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### *Note on the Text*

Original spelling, punctuation, and capitalisation have been retained in all quotations, except that the use of *i* and *j*, *u* and *v* has been modernised. Standard contractions and abbreviations have been silently expanded and superscript characters silently lowered. All dates given in this book are given in the Old Style (Julian Calendar), but with the year taken to begin on 1 January rather than 25 March.

## *Abbreviations*

ALA	Angus Library and Archive
BL	British Library
Bod.	Bodleian Library
BRO	Berkshire Record Office
CA	Cambridgeshire Archives
CALS	Cheshire Archives and Local Studies
CHC	Coventry History Centre
CUL	Cambridge University Library
DALS	Devonshire Archives and Local Studies
DWL	Dr Williams's Library
ERO	Essex Record Office
Friends' Lib.	Library of the Society of Friends
GA	Gloucestershire Archives
HA	Huntingdonshire Archives
HeA	Hertfordshire Archives
HHC	Hull History Centre
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