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‘Then keep the antient way!’  
(Henry Vaughan, ‘The Proffer’, *Silex Scintillans* 1655)

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When a reprint of a scholarly work is cited, the date of original publication will be given in square brackets, thus: Alan Everitt, *The Community of Kent and the Great Rebellion 1640–1660* (Leicester, [1966] 1973). Quotations from Clarendon’s *History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England* are located by book and paragraph rather than volume and page numbers.

Since the method of this book is to discuss written and printed texts within the historical contexts of their composition and publication, the dates supplied in *A Catalogue of the Pamphlets, Books, Newspapers and Manuscripts Relating to the Civil War, the Commonwealth and Restoration, Collected by George Thomason, 1640–1661* (British Museum Trustees, 1908) are included in square brackets along with details derived from the title-pages of seventeenth-century texts, thus: (London, [16 April] 1646). A Thomason date is that on which a book or pamphlet was received into his collection, usually within a few days of publication. In some cases, when no Thomason date is available, the conjectured date of publication has been taken from Falconer Madan’s *Oxford Books: A Bibliography of Printed Works Relating to the University of Oxford or Printed or Published There*, Vol. II (Oxford, 1912), and indicated thus: (Oxford, [Madan 2 October]

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Anselment, <i>LR</i>	Raymond A. Anselment, <i>Loyalist Resolve: Patient Fortitude in the English Civil War</i> (Newark, 1988)
Ashton, <i>ECW</i>	Robert Ashton, <i>The English Civil War: Conservatism and Revolution 1603–1649</i> (1978, revised London, 1989)
Bennett, <i>CW</i>	Martyn Bennett, <i>The Civil Wars in Britain and Ireland: 1638–1651</i> (Oxford, 1997)
<i>BP</i>	<i>Alexander Brome: Poems</i> , ed. Roman R. Dubinski, 2 vols. (Toronto, 1982)
Clarendon	<i>The History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England</i> , ed. W. Macray, 6 vols. (Oxford, 1888)
<i>CP</i>	<i>The Poems of John Cleveland</i> , ed. Brian Morris and Eleanor Withington (Oxford, 1967)
<i>CPP</i>	<i>The Plays and Poems of William Cartwright</i> , ed. G. Blakemore Evans (Madison, 1951)
<i>CowleyE</i>	<i>Abraham Cowley: Essays, Plays and Sundry Verses</i> , ed. A. R. Waller (Cambridge, 1906)
<i>CowleyP</i>	<i>Abraham Cowley: Poems</i> , ed. A. R. Waller (Cambridge, 1905)
Fletcher, <i>Outbreak</i>	Anthony Fletcher, <i>The Outbreak of the English Civil War</i> (London, [1981] 1993)
Gardiner, <i>History</i>	Samuel R. Gardiner, <i>The History of the Great Civil War 1642–1649</i> , 4 vols. (reprinted London, 1987)
Loxley, <i>RP</i>	James Loxley, <i>Royalism and Poetry in the English Civil Wars: The Drawn Sword</i> (Basingstoke, 1997)
O Hehir, <i>EH</i>	Brendan O Hehir, <i>Expans'd Hieroglyphicks: A Critical Edition of Sir John Denham's Coopers Hill</i> (Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1969)

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O Hehir, <i>HD</i>	Brendan O Hehir, <i>Harmony from Discords: A Life of Sir John Denham</i> (Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1968)
<i>QCW</i>	<i>The Complete Works in Prose and Verse of Francis Quarles</i> , ed. Revd Alexander B. Grosart, 3 vols. (Edinburgh, 1880–1; reprinted New York, 1967)
Russell, <i>FBM</i>	Conrad Russell, <i>The Fall of the British Monarchies, 1637–1642</i> (Oxford, 1991)
Smith, <i>CR</i>	David L. Smith, <i>Constitutional Royalism and the Search for Settlement, c. 1640–1649</i> (Cambridge, 1994)
<i>SNW</i>	<i>The Works of Sir John Suckling: The Non-dramatic Works</i> , ed. Thomas Clayton (Oxford, 1971)
Thomas, <i>JB</i>	P. W. Thomas, <i>Sir John Berkenhead 1617–1679: A Royalist Career in Politics and Polemics</i> (Oxford, 1969)
Wedgwood, <i>KP</i>	C. V. Wedgwood, <i>The King's Peace: 1637–1641</i> (London, [1955] 1972)
Wedgwood, <i>KW</i>	C. V. Wedgwood, <i>The King's War: 1641–1647</i> (London, [1958] 1972)
VW	<i>The Works of Henry Vaughan</i> , ed. L. C. Martin, 2nd edn. (Oxford, 1957)
Wormald, <i>Clarendon</i>	B. H. G. Wormald, <i>Clarendon: Politics, History and Religion 1640–1660</i> (Chicago, revised 1964, 1976)