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ABBREVIATIONS

Annales	Wilhelmi Wyrcester Annales Rerum Anglicarum, in
	Letters and Papers Illustrative of the Wars of the Roses,
	vol. 2, pt. 2, J. Stevenson (ed.)
Arrivall	The History of the Arrivall of King Edward IV A.D. 1471 in
	Three Chronicles of the Reign of Edward IV, K. Dockray (ed.)
BHIR	Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research
BJRL	Bulletin of the John Rylands Library
CCR	Calendar of Close Rolls
CFR	Calendar of Fine Rolls
CPR	Calendar of Patent Rolls
Crowland	Crowland Chronicle Continuations, N. Pronay, (ed.)
	Ingulph's Chronicle of the Abbey of Croyland, H. Riley (ed.)
DNB	Dictionary of National Biography
EHL	English Historical Literature, C.L. Kingsford (ed.)
Flenley/Bale	Six Town Chronicles of England, R. Flenley (ed.)
Flenley/Gough	
Flenley/Rawlinson	
Gregory's Chronicl	e Historical Collections of a Citizen of London, J. Gairdner (ed.)
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
John Vale's Book	The Politics of Fifteenth Century England, M.L. Kekewich (ed.)
JMH	Journal of Medieval History
London Chronicle	The Chronicles of London, C.L. Kingsford (ed.)
Milanese Papers	Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts existing in the
	Archives and Collections of Milan, A.B. Hinds (ed.)
PL, Davis	Paston Letters, Norman Davis (ed.)
PL, Gairdner	Paston Letters, James Gairdner (ed.)
PPC	Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council H. Nicolas (ed.)
PRO	Public Record Office
RP	Rotuli Parliamentorum
Stevenson	Letters and Papers Illustrative of the Wars of the English in
	France, J. Stevenson (ed.)
Three Chronicles/B	rief Latin Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, J. Gairdner (ed.)
Three Chronicles/B	
Three Chronicles/Sh	
Warkworth	A Chronicle of the First Thirteen Years of the Reign of
	Edward IV by John Warkworth, J.O. Halliwell, (ed.)