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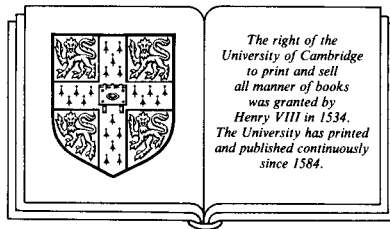
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Council of Ten

In references to [Consiglio dei] Dieci, Comune, Misti, Secreta, Criminal or Zecca, the series *Parti* in registers is taken for granted; thus Dieci, Secreta, reg. 4, 128v. Series belonging to the archives of the Capi del Consiglio dei Dieci are cited as: Capi, Dieci.

Great Council

M[aggior] C[onsiglio]. All references are to the names (e.g. 'Novus') of individual registers of *Deliberazioni*.

Senate

S[enato], S[ecreta], Mi[sti], T[erra], M[ar], reg[istro]. In citations such as ST. reg. 60, 19v[erso], the series *Deliberazioni* is taken for granted; when a reference is to the filze from which the deliberazioni were compiled, this is stated.

Some other *fondi* are abbreviated as follows:

Prov. Gen. in Terraferma	Senato, Dispacci di Provveditore Generale in Terraferma
Prov. Fort.	Provveditori alle Fortezze
Esposizioni Principi	Pien Collegio, Esposizioni Principi
Commemoriali	Libri Commemoriali

Other abbreviations

ASB.	Archivio di Stato, Brescia
ASF.	Archivio di Stato, Florence
ASMa.	Archivio di Stato, Mantua
ASMi.	Archivio di Stato, Milan
ASP.	Archivio di Stato, Padua
ASVe.	Archivio di Stato, Verona

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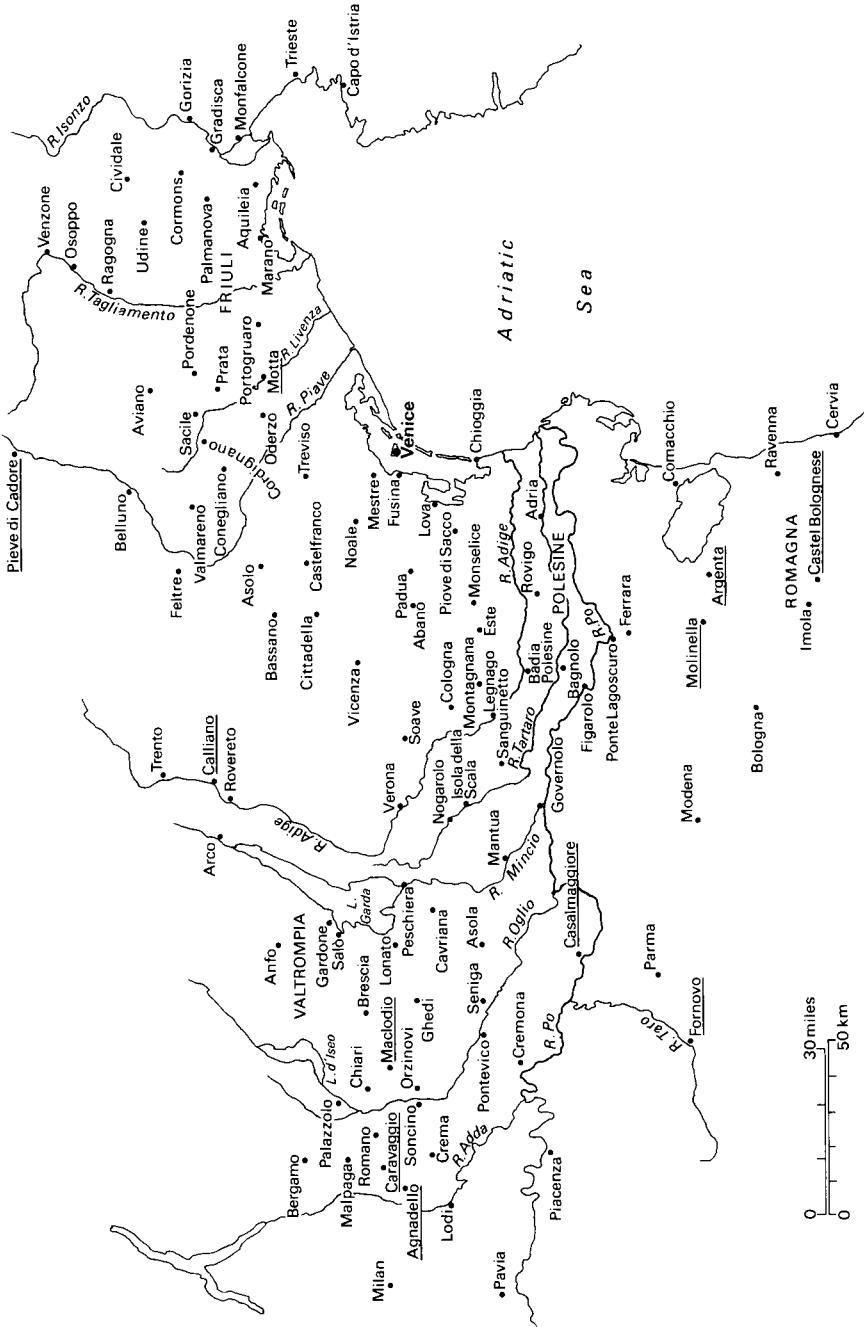
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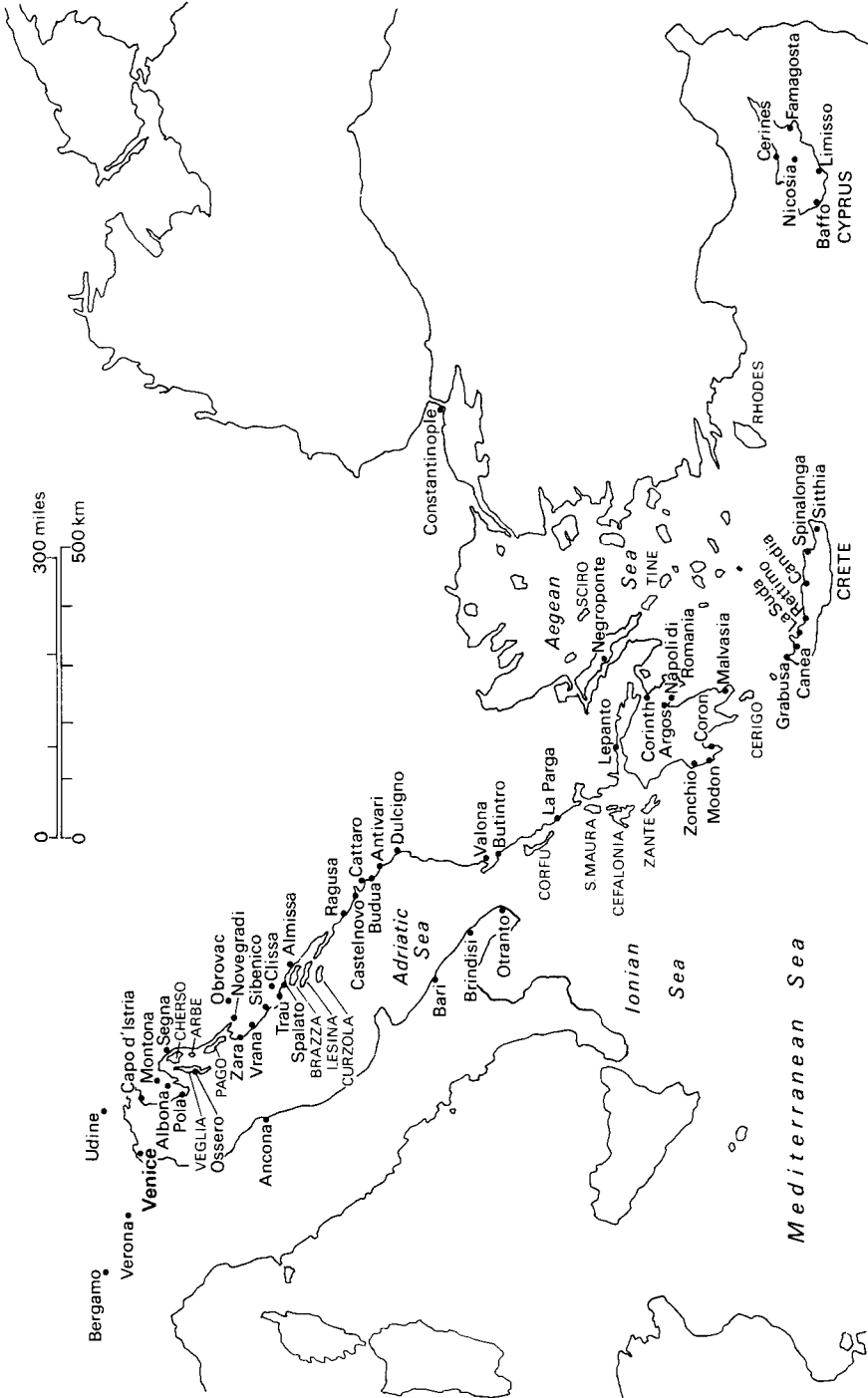
- BCV. Biblioteca Correr, Venice
 BMV. Biblioteca Marciana, Venice
 DBI. *Dizionario biografico degli italiani*
 Predelli *I libri commemoriali della repubblica di Venezia: i
 regesti*, ed. R. Predelli (Venice, 5 vols., 1879–1901)
 Priuli *I diarii*, ed. R. Cessi, RRIISS., xxiv, 3 (Bologna, 4
 vols., 1912–38)
 RIS. Rerum italicarum scriptores, ed. L. A. Muratori
 (Milan, 25 vols., 1723–51)
 RRIISS. Rerum italicarum scriptores, new ed., ed. V. Fiorini,
 G. Carducci, C. Calisse and G. De Sanctis (Bologna
 and Citta di Castello, 33 vols., 1900ff)
 Sanuto *I diarii di Marino Sanuto*, ed. R. Fulin et al. (Venice,
 58 vols., 1879–1903). References are to column
 numbers
 Sanuto,
Vite de' dogi Marino Sanuto, *Vite de' duchi di Venezia*, RIS., xxii
 (Milan, 1723). References are to column numbers
 ASI. *Archivio storico italiano*
 ASL. *Archivio storico lombardo*
 Atti Ist. Ven. *Atti dell'Istituto veneto di scienze, lettere ed arti*
 AV. *Archivio veneto*
 NAV. *Nuovo archivio veneto*
 RSI. *Rivista storica italiana*
- B^a. Busta. Used for all 'packages' of documents whether
 bound or loose in boxes or folders
 n.p. No page
 s.a. *Sub anno*
- N.B. Folio or page references (given without a preliminary 'f.' or 'p.') are,
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Map 1. The Terraferma in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Battles are underlined.

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Map 2. The empire da Mar.

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