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INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended as a companion to *British government publications*, which is available in electronic form at the following URL:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/services/library/publications/guides/govpubs.htm>

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British government publications provides a short and discursive introduction to the organisation of British government publications after 1921, and to their arrangement in the Library, while *British government publications for the historian* treats of British government publications before that date, providing a list of the Library's holdings of the publications themselves and their relevant indexes. A terminal date of 1921 has been chosen for this guide as it was then that British government publications were divided into what have become known subsequently as Parliamentary publications and Non-parliamentary publications, the first group including the sessional papers (the papers presented to Parliament for discussion, the records of what is said and done there, and the final legislation); and the second group including all documents produced by government departments not specifically for use in the parliamentary context.

Abbreviations

EEBO	<i>Early English Books Online</i> , an online database which is available from the <i>Metalib – Access to Databases page</i> of the Library's webpages
JBML	J. B. Morrell Library
JBML NR	J. B. Morrell Library. North Room
RBL	Raymond Burton Library

GUIDES AND INDEXES

Introductory guides

Bibliography of English history to 1485 ... ed. by E. B. Graves (Oxford, 1975). Library location: RBL Q 42.0016 GRA
pp. 503-524. Parliament.

Bibliography of British history: Tudor period, 1485-1603 ... ed. by C. Read. 2nd ed. (Oxford, 1959).
Library location: RBL Q 42.05 BIB
pp. 88-96. Parliament.

Bibliography of British history: Stuart period, 1603-1714 ... ed. by M. F. Keeler. 2nd ed. (Oxford, 1970).
Library location: RBL Q 42.06 BIB
pp. 111-131. Parliament.

Bibliography of British history: the eighteenth century, 1714-1789 ... ed. by S. Pargellis and D. J. Medley (Oxford, 1951). Library location: RBL Q 42.07 BIB
pp. 55-65. Parliament.

Bibliography of British history, 1789-1851 ... ed. by L. M. Brown and I. R. Christie (Oxford, 1977).
Library location: RBL Q 42.07 BIB
pp. 62-70. Parliament.

A bibliography of British history, 1851-1914 ... comp. and ed. by H. J. Hanham (Oxford, 1976). Library location: RBL Q 42.081 BIB
pp. 5-6. Bibliographies and other reference books: official publications; pp. 50-60. Parliament.

A bibliography of British history, 1914-1989; comp. and ed. by Keith Robbins (Oxford, 1996). Library location: RBL Q 42.082 BIB
p. 5. Official publications; pp. 14-18. Parliament.

Bond, M. F. *Guide to the records of Parliament* (London, 1971). Library location: JBML Ref. H 8.4204 BON

Ford, P. and G. *A guide to parliamentary papers: what they are, how to find them, how to use them*; 3rd ed. (Shannon, 1972). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

House of Commons Information Office Fact Sheets.
Procedure series, no. 12. *House of Commons Papers*.
Procedure series, no. 13. *Command Papers*.
Legislation series, no. 12. *Tracing Acts of Parliament*.

‘House of Commons Information Office Factsheets provide brief informative descriptions of various facets of the House of Commons’, and are available, along with many other useful guides, at the following URL:

Ollé, J. G. *An introduction to British government publications*; 2nd ed. (London, 1973). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Pemberton, J. E. *British official publications*; 2nd ed. (Oxford, 1973). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Rodgers, F. *A guide to British government publications* (New York, 1980). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Sessional papers: official indexes

Catalogue of papers printed by order of the House of Commons from the year 1731 to 1800 (London, 1807). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Catalogue of the bills, reports from committees, and accounts and papers collected by Speaker Abbot in the early nineteenth century.

Hansard's catalogue and breviare of parliamentary papers, 1696-1834 (London, 1834; repr. Oxford, 1953). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A general index to the reports from committees of the House of Commons, 1715-1801; forming the series of fifteen volumes of reports ([London], 1806; repr. Bishops Stortford, 1973). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

It also has a list of those committee reports inserted in the Journals.

General index to accounts & papers : printed by order of the House of Commons and to the papers of command 1801 - 1852 (London, 1854; repr. Shannon, 1969). 3 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The three volumes cover Bills; Reports of Select Committees; Accounts and Papers, Reports of Commissioners, Estimates, etc. They are numbered 2, 3, and 5 respectively in the I.U.P. General Index series.

General index to the bills, reports, estimates, accounts and papers printed by order of the House of Commons ... 1852-[1899] (London, 1870-1904; repr. Shannon, 1969). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Reprinted by I.U.P. as General Index volumes 4, 6, 7, and 8.

General index to the bills, reports and papers printed by order of the House of Commons ... 1900 to 1948-49 (London, 1960). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A general index to the sessional papers printed by order of the House of Lords ... 1801 to (1884-5) etc. (London, 1859-1890; repr. New York, 1976). 3 vols. [in 4]. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The volume covering the years 1801-59, reprinted by Oceana Publications in 1976, also contains a checklist of House of Lords sessional papers, 1801-1859; supplementary index entries; and a reel guide to the Oceana microfilm edition.

The last volume of the sessional papers for each parliamentary session contains an index. For instance, that in the 1865 session—1865 (466) lviii, 1—has this title-page, which reflects its contents: *List of the bills, reports, estimates, and accounts and papers, printed by order of the House of Commons, and of the papers presented by Command, session 1865; with a general alphabetical index thereto*. The level of indexing in these volumes is clearly greater than that to be found in the official indexes listed above. Later index volumes also contain tables and indexes to the Public General Acts passed in the particular session.

Sessional papers: non-official indexes

BOPCRIS (British Official Publications Collaborative Reader Information Service)

URL: <http://www.bopcris.ac.uk/> <15 September 2006>

‘BOPCRIS (British Official Publications Collaborative Reader Information Service) aims to save researchers wasting valuable research time and effort finding relevant British Official Publications over the period 1688-1995 by providing a Web-based bibliographic database which enables them, from their own desktops, to search and browse for relevant documents without having to visit libraries to consult hard-copy reference tools, or needing to seek assistance from reference librarians; read abstracts, and view detailed consistent subject indexing, of key documents so they can assess whether they need to see the full document or not; find out the nearest location of relevant documents if they decide they need them; read the digitised full-text version of a limited number of documents.’

Lambert, S. *List of House of Commons sessional papers, 1701-50* (London, 1968). List and Index Society. Special series, 1. Library location: RBL. Reference journal Q

An invaluable list arranged in sessional order. Full information on the locations of items in the Journals, Abbot Collection, etc.

Lambert, S. *House of Commons sessional papers of the eighteenth century* (Delaware, 1975-1976). 2 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

An introduction to, and list of, the sessional papers in the Scholarly Resources 145-volume set covering the period 1715-1800 including also locations in the Abbot Collection.

Cockton, P. *Subject catalogue of the House of Commons parliamentary papers, 1801-1900* (London, 1988). 5 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The only subject classification of the whole of the nineteenth-century parliamentary papers and intended for use with the Chadwyck-Healey microfiche edition which the Library has for the years 1731-1961/2.

Checklist of British Parliamentary papers in the Irish University Press 1000-volume series, 1801-1899 (Shannon, 1972). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The checklist, which is meant to be used in conjunction with the original General indexes, is divided into three sections:

1. A chronological list of all the papers reprinted by I.U.P., with their locations in the 1000-volume set.
2. An alphabetical subject list of these papers.
3. An index to chairmen of committees and authors of individual reports and papers.

Commentaries on British Parliamentary papers: description of various aspects of nineteenth-century government and society, based on the papers reprinted by I.U.P. in the 1000-volume series. Library locations: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Bagwell, P.S. *Industrial relations* (Dublin, 1974).

Cromwell, V., and others. *Aspects of government in nineteenth century Britain* (Dublin, 1978).

Cornish, W.R., and others. *Crime and law in nineteenth century Britain* (Dublin, 1978).

Glass, D.V. and Taylor, P.A.M. *Population and emigration* (Dublin, 1976).

Steeds, D. and Nish, I. *China, Japan and 19th century Britain* (Dublin, 1977).

Sutherland, G., and others. *Education* (Dublin, 1977).

There are also copies of these commentaries available for loan, the Library locations of which can be found from the Online Catalogue.

Index to British Parliamentary papers. Library locations: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

These index the papers in the respective subseries of the I.U.P. 1000-volume series in very great detail, giving the location there and the original citation.

Australia and New Zealand, 1800-1899 (Dublin, 1974). 2 vols.

Canada and Canadian boundary, 1800-1899 (Dublin, 1974).

Children's employment (Dublin, 1973).

Sessional papers: breviates and select list

A series, compiled by P. and G. Ford, parallels the official indexes. The breviates contain abstracts of reports and other material issued by committees and commissions inquiring into economic, social and constitutional questions, but are not comprehensive. The *Select list* does not contain summaries.

Select list of British parliamentary papers, 1833-1899 (Oxford, 1953). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A breviare of parliamentary papers, 1900-1916, etc. (Oxford, 1957). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A breviare of parliamentary papers, 1917-1939 (Oxford, 1951). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A recently published work covers Ireland in the nineteenth century:

and J. Maltby. *Ireland in the nineteenth century: a breviare of official publications* (Oxford, 1979).
Library location: JBML Ref. H 8.415 MAL

Sessional papers: special indexes

Di Roma, E. and Rosenthal, J.A. *A numerical finding list of British command papers published 1833-1961/62* (New York, 1967). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications
Gives a complete citation for each command paper.

Gabiné, B.L. *A finding-list of British Royal Commission reports: 1860 to 1935* (Cambridge, Mass., 1935).
Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications
Incorrectly cites all command papers as Cd. A list of correct prefixes has been added on a front flyleaf of the copy in the J.B. Morrell Library.

Richard, S. *British government publications: an index to chairmen of committees and commissions of inquiry, 1800-1899* (London, 1982). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Richard, S. *British government publications: an index to chairmen and authors, 1900-1940* (London, 1974).

Rodgers, F. *Serial publications in the British parliamentary papers, 1900-1968: a bibliography* (Chicago, 1971). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications
A list of serials by issuing department. Also includes a history of each department up to 1968.

Sessional papers: guides to a particular subject or geographical area

Annual lists and general index of the parliamentary papers relating to the East Indies (i.e., India) published during the years 1801 to 1907 inclusive. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications. Sessional papers 1909 lxiv, 757

Haythornthwaite, Jo A. *Scotland in the nineteenth century: an analytical bibliography of material relating to Scotland in parliamentary papers, 1800-1900* (Aldershot, 1993). Library location: JBML Library Q 41.08 HAY

Jones, D. L. and C. C. Pond. *Parliamentary holdings in libraries in Britain and Ireland* (Westminster, 1993). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Jones, R. H. *The American Civil War in the British sessional papers: catalog and commentary* (New York, 1964). Library location: JBML Quarto Q 73.7 JON

Mendelssohn, S. *Mendelssohn's South African bibliography* Vol. 2, pp. 653-710 (London, 1921). Library location: RBL Q 68 MEN

Contains a chapter entitled 'South African imperial blue-books'.

Ragatz, L.J. *A guide for the study of British Caribbean history, 1763-1834, etc.* (Washington, 1932). Library location: RBL Q 72.97 RAG

Part V, pp. 91-135 treats of bills, reports, accounts and papers printed by order of the House of Commons, and the House of Lords.

Temperley, H.W.V. and L.M. Penson. *A century of diplomatic blue books, 1814-1914* (Cambridge, 1938). Library location: JBML Ref. H 8.4204 TEM

"The ... aim of this book ... [is] to give a list of the titles of Foreign Office Blue Books from Castlereagh to Grey, and to add the dates on which they were laid before Parliament." (Preface).

Vogel, R. *A breviary of British diplomatic blue books, 1919-1939* (Montreal, 1963). Library location: JBML Library Ref. H 8.4204 VOG

'The general purpose of this work ... is to continue the task undertaken by Temperley and Penson in their *A century of diplomatic blue books, 1814-1914*.' (Preface).

Parliamentary debates

Woods, J. A. *A bibliography of parliamentary debates of Great Britain* (London, 1956). House of Commons Library, document no. 2. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

"The bibliography assembles most of the *printed* sources for the spoken proceedings of Parliament likely to be sought by students [and it] ... provides a brief bibliographical description of each work ... [and a] cautious evaluation of certain items." (Foreword).

Journals

Menhennet, D. *The Journal of the House of Commons: a bibliographical and historical guide* (London, 1971). House of Commons Library, document no. 7. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Hoppit, J., ed. *Failed legislation, 1660-1800, extracted from the Commons and Lords Journals* (London, 1997). Library location: JBML H 8.4209 HOP

Statutes

Bond, M., 'Acts of Parliament: some notes on the original acts preserved at the House of Lords, their use and interpretation,' *Archives* 3 (1958): 201-218. Library location: JBML

Chronological table of local legislation [1797-1994]. (London, 1996). 4 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

'The Table lists in their chronological sequence all those Acts passed by the Parliaments at Westminster between 1797 and the end of 1994 which have come to be generally described as local Acts, and the orders confirmed by local Provisional Order Confirmation Acts in the sequence in which they are scheduled to their confirming Acts. Until 1797 there were two official series of Acts - Public and Private - but in that year the Public Acts were divided into two further series of Public General Acts and Public Local and personal Acts. The Table is confined to the successive categories of Public Local and Personal Acts, etc.'

Chronological table of local legislation, 1797-1994, and Chronological table of Private and Personal Acts, 1539-1997 : 2000 supplement, including corrections to the first edition texts (London, 2002). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Chronological tables: Private and Personal Acts (1539-2005).

URL: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/chron-tables/private/index.htm> <15 September 2006>

"In 1974 the Statute Law Committee authorised the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission to prepare a chronological table covering the 26,000 Local Acts passed between 1797 and the end of 1973 and the 11,000 Private, later described as Personal, Acts passed between 1539 and the end of 1973. Both Tables have been published (HMSO and TSO respectively), as updated on the dates of publication by the Law Commissions. The text is now updated on this site to December 2005."

Chronological table of the statutes ... 1235 ... to the end of 2001 (London 2004). 2 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

'The Chronological Table of Statutes is in four Sections:-

1. Section 1 comprises the Acts of the Parliaments of England, Great Britain and the United Kingdom from 1235 to the end of 1994, and lists
 - (a) the Acts printed in the edition of the Record Commissioners, known as *Statutes of the Realm*, so far as it extends (to the end of the reign of Queen Anne (13 Queen Anne) in 1713);
 - (b) the Acts printed in Ruffheads [sic] Edition (by Serjeant Runnington) so far as it extends (to the end of the session of the 25th year of the reign of King George the Third (25 Geo. 3) in 1785);
 - (c) thenceforth all Acts printed by the King's or Queen's Printer as Public Acts or (since 1797) Public General Acts.
2. Section 2 comprises the Acts of Parliaments of Scotland from 1424 to 1707.
3. Section 3 comprises the Acts of the Scottish Parliament from 1999-2001.
4. Section 4 comprises the Church Assembly Measures from 1920 to 1971 and the General Synod Measures from 1972 to 1994.

There is also a table of the variances between *Statutes of the Realm* and Ruffhead's Edition on pages 1-7.

Holdsworth, Sir W. *A history of English law*. Vol. XI. (London, 1938). Library location: JBML J 0.0942
HOL

pp. 287-320. The classification and publication of statutes.

A list and index of eight volumes of enclosure acts (York, 1980). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Macmahon, K. A. *Acts of Parliament and proclamations relating to the East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull, 1529-1800* (Hull, 1961). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Tate, W. E. *A domesday of English enclosure acts and awards*; ed. ... by M. E. Turner (Reading, 1978).
Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

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Sessional papers

Two major electronic resources supercede many of the print and microform holdings listed below them.

Eighteenth Century British Official Parliamentary Publications Portal 1688-1834.
(<http://www.bopcris.ac.uk/18c/>)

Electronic access to core 18th century official Parliamentary publications which include Sessional Papers, Journals and Proceedings of both Houses of Parliament, Parliamentary Registers, Private Bills, Private Acts and Local and Personal Acts.

Nineteenth Century House of Commons Parliamentary Papers. (<http://parlipapers.chadwyck.co.uk/>)
Electronic access to House of Commons Bills, Papers and Command Papers 1801-1900.

House of Commons. *British sessional papers, 1731-1964/1965* (New York, Readex Microprint, 1960-1973). Microcard. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The section covering the years 1731-1800 is restricted to surviving copies of separately printed papers, most of them in the Abbot Collection. Copies of the papers for this period surviving only in the Journal of the House of Commons are not included.

House of Commons. *British sessional papers, 1731-1961/1962* (Cambridge, 1980-). Microfiche.
Library location: JBML NR 2, corridor – Government Publications

Irish University Press series of British parliamentary papers, [1801-1899] (Shannon, 1968-1971).
Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

The set is complete but for the subseries (of the Education series) covering the British Museum (4 vols.). The papers are classified by subject e.g. Agriculture, Anthropology, Colonies, Crime and punishment, etc. Various indexes specifically related to this collection of papers are listed above. It should be emphasised that this series is *not* comprehensive for the period covered.

Reports from Committees of the House of Commons ... not inserted in the Journals [1715-1800] (London, 1803-1806). 15 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Parliamentary debates: debates

Should they appear there, items in this section have been given their numbers in the bibliography compiled by Woods (listed above), from which the annotations are also largely taken.

[The old parliamentary history.] *The parliamentary or constitutional history of England; being a faithful account of all the most remarkable transactions in Parliament from the earliest times. Collected from the journals of both Houses, the records... by several hands* (London, 1751-1761). 24 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications; Eighteenth Century microform collection

Period: **1066-1660**. House of Commons and House of Lords [hereafter HC and HL respectively]. Woods 1 (with a note on the sources upon which it is based in Woods, Appendix I). ‘Until recent times a standard authority. It is now more or less superseded by modern editions of parliamentary diaries for debates. It does, however, contain reprints of scarce pamphlets.’

This series is also available on microfilm, as part of the Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

[Cobbett.] *Cobbett's parliamentary history of England. From the Norman Conquest, in 1066. To the year, 1803* (London, 1806-1820). 36 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Period: **1066-1803**. HC and HL. Woods 2. (Some sources peculiar to Cobbett are noted in Wood, Appendix II.) ‘Still the best single source for parliamentary debates, particularly in the eighteenth century. It is not, however, a definite collection, and it sometimes silently suppresses material to be found in its sources.’

[Debates on America.] Proceedings and debates of the British Parliaments respecting North America; edited by Leo F. Stock (Washington, D. C., 1924). 5 vols. Library location: JBML H 1.342 STO

Period: **1542-1764**. HC and HL. Woods 3. (Some sources peculiar to Cobbett are noted in Wood, Appendix II.) “This is a careful compilation of what was said and done in British Parliaments—Ireland and Scotland are included—with regard to America. It is based on both manuscript and printed material. Where accounts differ, all are printed. The introductions contain valuable discussions of the sources.”

[D'Ewes' journals.] D'Ewes, S. *The journals of all the parliaments during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, etc.* (London, 1682). Library location: EEBO; Special Collections Quarto Q 42.055 DEW

Period: **1559-1601**. HC and HL. Woods 4.

[Townshend's collections.] *Historical collections: or, An exact account of the proceedings of the four last parliaments of Q. Elizabeth ... Wherein is contained the compleat journals of both Lords & Commons, etc.* (London, 1680). Library location: EEBO; Mirfield Quarto 1680 TOW

Period: **1588-1601**. HC and HL. Woods 5.

[Timberland's debates.] *The history and proceedings of the House of Lords, from the Restoration in 1660, to the present time* (London, 1742-1743). 8 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

Period: **1660-1742**. HL. Woods 6.

[Chandler's debates.] *The history and proceedings of the House of Commons from the Restoration to the present time* (London, 1742-1743). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government

Publications; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection. Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=47> <15 September 2006>
Period: **1660-1743**. HC. Woods 7.

[Grey's debates.] *Debates of the House of Commons from the year 1667 to the year 1694*. Collected by ... Anchtell Grey. 10 vols. (London, 1763). Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications; Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=71>
Period: 10 October **1667** - 26 April **1694**. HC. Woods 48.

[Torbuck's debates.] *A collection of the parliamentary debates in England, from the year M,DC,LXVIII. To the present time [i.e. 1741]* ([Dublin], 1739-42). 21 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.
Period: **1668-1741**. HC and HL. Woods 8.

[Johnson's debates.] *Debates in Parliament*. By Samuel Johnson (London, 1787). 2 vols. Library location: Eighteenth century microfilm collection
Period: **19 November 1740 to 23 February 1743-[43]**. HC and HL. Woods 9.

[Almon's debates.] *The debates and proceedings of the British House of Commons* (London, 1766-1774). Library location: Eighteenth century microfilm collection.; JBML NR2 Government publications, Vols. 1-3, 5-6, 10.
Period: **1743-1774**. HC. Woods 11.

[Almon and Debrett's debates.] *Parliamentary register; or, History of the proceedings and debates* (London, 1775-1802). 80 vols. Library location: Eighteenth Century Microform Collection
Period: **1775-1802**. HC and HL. Woods 13

[Woodfall's debates.] *An impartial report of the debates that occur in the two Houses of Parliament* (London, 1794-1799). 33 vols. Library location: Eighteenth Century Microform Collection
Period: **1794-1799**. HC and HL. Woods 15

[Hansard.] *Parliamentary debates*. 1st-5th series. 1803 - 21 November 1918, 6 November 1928 - 6 October 1938 (New York: Readex Microprint). There is an incomplete printed set for the years 1919 - 1928.

Period: **1803-1918**. HC. Woods 17. 'It was not until 1909 that Hansard became a strictly verbatim report. The method of compiling the work for a considerable time was to choose what seemed to be the best newspaper report and to send it to the speakers for their corrections. If no corrections were forthcoming the report was printed as it stood. There is therefore no special authority attaching to Hansard until after 1909.' Woods 17.

[Hansard.] *Parliamentary debates: official report*. 5th ser. House of Lords. Vols. 1-32. New York, Readex Microprint.
Period: **1909-1918**. HL. Woods 17.

Parliamentary debates: diaries and proceedings

[Queen Elizabeth.] T. E. Hartley, ed. *Proceedings in the parliaments of Elizabeth I* (London, 1981-1995). 3 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.055 PAR

Period: **1558-1601**. HC and HL.

[Mary, Queen of Scots.] J. E. Neale, ed., 'Proceedings in Parliament relative to Mary, Queen of Scots.' *English historical review* 35 (1920): 103-113. Library location: JBML Q Periodical; JSTOR

Period: 15 October to 2 December **1586**. HL. Woods 63.

[Hayward Townshend's journal.] *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* 12 (1934-1935): 4-31.

Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 24 October **1597** - 9 February **1597/8**. HC. Woods 21.

[Montagu's journals (I)]. Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Bucclench manuscripts*, III, 78-93 and 107-122. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: 19 March **1603/4** - 7 July **1604**, 18 November **1606** - 4 July **1607**. HC. Woods 22.

[Bowyer's diary.] D. H. Willson, ed. *The parliamentary diary of Robert Bowyer, 1606-1607* (Minneapolis, 1931; repr. New York, 1971). Library location: JBML Q 42.061 BOW/W

Period: 21 January **1605/6** - 4 July **1607**. HC. Woods 23.

[Parliamentary debates, 1610.] *Parliamentary debates in 1610*; edited, from the notes of a member of the House of Commons, by Samuel Rawson Gardiner (London, 1862). Camden Society publications, vol. 81.

Library location: Special Collections Journal Q

Period: 9 February **1609/10** - 24 November **1610**. HC. Woods 24.

[Proceedings, 1610.] E. R. Foster, ed. *Proceedings in Parliament, 1610* (New Haven, 1966). 2 vols.

Library location: JBML Q 42.061 PAR

Period: **1610**. HC and HL.

[Diary for 1614.] In W. Notestein, ed. *Commons debates, 1621* (New Haven, 1935). Vol. 7: 628-656.

Library location: JBML Q 42.061 PAR

Period: 5 April - 7 June **1614**. HC. Woods 25.

[Holles's summary.] Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Portland manuscripts*, IX, 132-139. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: 5 April - 7 June **1614**. HC. Woods 26.

[Huntingdon's diary.] Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Hastings manuscripts*, IV, 230-286. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: 5 April - 7 June **1614**. HL. Woods 27.

[Proceedings, 1614.] M. Jansson, ed. *Proceedings in Parliament, 1614* (Philadelphia, 1988). Library location: JBML Q 42.061 HOU

Period: 5 April - 7 June **1614**. HC.

[Rushworth.] J. Rushworth. *Historical collections* (London, 1659-1701). 7 vols. Library location: Special Collections Quarto Q 42.062 RUS (Also the later eight-volume edition London, 1721 located in the Mirfield Collection and the Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.)

Period: **1618-1649**. HC and HL. Woods 64.

[Commons debates, 1621.] W. Notestein, ed. *Commons debates, 1621* (New Haven, 1935). 7 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.061 PAR

Period: 30 January **1620/21** - 18 December **1621**. HC. Woods 28.

[Hastings journal.] Lady de Villers, ed. 'The Hastings journal of the Parliament of 1621' (London, 1953). Camden Society publications. Third series, vol. 83. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 30 January - 17 February **1620/21**. HL. Woods 29.

[Bowyer and Elsing's notes.] F. H. Relf, ed. *Notes of the debates in the House of Lords, officially taken by Robert Bowyer and Henry Elsing, Clerks of the Parliaments* (London, 1929). Camden Society publications. Third series, vol. 42. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

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[Elsing's notes (I)]. S. R. Gardiner, ed. *Notes of the debates in the House of Lords, officially taken by Henry Elsing, etc.* (London, 1870). Camden Society publications, vol. 103. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 22 March - 26 March **1620/21**; 17 April - 19 December **1621**. HL. Woods 31.

[Montagu's journals (II)]. Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Buccluch manuscripts*, III, 222-223, 228-245, 330-342, 386-413. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: 20 November - 19 December **1621**, 12 February **1623/24** - 29 May **1624**, 1-12 August **1625**, 1 November **1640** - 1 February **1640/41**. HL. Woods 32.

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[Debates, 1625.] S. R. Gardiner, ed. *Debates in the House of Commons in 1625* (London, 1873). Camden Society publications. New series, vol. 6. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 18 June - 12 August **1625**. HC. Woods 34.

[Proceedings, 1625.] M. Jansson, ed. *Proceedings in Parliament, 1625* (New Haven, 1987). Library location: JBML Q 42.062 PAR

Period: 18 June - 12 August **1625**. HC and HL.

[Diary of 1626.] W. A. J. Archbold, ed. 'A diary of the Parliament of 1626,' *English historical review* 17 (1902): 730-737. Library location: JBML Q Periodical; JSTOR

Period: February - March **1625/6**. HC. Woods 35

[Proceedings, 1626.] W. B. Bidwell, ed. *Proceedings in Parliament, 1626* (New Haven, 1991-1996). 4 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.062 PAR

Period: 6 February - 15 June **1626**. HC and HL.

[Lowther's notes.] Historical Manuscripts Commission, thirteenth report. Appendix, pt. vii, *Lonsdale manuscripts*, 1-74. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: 24 April - 12 June **1626**; 4 June 1628 - 20 February **1628/9**. HC. Woods 36.

[Proceedings, 1628.] R. C. Johnson, ed. *Proceedings in Parliament, 1628* (New Haven, 1977-1983). 6 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.062 PAR

Period: 17 March - 26 June **1628**. HC and HL.

[Speeches, 1628-9]. T. Fuller, ed. *Ephemeris parliamentaria, or, A faithfull register of the transactions in Parliament in the third and fourth years of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord, King Charles* (London, 1654). Library location: EEBO

Period: **1628-1629**. HC and HL. Woods 65

[Proceedings, Short Parliament.] E. S. Cope, ed. *Proceedings of the Short Parliament of 1640* (London, 1977). Camden fourth series, vol. 19. Library location: Special Collections Q Journal

Period: April-May **1640**. HC and HL.

[Proceedings, Long Parliament.] *Proceedings in the opening session of the Long Parliament: House of Commons*. 3 vols. (Rochester, N.Y., 2001). Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 3 November **1640** - 20 March **1641**. HC.

[Speeches, 1640-1641.] *Speeches and passages of this great and happy parliament from the third of November 1640 to ... June 1641, etc.* (London, 1641). Library location: EEBO; Special Collections Q 42.062 PAR

Period: 3 November **1640** - June **1641**. HC and HL. Woods 67.

[Diurnall occurrences.] *The diurnall occurrences, or dayly proceedings of both Houses* (London, 1641). Library location: EEBO

Period: 3 November **1640** - 3 November **1641**. HC and HL. Woods 68.

[Palmer's diary.] W. A. J. Archbold, ed. 'A diary of the early days of the Long Parliament.' *English historical review* 16 (1901): 730-736. Library location: JBML Q Periodical; JSTOR

Period: Long Parliament, scattered extracts of **1640-1640/1**. HC. Woods 39.

[Henry Townshend's diary.] J. W. Willis Bund, ed. *Diary of Henry Townshend of Elmley Lovett, 1640-1663*. 2 vols. (Worcester, 1915-1916). Worcestershire Historical Society. Publications. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1640-1640/41**. HC. Woods 40.

[Verney's notes.] J. Bruce, ed. *Verney papers. Notes of proceedings in the Long Parliament, temp. Charles I, etc.* (London, 1845). Camden Society publications, vol. 31. Library location: RBL. Reference journal Q

Period: December **1640** - 27 June **1642**. HC. Woods 41.

[Narrative of the Long Parliament.] Francis North, Lord Guildford. 'A narrative of some passages in, or relating to, the Long Parliament.' Reprinted in the Somers Tracts. Library location: Mirfield Collection 1748 COL

Period: **1640-1649**. HC. Woods 69.

[D'Ewes' diary.] W. H. Coates, ed. *The journal of Sir Simonds D'Ewes* (New Haven, 1942; repr. Hamden, Conn., 1970). Library location: JBML Q 42.062 DEW

Period: 12 October **1641** - 10 January **1641/2**. HC. Woods 42.

[Debates on Grand Remonstrance]. J. Forster, ed. *Debates on the Grand Remonstrance, November and December, 1641* (London, 1860). Library location: JBML Q 42.062 FOR

Period: November-December **1641**. HC. Woods 43.

[Debates, 1642.] *The private journals of the Long Parliament* (New Haven, 1982-1992). 3 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.062 PRI

Period: 3 January - 17 September **1642**. Includes the journals and diaries of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, Framlingham Gawdy, Roger Hill, John Moore, and Sir Thomas Peyton. HC.

[Goddard's journal.] In J. T. Rutt, ed. *Diary of Thomas Burton, Esq.* (London, 1828). 4 vols. I, Introduction. Library location: Special Collection Q 42.063 BUR; Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=45> <15 September 2006>

Period: 3 September **1654** - 22 January **1654/5**. HC. Woods 44.

[Diary of Thomas Burton.] J. T. Rutt, ed. *The diary of Thomas Burton, Esq.* (London, 1828). 4 vols. Library location: Special Collection Q 42.063 BUR; Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=45> <15 September 2006>

Period: **1656-1659**. HC. Woods 45.

[Marvel's letters.] H. M Margoliouth, ed. *The poems and letters of Andrew Marvell*; 2nd ed. (Oxford, 1952). 2 vols. Library location: JBML MA 111.7

Period: **1660-1678**. HC. Woods 70.

[Oxford session, 1665.] C. Robbins. 'The Oxford Session of the Long Parliament of Charles II.' *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* 20 (1943-45): 214-224. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: 9-31 October **1665**. HC and HL. Woods 71.

[Milward's diary.] In C. Robbins, ed. *The diary of John Milward* (Cambridge, 1938). Library location: JBML NR 1 Q 42.066 MIL

Period: 18 September **1666** to 8 May **1668**. HC. Woods 46.

[Impeachment of Clarendon.] *The proceedings in the House of Commons, touching the impeachment of Edward, late Earl of Clarendon, Lord High-Chancellor of England, Anno 1667* (London, 1700). Library location EEBO

Period: **1667**. HC. Woods 72.

[Capel's notes.] In C. Robbins, ed. *The diary of John Milward* (Cambridge, 1938). Appendix II. Library location: JBML NR 1 Q 42.066 MIL

Period. October - November **1667**. HC. Woods 47.

[Dering's diary.] B. D. Henning, ed. *The Parliamentary diary of Sir Edward Dering, 1670-1673* (New Haven, 1940). Library location: JBML NR 1 Q 42.066 DER

Period: **1670-1673**. HC. Woods 49.

[Votes and addresses.] *Votes and addresses of the Hon. House of Commons ... made this present year 1673* ([London?], 1673). Library location: EEBO
Period: **1673**. HC. Woods 74.

[A relation.] *A relation of the most material matters handled in Parliament: relating to religion, property and the liberty of the subject* ([Netherlands : s.n.], 1673). Library location: EEBO
Period: February to November **1673**. Woods 73

[Letter from a person of quality.] *A letter from a person of quality, to his friend in the country*. Reprinted in *State tracts: being a collection of several treatises relating to the government* (London, 1688), pp. 41-56. Library location: EEBO
Period: **1675**. HL. Woods 75.

[Two discourses and a letter.] *Two seasonable discourses covering this parliament [and] A letter from a parliament-man to his friend*. Reprinted in *State tracts: being a collection of several treatises relating to the government* (London, 1688), pp. 65-71. Library location: EEBO
Period: **1675**. HC and HL. Woods 76.

[Imprisonment of the Lords.] *A narrative of the cause and manner of the imprisonment of the Lords*; by J. E. [Amsterdam, 1677]. Library location: EEBO
Period: **1676-1677**. HL. Woods 77.

[Lord Huntingdon's notes.] E. S. De Beer, 'The House of Lords in the Parliament of 1680', *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* 20 (1943-1945): 22-37. Library location: JBML Q Periodical
Period: 15 November **1680**. HL. Woods 78.

[Collection of speeches.] *A collection of the substance of several speeches and debates made in the Honourable House of Commons, relating to the horrid popish plot* (London, 1681). Library location: EEBO
Period: **1680-1681**. HC. Woods 79.

[Debates, 1680-1.] *An exact collection of the debates of the House of Commons, held at Westminster, October 21. 1680. Prorogued the tenth, and dissolved the eighteenth of January following. With the debates of the House of Commons at Oxford, assembled March 21. 1680* (London, 1689). Copy in York Minster Library
Period: **1680-1680/81**. HC. Woods 80.

[Historical collections.] *Historical collections, or, A brief account of the most remarkable transactions of the two last Parliaments held and dissolved at Westminster and Oxford* (London, 1681). Library location: EEBO
Period: **1680-1681**. HC and HL. Woods 81.

[Faithful register.] *The faithful register; or, the debates of the House of Commons in four several Parliaments* (London, 1689). Library location: EEBO
Period: **1680-1685**. HC. Woods 82.

[Proceedings, 1681.] *The proceedings of the honourable House of Commons who met at Oxford, March 21, 1680/1* (London, 1681). Library location: EEBO
Period: **1680-[1681]**. HC. Woods 83.

[Debates on the word 'Abdicated'.] *The debate at large, between the Lords and Commons ... Relating to the word, abdicated, and the vacancy of the throne, in the Commons vote*; 2nd ed. (London, 1710).
Library location: EEBO

Period: **1688**. HC and HL. Woods 85.

[Whitley's diary.] Roger Whitley's diary, 1684-1697. Bodleian Library MS. Eng. Hist. c. 11; transcribed by Michael Stevens. Electronic version at British History Online. ULR: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=46> <15 September 2006>

Period: **1689-1697**.

[Luttrell's diary.] H. Horwitz, ed. *The parliamentary diary of Narcissus Luttrell, 1691-1693* (Oxford, 1972). Library location: JBML Q 42.06 LUT

Period: **1691-1693**. HC.

[Debates on corruption.] *A collection of the debates and proceedings in Parliament, in 1694, and 1695. Upon the inquiry into the late briberies and corrupt practices* (London, 1695). Library location: EEBO

Period: **1694-1695**. HC. Woods 86.

Hayton, D. W. *Debates in the House of Commons, 1697-1699* (London, 1987). Camden fourth series, 29. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1697-1699**. HC.

[Cocks' diary.] D. W. Hayton, ed. *The parliamentary diary of Sir Richard Cocks, 1698-1702* (Oxford, 1996). Library location: JBML Q 42.06 COC

Period: **1698-1702**. HC.

[Proceedings on occasional conformity.] *Proceedings of both Houses of Parliament, in the years 1702, 1703, 1704, upon the bill to prevent occasional conformity* (London, 1710). Library location: Eighteenth Century Microform Collection

Period: **1702-1704**. HC and HL. Woods 87

[Debate on the right of electors.] *Debates of the House of Commons, in January 1704. Upon the great question, Whether an action lies at common law for an elector who is denied his vote* (London, 1721).

Library location: Eighteenth Century Microform Collection

Period: January **1703-[1704]**. HC [Ashby versus White]. Woods 88

[Diary for 1705/6.] W. A. Speck, ed. 'An anonymous parliamentary diary, 1705-6' (London, 1970). Camden fourth series, vol. 7. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1705/6**. HC.

[Kaye's diary.] D. Szechi, ed. 'The diary and speeches of Sir Arthur Kaye, 1710-21' (London, 1992). Camden fourth series, vol. 44. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1710-1721**

[Knatchbull's diary.] A. N. Newman, ed. *The parliamentary diary of Sir Edward Knatchbull, 1722-1730* (London, 1963). Camden fourth series, 94. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1722-1730**. HC.

[Egmont's diary.] Historical Manuscripts Commission. *Egmont manuscripts* (London, 1920-1923). 3 vols. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 HIS

Period: **1728/29-1747**. HC and HL. Woods 50.

[Hay's diary.] S. Taylor and C. Jones, eds. *Tory and Whig: the parliamentary papers of Edward Harley, 3rd Earl of Oxford, and William Hay, M. P. for Seaford, 1716-1753* (Woodbridge, 1998). Parliamentary History record series, 1. Library location: JBML H Periodical

Period: **1734-1744**

[Harley's diary.] S. Taylor and C. Jones, eds. *Tory and Whig: the parliamentary papers of Edward Harley, 3rd Earl of Oxford, and William Hay, M. P. for Seaford, 1716-1753* (Woodbridge, 1998). Parliamentary History record series, 1. Library location: JBML H Periodical

Period: **1735-1751**

[Ryder's diary.] P. D. G. Thomas, ed. 'Parliamentary diaries of Nathaniel Ryder, 1764-7' (London, 1969). Camden fourth series, vol. 7. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1764-1767**. HC.

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Period: **1770-1802**. HC.

[Abbot's diary.] C. Abbot. *The diary and correspondence of Charles Abbot, Lord Colchester, Speaker of the House of Commons, 1802-1817* (London, 1861). 3 vols. Library location: JBML Q 42.073 COL

Period: **1795-1829**. HC. Woods 55.

[Le Marchant's reports.] 'Le Marchant's reports of debates in the House of Commons, 1833.' *English historical review* 58 (1943): 78-99. Library location: JBML Q Periodical; JSTOR

Period: **1833**. HC. Woods 91.

[May's diary.] D. Holland and D. Menhennet, eds. *Erskine May's private journal, 1857-1882: diary of a great parliamentarian* (London, 1972). Library location: JBML NR 1 Q 42.081 MAY

Period: **1857-1882**. HC.

[Trelawney's diary.] T. A. Jenkins, ed. *The parliamentary diaries of Sir John Trelawney, 1858-1865* (London, 1990). Camden fourth series, vol. 40. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1858-1865**. HC.

[Trelawney's diary.] T. A. Jenkins, ed., *The parliamentary diaries of Sir John Trelawney, 1868-73* (London, 1994). Camden fifth series, 3. Library location: JBML Q Periodical

Period: **1868-1873**. HC.

[Lucy's diaries.] Sir Henry W. Lucy. *A diary of two Parliaments* (London, 1885-1886). Library location: JBML H 8.4209 LUC

Period: **1874-1885**. HC. Woods 57

Parliamentary debates: periodicals, 1711-1894

The historical register (London, 1724). 2 vols. Library location: Special Collection Q 42.071 HIS; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

Reports debates from July **1714** - January **1716**. Woods 94 (a)

The historical register (London, 1717-1738). 23 vols. Library location: Special Collections Q 42.071 HIS; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

Woods 94 (b)

Political state of Great Britain (London, 1711-). Library location: Eighteenth Century Microform Collection

Reports debates from **1711 to 1743**. Woods 94 (c)

The gentleman's magazine (London, 1731-1802). 102 vols. Library location: Borthwick Search Room; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

Reports debates from **1733 to 1746**, in 1749 and in 1752-53. Woods 94 (d)

The annual register (London, 1758-). Library location varies according to format

'Reports debates **after 1762**, but is most important for the eighteenth century.' Woods 94 (f).

Journals

Journals of the House of Commons. Vols. 1-225, 241-242 covering the years **1547-1970**, 1984-1986. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Journals of the House of Commons. Vols. 1-12, 85. **1547-1699, 1830**. Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=43> <11 September 2006>

Journals of the House of Lords. Vols. 1-49, 51-97, 99-100, 103-106, 115-121, 126-127, 138-172, 174, 176-204, 218-219 covering the years **1509-1868, 1871-1874, 1883-1888, 1894-1895, 1906-1939/40, 1941/2-1971/2, 1984-1986**. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Journals of the House of Lords. Vols.1-20, 62-64. **1509-1717, 1830-1832**. Electronic version at British History Online. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.asp?gid=44> <11 September 2006>

Statutes

The statutes of the realm. Printed by command of His Majesty King George the Third. In pursuance of an address of the House of Commons of Great Britain. From original records and authentic manuscripts (London: Record Commission, 1810-28). 11 vols. [in 12]. Library location: JBML Quarto Q 42 BRI 9:8.

Period: **1225-1713**. Based on the editions of Pickering and Ruffhead (listed below), which it supersedes for the period covered. Excludes all Private Acts from 1540 onwards.

The statutes at large from Magna Charta to ... 1761, carefully collated and revised ... by Danby Pickering (Cambridge, 1762). 24 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Period: **1225-1761**. Continued to 1806 in a further 22 vols. [i.e. vols. 25-46]. There are, in a uniform binding, further volumes numbered 47-80 covering the period 1806-1840.

The statutes at large, from Magna Charta to ... 41 Geo. III. London, 1769-1800. 18 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications ; Eighteenth Century Microform Collection.

Period: **1225-1800**. Vols. 1-14 ed. by Owen Ruffhead..

The statutes of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801- . Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

Period: **1801-** . The Library has complete coverage although the editions vary.

Statutes. [Enclosure acts.] (London, 1727-1818). 8 vols. Library location: JBML NR 2 – Government Publications

A collection of 166 acts, mainly enclosure acts, other subjects including roads, bridges, and river navigation. There is a printed index.

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House of Commons	Original papers	1866-1920 (incomplete)	1900-1921 (incomplete)	1801-1865 (incomplete); 1866 onwards (complete)
House of Commons, reprint (hard copy)	Scholarly Resources. <i>House of Commons sessional papers of the 18th century</i>		complete	complete
House of Lords, reprint (hard copy)	Oceana Publications. <i>House of Lords sessional papers, 1714-1805</i>		complete	complete
House of Lords, reprint (microfilm)	Oceana Publications. <i>House of Lords sessional papers, 1806-1859</i>	complete		
Parliament of Ireland, reprint (microfilm)	Oceana Publications. <i>The printed records of the Parliament of Ireland, 1613-1800</i>	complete		

Information concerning series not available in the University of York Library

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- regulation of chimney sweepers and their apprentices (1834)
- preservation of the health and morale of apprentices employed in cotton mills and factories (1818)
- Fourdrinier. Invention for making paper by means of machinery (1807)

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This is the oldest printed record of the Irish Parliament, a unique contemporary account of its proceedings. The collection is almost complete through the assistance of many librarians and private collectors. Certainly no similar collection of Votes exists in printed form. Many of the volumes of Votes appear to have survived in just one copy.

6. Surviving Bills, Reports and Papers, 1 reel.
A small collection of very rare contemporary papers which are not be found reprinted in the Journals and which illustrate the workings of the Parliament.'

2. Oceana publications. The printed records of the Parliament of Ireland, 1613-1800

There is an accompanying bibliographical guide, a copy of which can be found in the J. B. Morrell Library.

D. Englefield. The printed records of the Parliament or Ireland, 1613-1800: a survey and bibliographic guide (**London: Lemon Tree P., 1978**).

Citation of government publications

There is no accepted standard for citing British government publications. The following is a guide to what ought to be included in a citation and will, if adhered to, provide models for the presentation of that information which is necessary to make a footnote or bibliographical entry appropriate to the requirements of any style sheet. In order that the reader can make up her or his own mind about the validity and efficacy of these citations the various authorities are footnoted. The increasing popularity of so-called punctuation, in which full stops with abbreviations are omitted, would suggest differences in citation from those quoted below; and the citations in Section 4, in particular, will need to be made uniform in this respect at the reader's discretion.

1. Sessional papers bound in sessional order²

Parliamentary papers often do not have authors or titles in the accepted sense, on account of which it has become common practice for alternative titles to be given, models for which (and for the more routine abbreviations of long titles) can be found in the Ford *Select list* and *Breviates* (details of which will be found above). For instance, the following title

Report from the Select Committee on Municipal Corporations; with the minutes of evidence taken before them.

has been abbreviated thus by Ford: Municipal Corporations. Sel. Cttee. Rep., mins. of ev.

The standard abbreviations which he uses are as follows:

Appendix	App.
Board	Bd.
Commission	Com.
Committee	Cttee.
Departmental Committee	Dept. Cttee.
Inter-departmental Committee	Inter-dept. Cttee.
Joint Select Committee	Jt. Sel. Cttee.
Minutes of evidence	Mins. of ev.
Report	Rep.
Royal Commission	R. Com.
Select Committee	Sel. Cttee.
Select Committee of House of Lords	Sel. Cttee. HL.

The form of citation of Parliamentary papers is basically that put forward by Hansard in his *General alphabetical index, 1801-1826*, where he suggested the following, given below with an example:

session / (paper no.) / volume no. (in Roman numerals), / volume page no.
1845 (602) xii, 331

which would appear thus: 1845 (602) xii, 331.

²This section is largely based on P. Ford and G. Ford, *A guide to parliamentary papers: what they are, how to find them, how to use them*; 3rd ed. (Shannon: Irish U. P., 1972), pp. 71-73.

Should the title not have been given in the text, it precedes the rest of the reference and is concluded with a semi-colon:

Title and description; /session / (paper no.) / volume no., / page no.
Game Law. Sel. Cttee. Rep.; 1845 (602) xii, 331.

(Note that although the paper number - the one in brackets - is required for the citation, it is irrelevant for finding the paper in original sets of parliamentary papers, in the microcard/microfiche editions, or in the I. U. P. reprint of them.) If there is a citation to a particular page in a paper, the page number should follow the title and description and immediately precede the citation.

Title of paper, / printed page no.; / session / (paper no.) / volume no./ page no.
Training Colleges. Elementary Education Acts Comm., answers to questions, p. 87;
1888 C. 5485, xxxvi, 1.

In this example, the Command Paper number is preferred to the paper number, which would otherwise have been cited, and does not attract brackets. There have been the following sequences of Command Papers, the first of which does not have a C number, on account of which it is always enclosed in square brackets.

First series	[1] - [4222]	1833-1868/1869
Second series	C.1 - C.9550	1870-1899
Third series	Cd.1 - Cd.9239	1900-1918
Fourth series	Cmd.1 - Cmd.9889	1919-1955/1956

Since until 1922 Command Papers were numbered on the publications themselves within square brackets, citations to these publications also commonly appear in this way.

House of Lords Papers which do not appear in the Commons set have HL added to the paper number.

Title of paper; / session / (paper no.) / volume no., / volume page no.
Despatch of Business. Sel. Cttee. HL. Rep. p. iv; 1867 (HL. 259) xxvii, 1.

Citations of reprints of House of Commons papers which have been included in the I. U. P. series should still follow the guidelines given above and any spurious reference to this series is a solecism which is to be avoided.

2. Debates³

Volume no. / House / series / date, / column no.
201 H.C. Deb. 3s. 9 June 1870, col. 1821.

For written answers the column numbers must always be in italics.

3. Journal⁴

³This citation practice is that adopted in Ford, *Guide to parliamentary papers*, p. 74. A slightly different format can be found in Treasury, *Official publications* (London: H.M.S.O., 1958), p. 18.

Abbreviation for the House (C.J. or L.J.) / vol. no. / page no.
C.J. xv. 27
L.J. xxxiii. 214

The half-title-pages of the Commons Journal (unlike the Lords Journals) have their volume numbers in Arabic numerals but, presumably to avoid confusion with the following page number, they too are usually cited in Roman.

4. Acts of Parliament

(a) Public⁵

Short title / Date / (Regnal year) / Chapter no.
Hue and Cry Act 1584 (27 Eliz 1) c 13

(b) Private⁶

Private Acts passed before 1798 should be cited in the same way as Public General Acts, with the addition of <(Priv. Act)> after the chapter number:

Short title / Year / (Regnal year) / Chapter no.
Heslington Inclosure Act 1761 (1 Geo. III) c. 38 (Priv. Act)

Non-public Acts from 1798 on should be differentiated as follows:

1798-1802	Local and Personal; Private and Personal, not printed.
1803-1814	Local and Personal; Local and Personal, not printed.
1815-1858	Local and Personal; Private; Private, not printed.
1869-	Local; Private; Private, not printed [up to 1873]; Private, not printed or numbered [from 1874].

The citation of non-public Acts from 1798 onwards requires the chapter number to be given in Roman numerals.

⁴The citation for the Lords Journal follows that suggested in Victoria History of the Counties of England, *Handbook for editors and authors* (London: Institute of Historical Research, 1970), p. 47, section 178. There is no example for the Commons Journal.

⁵The form of citation below is taken from *Chronological table of the statutes* (London: Stationery Office, 2004), pt. 1. A slightly different form of citation can be found in *Tracing acts of Parliament* (House of Commons Information Office. Factsheet, 12). URL: <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/12.pdf> [11 September 2006]. There is a current divergence of practice with regard to citation between different arms of government which can be seen in the examples for public and private acts: Hue and Cry Act 1584 (27 Eliz 1) c 13, and Heslington Inclosure Act 1761 (1 Geo. III) c. 38 (Priv. Act), the former missing two full stops and having the regnal numeral belonging to the name in Arabic.

⁶The forms of citation listed below are based on those suggested in Victoria History, *Handbook*, p. 52, section 194, modified according to the practice of the *Chronological table of local legislation*, which comprises a consolidated list of private acts passed between 1797 and 1994. There is no similar list for the earlier period.

Short title / Year / (Regnal year) / Chapter no.
York Improvement Act 1846 (9 & 10 Vict.) c. cxxiii (Local and Personal)

On account of the possible confusion in the citation of the chapter number, caused by the close proximity of the of the abbreviation 'c.' and the roman numeral 'c', some authorities recommend that the longer form of 'cap.' (both abbreviations are from the Latin word *capitulum*) be used, giving the following citation:

York Improvement Act 1846 (9 & 10 Vict.) cap. cxxiii (Local and Personal)