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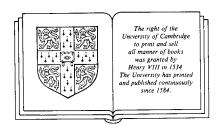
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Throughout the volume a system of cross-references has been used to signal and locate passages for comparison. These are in the form of an abbreviation followed by a page number, inside pointed brackets:  $\langle \text{Cv/129} \rangle$  refers to the text of Castelvetro on p. 129 of this volume. In the case of Horace's *The Art of Poetry* the line number follows the page number:  $\langle \text{Hr/69:180} \rangle$ . The abbreviations used are:

Ar	Aristotle	Ig	Ingegneri
Cd	On Le Cid	In	Introduction (chapter 1)
Cg	Congreve	Jn	Jonson
Cn	Corneille	Lp	Lope de Vega
Cv	Castelvetro	Nh	Torres Naharro
Db	d'Aubignac	Od	Oddi
Dd	Dryden	Pl	Plato
Dn	Donatus	Rb	Robortello
Ed	Edwards	Rc	Racine
Gd	Giraldi	Rm	Rymer
Gm	Giacomini	Se	Saint-Evremond
Gu	Guarini	Sg	Scaliger
Gz	Grazzini	Sy	Sidney
Hr	Horace	Tm	Tirso de Molina
Hw	Heywood	Wh	Whetstone

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