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Abbreviations

APC  Acts of the Privy Council
BIHR  Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research
BL  British Library
CJ  Commons Journals
Collinson  P. Collinson, The Religion of Protestants (OUP, 1982)
CSPD  Calendar of State Papers Domestic
CUL  Cambridge University Library
ECHR  Economic History Review
EHR  English Historical Review
HLRO  House of Lords Record Office
HMC  Historical Manuscripts Commission
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Abbreviations

Lindley

LJ
*Lords Journals*

LP

NRO
Norfolk Record Office

PRO
Public Records Office

RO
Record Office

Sharp

Sharpe

Spufford
M. Spufford, *Contrasting Communities: English Villagers in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (CUP, 1974)

Thomas

TRHS
*Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*

VCH
*Victoria County History*

Wrightson

Wrightson and Levine
Preface

The social history of early modern England has recently become a lively area of publication and debate. We chose the theme of order and disorder, both for a seminar course which we have taught jointly for several years and for this volume, because we believe it encapsulates much of what is at present at issue between historians working in the field. The theme is much too large for us to have attempted to treat it in a comprehensive manner. To some extent this book is necessarily disparate, but we hope and our introduction seeks to suggest that it is not wholly so.

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