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Abbreviations

AC	Cimber, Danjou, ed., <i>Archives curieuses de l'histoire de France</i> , série I, vol. X (Paris 1836)
AESC	<i>Annales ESC</i>
AN	Archives Nationales, Paris
AÖG	<i>Archiv für Österreichische Geschichte</i>
AVA	Österreichisches Staatsarchiv: Allgemeines Verwaltungarchiv, Vienna
BI	Bibliothèque de l'Institut, Paris
BM	Bibliothèque Mazarine, Paris
BN	Bibliothèque Nationale de France; MS f: manuscrits français; naf: nouvelles acquisitions françaises; clair: Clairambault
DAR	<i>Dictionnaire de l'Ancien Régime</i> , ed. Lucien Bély (Paris 1996)
DGS	<i>Dictionnaire du Grand Siècle</i> , ed. François Bluche (Paris 1990)
FHS	<i>French Historical Studies</i>
FH	<i>French History</i>
JMH	<i>Journal of Modern History</i>
HHSStA	Österreichisches Staatsarchiv: Haus- Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna. ÄZA: Ältere Zeremonialakten; OMaA: Oberstmarschallamt; OMeA: Obersthofmeisteramt; OMeA Prot: Protokoll in Hofparteisachen; ZA Prot: Zeremonialprotokolle.
HKA	Hofkammerarchiv, Vienna; HZAB: Hofzahlamtsbücher.
LMA	<i>Lexikon des Mittelalters</i>
MIÖG	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung</i>
MRK	<i>Mitteilungen der Residenzenkommission der Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen</i>
MÖStA	<i>Mitteilungen des Österreichischen Staatsarchivs</i>
ÖNB	Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Vienna
ÖZV	Fellner, Thomas and Kretschmayr, Heinrich, eds., <i>Die österreichische Zentralverwaltung</i> , I, 3 vols. (Vienna 1907)
WRGB	<i>Wiener Geschichtsblätter</i>

