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Abbreviations

Add. MSS	Additional manuscripts (British Library)
<i>ALC</i>	Annals of Loch Cé
<i>APC</i>	Acts of the Privy Council
<i>Archiv. Hib.</i>	<i>Archivium Hibernicum</i>
<i>ARÉ</i>	<i>Annála Ríoghachta Éireann</i>
BL	British Library
Bodl.	Bodleian Library, Oxford
<i>Cal. Bor.</i>	<i>Calendar of Border Papers, 1560–94</i>
<i>Cal. Car. MSS</i>	<i>Calendar of Carew Manuscripts</i>
<i>CPR Eliz.</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls, Elizabeth I</i>
<i>Correspondentie</i>	H. Brugmans (ed.) <i>Correspondentie van Robert Dudley, graaf van Leycester, 1585–7.</i>
<i>CPRI</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls (Ireland)</i>
<i>CSPD</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Domestic</i>
<i>CSPF</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Foreign</i>
<i>CSPI</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Ireland</i>
<i>CSPR</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Rome</i>
<i>CSPSc</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Scotland</i>
<i>CSPSp</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Spanish</i>
<i>CSPVen</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Venetian</i>
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>Fiants</i>	<i>The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns</i>
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>IHS</i>	<i>Irish Historical Studies</i>
<i>JGAS</i>	<i>Journal of the Galway Archaeological and Historical Society</i>
<i>Leycester corr.</i>	J. Bruce (ed.) <i>Correspondence of Robert Dudley, earl of Leycester, during his government of the Low Countries (1844)</i>

Abbreviations

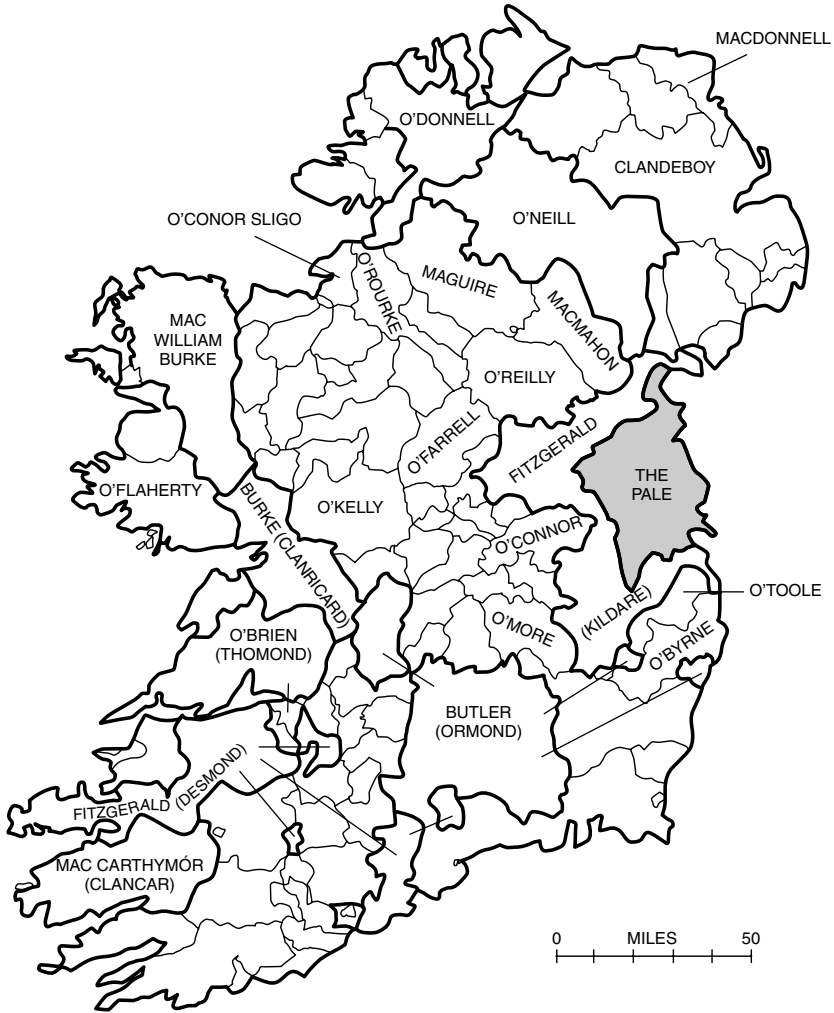
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<i>NHI</i>	<i>A New History of Ireland</i>
PCC	Prerogative Courts of Canterbury
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past & Present</i>
SP10	Public Record Office, State papers, Domestic, Edward VI.
SP11	Public Record Office, State papers, Domestic, Philip and Mary.
SP12	Public Record Office, State papers, Domestic, Elizabeth I.
SP61	Public Record Office, State papers, Ireland, Edward VI.
SP62	Public Record Office, State papers, Ireland, Philip and Mary.
SP63	Public Record Office, State papers, Ireland, Elizabeth I.
<i>SP Hen. VIII</i>	<i>State papers of Henry VIII</i>

Notes on the text

All dates are Old Style, but the year is taken as beginning on 1 January rather than Lady Day. Throughout this text, spelling and punctuation have been modernised in all quotations except in the case of the titles of books.

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