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## Abbreviations

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AAE	Archives du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
<i>ADB</i>	<i>Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie</i>
AN	Archives nationales
AVPRI	Arkhiv vneshnei politiki Rossiiskoi imperii
ÄZA	Ältere Zeremonialacten
BA	Bibliothèque de l’Arsenal
BM	Bibliothèque Mazarine
BnF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
Bodl. Libr.	Bodleian Library
CP	Correspondance politique
d.	<i>delo</i> (file)
fol(s).	folio(s)
f.	<i>fond</i> (collection)
HHStA	Haus- Hof- und Staatsarchiv
<i>IPO</i>	<i>Instrumentum Pacis Osnabrugensis</i>
l., ll.	<i>list, listy</i> (folio, folios)
MD	Mémoires et documents
NS	New Style (Gregorian Calendar)
ob	<i>oborot</i> (verso)
op.	<i>opis’</i> (inventory)
OS	Old Style (Julian Calendar)
otd.	<i>otdel</i> (section)
<i>PDS</i>	<i>Pamiatniki diplomaticheskikh snoshenii drevnei Rossii s derzhavami inostrannymi</i>
<i>PiB</i>	<i>Pis’ma i bumagi imperatora Petra Velikogo</i>
<i>PSZRI</i>	<i>Polnoe sobranie zakonov Rossiiskoi imperii</i>
RGADA	Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi arkhiv drevnikh aktov
rubr.	rubric
<i>SIRIO</i>	<i>Sbornik Imperatorskogo Russkogo istoricheskogo obshchestva</i>
SP	State Papers
TNA	The National Archives
v	verso
ZA Prot	Zeremonialprotokolle