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BI. British Library, London Bodl. Bodleian Library, Oxford Journals of the House of Commons CI**CSPD** Calendar of State Papers, Domestic **CUL** University Library, Cambridge

Mark Goldie et al., eds., The Entring Book of Roger Morrice ER(6 vols., Woodbridge, 2007). Cited by original volume and

page number.

**HMC** Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts

**LEP** Richard Hooker, The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity. Cited by

book, chapter, and paragraph, with page references to the Folger Library Edition of the Works of Richard Hooker, ed. W. Speed Hill (7 vols., Cambridge, MA, 1977-98) in

parentheses.

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**ODNB** H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Howard Harrison, eds.,

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (61 vols., Oxford,

2004)

SP State Papers

TNA The National Archives, Kew, London





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