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ABBREVIATIONS

Allen	<i>Opus Epistolarum Desiderii Erasmi Roterodami</i> , ed. P. S. Allen et al. 12 vols. (Oxford, 1906-58)
APC	<i>Acts of the Privy Council of England</i> , ed. J. R. Dasent
BIHR	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
BM	British Museum
CHJ	<i>Cambridge Historical Journal</i>
CPR	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
HJ	<i>The Historical Journal</i>
LJ	<i>Journal of the House of Lords</i>
LP	<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)
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