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PREFACE

This book is based on a doctoral thesis on ‘the Catholic factor’ in English politics under Charles II and James II. A study of anti-Catholicism in the later seventeenth century has led me to consider the way in which the anti-Catholicism, explicit or implicit, of ‘Whig’ historians has coloured popular attitudes to the seventeenth century in general and to James II in particular. As a non-Catholic I am less familiar than I might be with the spiritual side of Catholic life and I should be grateful if Catholic readers would look with indulgence on any errors or gaucheries that they might find.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAW  Archives of the Archbishop of Westminster
AOFM  Archives of the English Province of the Order of Friars Minor, The Friary, Forest Gate
Arundell MSS  MSS of Arundells of Wardour and Lanherne in the possession of Mr R. J. R. Arundell
ASJ  Archives of the English Province of the Society of Jesus
Baschet  Baschet transcripts of French ambassadors’ dispatches in the PRO, ref PRO/31/3
BM  British Museum
Bodl.  Bodleian Library
brs.  broadside
Cibo MSS  Archivio di Stato, Massa, Archivio del cardinale Alderano Cibo
CJ  Commons Journals
CPA  Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Paris, Archives Diplomatiques, Correspondance Politique, Angleterre
CRS  Catholic Record Society volumes
CSPD  Calendar of State Papers, Domestic
CSPVen  Calendar of State Papers, Venetian
CTB  Calendar of Treasury Books
CUL  Cambridge University Library
DNB  Dictionary of National Biography
EHR  English Historical Review
Grey  A. Grey, Debates in the House of Commons 1667–94, 10 vols., London, 1763
HJ  Historical Journal
HMC  Historical Manuscripts Commission reports
JEH  Journal of Ecclesiastical History
LJ  Lords Journals
Morrice MSS  Dr Williams’s Library, London, Roger Morrice’s Entering Book, vols. 1 and 2 (MSS 31P and 31Q)
Nunz. Div.  Vatican Archives, Nunziature Diverse
Nunz. Fian.  Vatican Archives, Nunziatura di Fiandra
Abbreviations

PC/2/ Privy Council Registers in the PRO
P & P Past and Present
PDB Papists (Disarming and Removal) Bill, House of Lords R. O., Main Papers, no. 321 (3 December 1680)
Portland MSS Nottingham University Library, MSS of the first duke of Portland, ref. PwA
PRO Public Record Office
RH Recusant History
Rom. Tr. Roman transcripts in the PRO, ref PRO/31/9. The folio numbers used are those at the bottom of each sheet in blue pencil
Somers Tracts A Collection of scarce and valuable Tracts . . . selected from . . . libraries, particularly that of . . . Lord Somers, ed. Sir W. Scott, 13 vols., London, 1809–15
SP/ State papers in the PRO
SS Ing. Vatican Archives, Segretaria di Stato, Inghilterra
VCH Victoria County History
Wing D. Wing, Short-Title Catalogue of Books, 1641–1700, 3 vols., New York, 1945
NOTE ON SPELLINGS AND DATES

Spelling in English and in French has been modernised throughout. Dates in the text are old style but the year is taken as starting on 1 January. Where the dates of dispatches in the footnotes are new style, I have marked them NS.