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## PREFACE

This volume grew out of my doctoral thesis examining parliamentary allegiance in Yorkshire during the first civil war. The Hotham family archive proved to be a particularly rich primary source for this work, but the prominent role of the Hothams in empowering and then sabotaging the parliamentary war effort demands wider recognition. It is hoped that publishing their papers will restore the Hothams within their local context and secure their place in the national narrative of the outbreak of civil war. Highlighting the Hothams' kinship networks, their military resources, and their place within the parliamentary coalition, this project combines all of their known papers, scattered across numerous archives, into one accessible volume. At the core of their family archive at Hull are the papers for Sir John Hotham's defence at his trial. Many of these are copies of the original letters, held by the Bodleian Library, that appear to have formed the papers for his prosecution. The neat handwriting of both Hothams has aided transcription but several of the trial papers in the family archive are frustratingly damaged and fragmented. Painstaking effort has been made with the palaeography but the full meaning of several items remains obscure.

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publish transcriptions of their material relating to the Hothams. I am particularly grateful to Judy Burg and Kate Boyce, archivists of the University of Hull, who have been extremely helpful in arranging access to the family collection at the difficult time when the university archive was being transferred to the new Hull History Centre. I am thankful to Evelyn Cornell at the University of Leicester's library for access to the Fairclough Collection of portrait prints, and also to Harry Buglass of the University of Birmingham for illustrating the Hotham family tree and for the map of the East Riding. I would like to thank the University of Leicester's 'new blood' lectureship scheme for allowing me the relief from teaching and the travel expenses to complete this work. None of this would have been possible without the kind permission of Henry Durand Hotham, 8th Lord Hotham, and his son, the Hon. William Beaumont Hotham, the current owners of the Hotham papers.

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Add. MS	Additional Manuscripts
BL	British Library, London
Bodl.	Bodleian Library, University of Oxford
<i>CJ</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Commons</i>
<i>CSPD</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers Domestic</i>
ERRO	East Riding Record Office, Treasure House, Beverley
Greaves and Zaller	R.L. Greaves and R. Zaller (eds), <i>Biographical Dictionary of British Radicals in the Seventeenth Century</i> , 3 vols (Brighton, 1984)
HHC: C	Hull History Centre: City of Hull Corporation Archives
HHC: U	Hull History Centre: Hull University Archives
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>Lj</i>	<i>Journals of the House of Lords</i>
<i>ODNB</i>	H.C.G. Matthew and Brian Harrison (eds), <i>The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 60 vols (Oxford, 2004)
<i>OED</i>	J.A. Simpson and E.S.C. Weiner (eds), <i>The Oxford English Dictionary</i> , 20 vols (2nd edn, Oxford, 1989)
SP	State Papers
<i>TERAS</i>	<i>Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society</i>
TNA	The National Archives, Kew, Surrey
TT	Thomason Tract
<i>VCH</i>	<i>Victoria County History</i>
<i>YAJ</i>	<i>Yorkshire Archaeological Journal</i>
YASRS	Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Record Series
YML, CWT	York Minster Library, Civil War Tract