclesiastical Courts</i> , 2 vols. (London, 1850–3)
Russ	Russell, James, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the</i>

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	<i>High Court of Chancery</i> , 5 vols. (London, 1827–9)
Russ & Ry	Russell, William Oldnall and Edward Ryan, <i>Crown Cases</i> . (London, 1825)
Ry & Mood	Ryan, Edward, and William Moody, <i>Reports of Cases Determined at Nisi Prius</i> . (London, 1827)
Salk	Salkeld, William, <i>Reports of Cases Adjudged in the Court of King's Bench; with some Special Cases in the Courts of Chancery, Common Pleas and Exchequer</i> , 6th edn, by William David Evans, 3 vols. (London, 1795)
Stark	Starkie, Thomas, <i>Reports of Cases . . . at Nisi Prius, in the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas, and on the Circuit</i> , 3 vols. (London, 1817–20)
TLR	<i>The Times Law Reports</i> (London, 1884–1952)
TR	Durnford, Charles and Edward Hyde East, <i>Term Reports in the Court of King's Bench</i> , 8 vols. (London, 1817)
Taunt	Taunton, William Pyle, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the Court of Common Pleas, and other Courts</i> , 8 vols. (London, 1810–23)
Vent	<i>The Reports of Sir Peyton Ventriss</i> (London, 1726)
Wils KB	Wilson, George, <i>Reports of Cases . . . in the King's Courts at Westminster</i> , 3rd edn, 3 vols. (London, 1799)
WN	<i>Weekly Notes</i> (London, 1866–1952)
WR	<i>Weekly Reporter</i> (London, 1853–1906)