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ABBREVIATIONS

a	acres
<i>AgHR</i>	<i>Agricultural History Review</i>
BL	The British Library
<i>CIPM</i>	<i>Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem</i>
<i>CCR</i>	<i>Calendar of Close Rolls</i>
Cratfield PPs	W. Holland (ed.), J.J. Raven (intro.), <i>Cratfield: a Transcript of the Accounts of the Parish, from AD 1490 to AD 1642, with Notes</i> (London, 1895)
CUL	Cambridge University Library
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
EDR	Ely Diocesan Records
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
ERO	Essex Record Office
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
KCAR	King's College Archives Records
NRO	Norfolk Record Office
<i>ODNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
SA	Shropshire Archives
SAI	Suffolk Archives, Ipswich Branch
SR	<i>Statutes of the Realm</i> , 11 vols. (London, 1810–28).
TNA	The National Archives
UoCL, SCRC	University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Centre
<i>VCH Cambs.</i>	L.F. Salzman et al. (eds.), <i>The Victoria History of the County of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely</i> , 10 vols. (London, 1938–2002)
<i>VCH Dorset</i>	W. Page et al. (eds.), <i>A History of the County of Dorset</i> , 2 vols. (London, 1908–68)
WCM	Winchester College Muniments

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