

## NOTE ON THE EDITING OF THE MANUSCRIPTS

In editing the manuscripts, the recommendations of the Report on Editing Historical Documents in the *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, i (1925), 6-25, have been borne in mind. The spelling of the MSS. has been retained, but the initial ff has been rendered F or f, as the sense required, and abbreviations the meaning of which is undoubted have been extended, except that common abbreviations used for money, weights and measures have been retained. Figures, numerals and the abbreviations for quarter and farthing, however, have been standardized; quarter appears as *qtr.* and farthing as *quaz.* Abbreviations of which the meaning is in the least uncertain have been extended and the extensions placed between square brackets. Capitals and punctuation have been modernized and the text as far as possible paragraphed, to make for easier reading and printing. Where bracketing in the accounts has extended over more than one sub-heading's entry for the purpose of summing, the extent of the bracketing has been indicated by the insertion in italics of capital letters against the first and last figures and of the word 'Total' at the end. All editorial insertions appear in square brackets and in italics; textual notes are indicated by superior small letters and editorial notes by superior small numerals. The annotations do not, as a rule, include elucidations which are given in the Glossary or Index. The physical appearance of the MSS. is illustrated by the plates and described in Section II of the Introduction; 'Aln. MSS.' refers to the Duke of Northumberland's Alnwick Castle MSS., 'Syon MSS.' to his Grace's Syon House MSS., and 'S.H.MSS.' to those of his Grace's Syon House MSS. which are now at Alnwick Castle, Northumberland. The reference 'MSS.' indicates that more than one document is contained in the box or volume bearing the number quoted.