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ASF	Archivio di Stato di Firenze
ASMn, AG	Archivio di Stato di Mantova, Archivio Gonzaga
ASV	Archivio Segreto Vaticano
ASVe	Archivio di Stato di Venezia
BAV	Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
BNF	Bibliothèque Nationale de France
BL	British Library
F. Contarini	Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, Codices Italiani VII 802 (=8219)
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<i>CSP Sp</i>	<i>Calendar of Letters, Despatches and State Papers relating to the negotiations between England and Spain</i>
<i>DBI</i>	<i>Dizionario biografico degli italiani</i>
<i>DNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>L&P</i>	<i>Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII</i>
<i>St P</i>	<i>State Papers published under the authority of Her Majesty's Commission: King Henry the Eighth</i>
TNA	The National Archives
b.	busta
c.	carta (leaf)
fol.	folio

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