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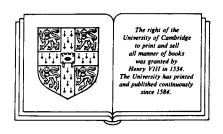
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To the memory of my parents. I.D.W.



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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

APS Acts of the Parliament of Scotland

CSP Calendar of state papers

Edin. Recs. Extracts from the records of the burgh of Edinburgh

GRO General Register Office

NLS National Library of Scotland

NSA New statistical account of Scotland

OSA Old statistical account of Scotland

PP Parliamentary papers

RPC Register of the privy council of Scotland

SRO Scottish Record Office

SBRS Scottish burgh record society miscellany