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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
- Cal. Clar. S.P. Calendar of Clarendon State Papers*, 5 vols.,
Oxford, 1872-1970
- Cibo MSS Archivio di Stato, Massa, Archivio del cardinale
Alderano Cibo
- CJ Commons Journals*
- CPA Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Paris, Archives Diplo-
matiques, 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

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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)*POAS Poems on Affairs of State 1660-88*, 4 vols., New Haven,
1963-8; ed. (i) G. de F. Lord, (ii) L. F. Mengel, jnr, (iii)
H. H. Schless, (iv) C. M. CrumpPortland MSS Nottingham University Library, MSS of the
first duke of Portland, ref. PwA

PRO Public Record Office

Prop. Ang. Archives of the Congregation 'de Propaganda
Fide', Rome, 'Scritture referite nei congressi dal 1627 al
1707, Anglia I'*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

State Trials W. Cobbett and T. B. Howell (eds.), *State Trials*,
33 vols., London, 1809-26*VCH Victoria County History*Wing D. Wing, *Short-Title Catalogue of Books, 1641-1700*,
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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.