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He declared that 'the sergemakers are rebelling'.

He made his report. 'The sergemakers are rebelling.'

He stated that 'Mr Ovington told me, "the sergemakers will rebel", but I did not believe him'.

Use square brackets for editorial interpolations within quoted matter.

### Spelling

Follow British English rather than American English (e.g. defence, labour, programme, sceptical). Note the following preferences:

-ize	inquiry judgement
-tion	medieval premise
acknowledgement	reflection regime
appendixes	(no accent) role
connection	(no accent)
dispatch elite (no accent) focused	

Note especially the use of -ize not -ise, as in criticize, emphasize, organize.

### Titles cited in the text

Titles of books should be italicized; do not use inverted commas. Use inverted commas and roman type if naming a part of a book or an individual chapter. E.g. 'This point is strongly made in the fourth chapter, 'Of sincerity', in Maxim Pirandello's *Princely government* (1582).'

### Foreign words and phrases

Foreign words and phrases should be italicized, except when they are naturalized, i.e. have become normalized in English usage. E.g. *phronesis*, *ius naturale*, status quo, ex officio. Some words that are naturalized may nonetheless still carry accents, if it affects pronunciation, e.g. protégé, whereas ‘regime’ and ‘role’ have lost their accents. Short foreign phrases that are italicized should not also carry inverted commas. Longer foreign passages should be treated as quotations, i.e. should be in roman with quotation marks. Avoid using too much untranslated foreign material: many readers will not have a reading knowledge of foreign languages.

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Spell out all numbers up to ninety-nine, except when used in groups or in statistical discussion, e.g. ‘75 voted for, 39 against, and 30 abstained’. Precise measurements should be in figures (£3.54, 7 stone, 23.4 mm). Percentages should be in figures, with the words ‘per cent’ spelt out (25 per cent). Thousands take a comma: ‘5,000’. Note the use of elisions: 156–9 (except that teens are not fully elided: 115–16).

### Punctuation

Use the *serial comma*: ‘red, white, and blue’ not ‘red, white and blue’. The addition of a *possessive* ’s following a name ending in -s is preferred (e.g. Dickens’s not Dickens’), except that people in the ancient world do not carry the possessive final ‘s, e.g. Sophocles’, Jesus’. Note that plainly parenthetical clauses or phrases require commas both before and after them; authors in doubt about comma placement in these and other cases are advised to consult *Fowler’s English Modern Usage*. Round (not square) brackets should be used for brackets within brackets. Square brackets should be reserved for editorial interpolation within quoted matter. Spaced en rules ( – ) should be used for parenthetical dashes. Closed-up en rules should be used between numbers, e.g. 156–9, 115–16, 1834–5, 1816–17.

### Dates

12 December 1970 (no comma) in the text (not December 12th, 1970). Elisions: 1834–5, 1816–17, except that in article headings and in citing titles of books and articles use 1834–1835, i.e. without elision. Place a comma before dates when citing titles of books and articles: *A history of Hungary, 1810–1890*. Decades: 1850s *not* 1850’s. ‘Sixteenth century’ (noun, without hyphen); ‘sixteenth-century’ (adjective, with hyphen). ‘From 1785 to 1789’, *not* ‘from 1785–9’; likewise ‘between 1785 and 1789’, *not* ‘between 1785–9’.

In footnotes use the standard abbreviations for months: Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

### Abbreviations

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### Capitalization

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Use lower case for titles of books and articles (except for the initial letter), but not for journals and newspapers, where each significant word carries a capital. E.g. ‘In his book *The making of peace* he argued in favour; but, writing in *The Sheffield Gazette*, he declared that ...’ Note that newspapers include the definite article in their titles when cited in the text, e.g. *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Lancet*; but without the definite article in footnotes, e.g. *Guardian*, 14 Aug. 1964, p. 8.

Use lower case for titular offices: the king, sultan, monarch, pope, lord mayor, prime minister, foreign secretary, bishop of Durham, chiefs of staff, duke of Portland. *But* upper case to avoid ambiguity (the Speaker, the British Resident).

Use upper case in personal titles only when they immediately preface names (Pope John, King William, Duke Richard, Viscount Andover, Bishop Outhwaite). E.g. ‘The earl of Lovelace conveyed the king’s command to the bishops ordering them to refrain from preaching, but Bishop Outhwaite was not dissuaded.’

In general, use lower case for institutions, government agencies, etc.: the cabinet, privy council, royal commission, select committee, member of parliament (but MP), the opposition. *But* upper case to avoid ambiguity or where convention insists: the Bank of England, King’s Bench, the Inner Temple, the House of Commons.

Political parties carry lower case unless there is ambiguity or other good reason: whig, tory, the Conservative government, the Liberal party.

Use lower case for historical systems, periods, events, and religions, wherever possible: Washington treaty, the British empire, home rule, the commonwealth, puritans. *But* use upper case to avoid ambiguity or where convention insists: the Congress of Vienna, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the First World War, the French Revolution, the Third Republic, the Second Empire, the Union; Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish, Wesleyan, Quaker.

Note that words derived from names of persons take upper case: Jesuit, Calvinism, Bonapartist, Marxism.

Use lower case for official publications (e.g. the report of the select committee on agriculture, a bill, an act, the act, the bill), except for the names of specific items (e.g. the Stamp Act).

### Examples:

an act	foreign secretary
Anglican, Baptists	great council
battle of Waterloo	high church
bishop of Durham, Bishop Tenison	houses of parliament
British empire	king
cabinet	King's Bench
chiefs of staff	Kirk
the church	Labour opposition
the Commons	lord mayor
commonwealth	member of parliament
Congregational	Methodists
continent	middle ages
council of state	ministry of defence
crown	nonconformists
deist	nonjuror
dissenter	papacy, papists
duke of Portland, Duke William	parliament, parliamentarians
evangelical	popery, popish
First World War	Presbyterian
prime minister	tory
privy council	Trinitarian
Prussian Diet	the Union
puritan	Unitarian
Seven Years' War	Washington treaty
the state	whig

### Hyphens

Hyphenate compound adjectives and adverbs that precede a noun (eighteenth-century architecture, slow-sailing vessel, well-made books) except for compounds with adverbs ending in -ly (expertly written books).

### Footnotes

Notes are referred to here as footnotes and will be printed as such, but should be presented as double-spaced endnotes in the final version of the typescript. In the text, footnote indicators should come after and not before punctuation and be in the form of superscript numerals, without brackets. Keep notes brief. They are primarily for the citation of sources and should only very rarely be used to provide additional commentary or information.

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- Cardwell to Russell, 3 Nov. 1865, London, The National Archives (TNA), Russell papers, 30/22/156, fo. 23.
- John Morley, *The life of William Ewart Gladstone* (2 vols., London, 1988), II, pp. 121–34.
- M. Cowling, *1867: Disraeli, Gladstone and revolution: the passing of the second Reform Bill* (Cambridge, 1967), pp. 41–5, 140–7.
- David Harris Sacks, *The widening gate: Bristol and the Atlantic economy, 1450–1700* (Berkeley and Los Angeles, CA, 1991), pp. 54ff.
- Sverre Bagge, ‘The individual in medieval historiography’, in Janet Coleman, ed., *The individual in political theory and practice* (Oxford, 1996), p. 45.
- C. M. Williams, ‘The political career of Henry Marten’ (D.Phil. thesis, Oxford, 1954), ch. 6, *passim*.
- W. G. Hynes, ‘British mercantile attitudes towards imperial expansion’, *Historical Journal*, 19 (1976), pp. 969–76.
- Edmund Ludlow, *A voyce from the watch tower*, ed. A. B. Worden (Camden Fourth Series, vol. 21, London, 1978).

Note the following points:

- lower case in titles (except for journals and newspapers) lower case for ‘bk’, ‘ch.’.
- place of publication but not publisher; US place names to be followed by abbreviated state names, in the form CA, MA, NY, etc.
- authors’ forenames or initials as they appear in the original (though it is permissible to reduce all forenames to initials)
- ‘p.’ or ‘pp.’ are always used before page references
- a space follows ‘p.’ and ‘pp.’
- volume but not issue number of journals given (except that for pre-twentieth century journals it is often necessary to provide issue numbers)
- volume numbers of journals in arabic not roman numerals
- volume numbers for multi-volume books in roman capitals
- subtitles separated by colons
- dates in titles of books and articles separated by commas
- elision of page numbers
- ‘ed.’ and ‘eds.’ not ‘(ed.)’ and ‘(eds.)’
- editors’ names come before and not after a book title, except where the book carries an author’s name, in the case of memoirs, autobiographies, etc.
- ‘ch.’ not ‘chap.’
- a space follows initials of names

supply full page ranges for articles in journals  
anglicize foreign places of publication, e.g. Cologne rather than  
Köln.

Note also:

Where a quotation or particular fact needs referencing, and the work in question is a journal article needing the full page range at a first citation, then use the following form: Phyllis Deutsch, 'Moral trespass in Georgian London', *Historical Journal*, 39 (1996), pp. 637–56, at p. 642.

Be especially careful in citing multi-volume works. Avoid ambiguity about whether the date given is the date of a particular volume or of the whole series. Use the form: E. S. de Beer, ed., *The Correspondence of John Locke* (8 vols., Oxford, 1976–89), V, p. 54. Multi-volume works occur in so many different guises – e.g. general editors and volume editors, series titles and individual volume titles – that it is not possible to prescribe a universal form of citation; the priorities should be swift direction of the reader to the correct volume and the avoidance of ambiguity.

Even where an historian's name is given in the text, it should be repeated in the footnote citation, i.e. do not leave a footnote citation bereft of an author. In a series of citations within a single footnote, items should generally be separated by a semi-colon rather than a point.

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The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* should be cited in this form:  
Julian Hoppit, 'King, Gregory (1648–1712)', *ODNB*.

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For example:

BN n.a.fr. 20628 (Thiers Papers), fo. 279

TNA, Russell papers, 30/22/156, fo. 41.

Morley, *Gladstone*, II, pp. 147ff.

Cowling, *1867*, p. 91.

*Ibid.*, p. 108.

Hynes, 'Mercantile attitudes', pp. 971–4; Sacks, *Widening gate*, p. 19.

### Abbreviations in footnotes

Note the following common abbreviations used in citations of source materials in footnotes (see also under Latin abbreviations below):

ed. or eds. = editor(s)

edn = edition

ff = the following pages, e.g. pp. 54ff (but pp. 54–5 for one page following)

fo. or fos. = folio(s)

MS or MSS = manuscript(s)

p. or pp. = page(s)

qu. = quoted

r = recto (the front side of a foliated manuscript leaf)

sig. = signature number, where there is no pagination in an early modern book

trans. = translation, or translator

v = verso (the reverse side of a foliated manuscript leaf)

vol. or vols. = volume(s)

### Latin abbreviations

Only three may be used (and none is italicized).

- a. *Ibid.* This is used to denote a repetition of the immediately preceding item, where only a different page (or volume) number needs to be recorded. Do not use if the preceding footnote contains two or more references because of the ambiguity.
- b. *Idem.* This is used to denote a repetition of the immediately preceding author's name, where only a different book or article title (and page references) needs to be recorded.
- c. *Passim.* This is used to denote that a topic is referred to periodically throughout the source cited.

Do not use 'op. cit.', 'loc. cit.', 'infra', or 'cf.'

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