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PREFACE

THIS introduction to the History and Records of the Court of Wards and Liveries originated in the work of compiling the *Guide to, and Analytical List of, Court of Wards Miscellanea*, which I completed in 1937 at the end of my temporary appointment on the Public Record Office staff. My subsequent employment—both before the war and after—as a part-time editor at the Public Record Office has enabled me to examine and list other classes of the Court's records and to obtain much of the material that I have used in this book. I therefore owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the late Mr A. E. Stamp, who as Deputy Keeper of the Records gave me the opportunity of undertaking this work, and to his successors, Sir Cyril Flower and Sir Hilary Jenkinson, who have enabled me to continue it. My debt is equally great to many of my former colleagues in the Public Record Office, and especially I must acknowledge the scholarly and kindly help of the late Mr S. C. Ratcliff, and of Mr H. C. Johnson, Mr R. B. Pugh and Mr N. J. Williams.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE FOOTNOTES

<i>A.P.C.</i>	<i>Acts of the Privy Council of England</i> (H.M.S.O.).
Bacon	<i>The Works of Francis Bacon</i> , ed. Spedding, Ellis and Heath, 1858-69.
B.M.	British Museum.
Bod.	Bodleian Library.
Brooke, <i>A.N.C.</i>	R. Brooke, <i>Ascuns nouvel Cases de les ans & temps le Roy H. 8 Edw. 6 & la Royne Mary</i> , edn. of 1604.
Coke, <i>Reports</i> , Constable.	<i>Reports of Sir Edward Coke</i> , edn. of 1826. <i>Prerogativa Regis, Tertia Lectura Roberti Constable</i> , ed. Samuel E. Thorne.
<i>C.P.R.</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i> (H.M.S.O.).
<i>C.S.P. Dom.</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers, Domestic</i> (H.M.S.O.).
<i>C.S.P. Ven.</i>	<i>State Papers and Manuscripts relating to English affairs, existing in the Archives and Collections of Venice and in other Libraries of Northern Italy</i> (H.M.S.O.).
C.U.	Cambridge University Library.
<i>D.N.B.</i>	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i> .
Dyer, <i>A.N.C.</i>	J. Dyer, <i>Ascuns nouvel cases</i> , edn. of 1585.
<i>E.H.R.</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i> .
<i>Foedera</i>	T. Rymer and R. Sanderson, <i>Foedera</i> , edn. of 1727-35.
<i>H.C.ƒ.</i>	<i>House of Commons Journal</i> .
<i>H.L.ƒ.</i>	<i>House of Lords Journal</i> .
H.M.C.	Historical Manuscripts Commission (H.M.S.O.):
<i>Cowper</i>	<i>Manuscripts of the Earl Cowper</i> .
<i>Downshire</i>	<i>Manuscripts of the Marquess of Downshire</i> .
<i>House of Lords</i>	<i>Manuscripts of the House of Lords</i> .
<i>Portland</i>	<i>Manuscripts of the Duke of Portland</i> .
<i>Rutland</i>	<i>Manuscripts of the Duke of Rutland</i> .
<i>Sackville</i>	<i>Manuscripts of Lord Sackville at Knole</i> .
<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Marquess of Salisbury</i> .
Holdsworth.	W. S. Holdsworth, <i>A History of English Law</i> .
<i>L. & P.</i>	<i>Calendar of Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII</i> (H.M.S.O.).
Ley, <i>Learned Treatise</i> .	James Ley, <i>A Learned Treatise Concerning Wards and Liveries</i> , 1642.

x ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE FOOTNOTES

Ley, <i>Reports</i> ,	James Ley, <i>Reports of Divers Resolutions in Law Arising upon Cases in the Court of Wards etc.</i> , 1659.
<i>N.N.B.</i>	A. Fitzherbert, <i>New Natura Brevium</i> , edn. of 1652.
<i>P.D. 1610.</i>	<i>Parliamentary Debates in 1610</i> , ed. S. R. Gardiner, Camden Soc.
Peck.	F. Peck, <i>Desiderata Curiosa</i> , edn. of 1779.
Powell.	T. Powell, <i>The Attourney's Academy</i> , 1623.
P.R.O.	Public Record Office:
D.L. 5	Duchy of Lancaster, Orders and Decrees.
E. 36	Exchequer, Treasury of the Receipt Miscellaneous Books.
E. 101	Exchequer, Accounts Various.
E. 163	Exchequer, King's Remembrancer Miscellanea.
E. 368	Exchequer, Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, Memoranda Rolls.
Ind.	Index.
K.B. 9	King's Bench, Ancient Indictments.
P.C. 2	Privy Council Registers.
P.R.O. 30	Gifts and Deposits.
S.P. 1	State Papers Domestic, Henry VIII General.
S.P. 12	State Papers Domestic, Elizabeth.
S.P. 14	State Papers Domestic, James I.
S.P. 15	State Papers Domestic, Addenda Edward VI-James I.
S.P. 16	State Papers Domestic, Charles I.
S.P. 29	State Papers Domestic, Charles II.
T. 1	Treasury Board Papers.
Wards 1-16	Court of Wards and Liveries.
<i>Wards Guide</i>	<i>Guide to, and Analytical List of, Court of Wards Miscellanea.</i>
<i>R.C.C.</i>	<i>Report from the Committee appointed to View the Cottonian Library</i> , 1732.
r.g.a.	Receiver-general's account.
Staunford.	W. Staunford, <i>Exposicion of the kinges prerogatiue</i> , edn. of 1567.
Steele.	R. R. Steele, <i>Bibliotheca Lindesiana, a bibliography of royal proclamations.</i>
<i>T.N.T.</i>	Fabian Philipps, <i>Tenenda non Tollenda</i> , 1660.
<i>T.R.H.S.</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society.</i>
<i>V.C.H.</i>	<i>Victoria County History.</i>
West,	William West, <i>First Part of Symboleographie</i> , edn. of 1647.
<i>First Part.</i>	
West,	William West, <i>Second Part of Symboleographie</i> , edn. of 1641.
<i>Second Part.</i>	