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ECCO  Eighteenth Century Collections Online
EEBO  Early English Books Online
OED  Oxford English Dictionary
RECM  Records of English Court Music, calendared and edited by Andrew Ashbee, 9 vols. (Snodland and Aldershot, 1986–96)
RISM  Répertoire international des sources musicales
TNA  The National Archives

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BAJ  British Art Journal
EHR  English Historical Review
ELH  English Literary History
EM  Early Music
EMH  Early Music History
GSJ  Galpin Society Journal
JAMIS  Journal of the American Musical Instrument Society
JAMS  Journal of the American Musicological Society
JLSA  Journal of the Lute Society of America
JRMA  Journal of the Royal Musical Association
LSJ  Lute Society Journal
M&L  Music and Letters

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