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## PREFACE

The generous reception extended to the first two volumes of my collected papers has encouraged me to add a third, covering the productions of the last eight years. Once again the work has been sufficiently concentrated – or, as some may say, narrow – to suggest a sufficient degree of coherence in these papers, with the exception of the last, a confession of my professional faith which may help to explain the quirks of the rest. I have tried to put the papers into some sort of order, collecting two sets under general titles and arranging the remainder by subject matter rather than by year date. In editing the material I have followed the principles set out in the Preface to volume one. The text has been left untouched, even where I now know that I was in error, but notes in square brackets have been added to record repentance. I have added a small selection of reviews, chosen because they either elaborate or offer grounds for some of the views and conclusions embodied in the papers; they are arranged in rough chronological order of subjects.

In 1973 I hoped that the willingness of the Cambridge University Press to bring out the collection would not come to be thought of as quixotic. To my relief and theirs, that hope turned out to be not unjustified. Times have changed, and the world of books stands in an even worse crisis. To repeat that earlier hope would very likely bring down the whirligig's revenges, but the darkness of the day moves me to an even deeper gratitude for the Press's continued support.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>APC</i>	<i>Acts of the Privy Council</i>
<i>BIHR</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
BL	British Library
<i>CJ</i>	<i>Journal of the House of Commons</i>
CS	Camden Series
CUL	Cambridge University Library
<i>DNB</i>	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
HLRO	House of Lords Record Office
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Journal of the House of Lords</i>
<i>LP</i>	<i>Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII</i> , ed. J.S. Brewer, J. Gairdner, R.H. Brodie, 21 vols. (1862–1932)
Merriman	<i>The Life and Letters of Thomas Cromwell</i> , ed. R.B. Merriman, 2 vols. (Oxford, 1902)
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<i>PP</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
PRO	Public Record Office
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<i>RP</i>	<i>Rotuli Parliamentorum ut et Peticiones et Placita in Parlamento</i> , 6 vols. (n.d.)
<i>SR</i>	<i>Statutes of the Realm</i> , 11 vols. (1810–28)
<i>STC</i>	<i>A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed . . . 1475–1640</i> (1924; new edn 1976–)
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>TRP</i>	<i>Tudor Royal Proclamations</i> , ed. P.L. Hughes and J.F. Larkin, 3 vols. (New Haven, 1964, 1969)
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