The relationship between the British government and the City of London has become central to debates on modern British economic, political and social life. For some the City’s financial and commercial interests have exercised a dominant influence over government economic policy, creating a preoccupation with international markets and the strength of sterling which impaired domestic industrial and social well-being. Others have argued that government seriously constricted financial markets, jeopardising Britain’s most successful economic sector. This collection of essays is the first book to address these issues over the entire twentieth century. It brings together leading financial and political historians to assess the government–City relationship from several directions and by examination of key episodes. As such, it will be indispensable not just for the study of modern British politics and finance, but also for assessment of the worldwide problem of tensions between national governments and international financial centres.

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**BEQB** Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin

**BoE** Bank of England Archives

**BT** Board of Trade papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office

**CAB** Cabinet Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office

**CO** Colonial Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office

**CPA** Conservative Party Archives, Bodleian Library, Oxford

**EcHR** Economic History Review

**FO** Foreign Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office

**GATT** General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

**HC Deb** House of Commons Debates, 5th series, with volume and column (c., cc.) numbers

**Kynaston, City of London** David Kynaston, *The City of London*, in 4 volumes:
- I *A World of its Own* 1815–1890 (1994)
- II *Golden Years* 1890–1914 (1995)

**LPA** Labour Party Archives, National Museum of Labour History, Manchester

**PP** Parliamentary Papers
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