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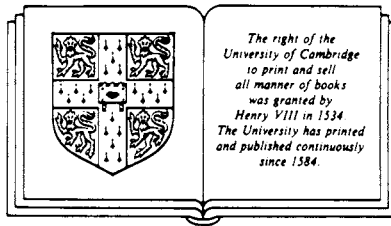
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## Abbreviations

### Archives

AIHA	Albany Institute of History and Art
BL	British Library (British Museum)
GA	Gemeentearchief Amsterdam
HL	Huntington Library, California
NYPL	Manuscripts Room, New York Public Library
NYSA	Special Collections, New York State Library, Albany
OCCA	Office of the County Clerk, Albany, New York
RG	Rijksarchief Gelderland, Arnhem

### Major Collections

AA	Joel Munsell, ed., <i>The Annals of Albany</i> , 1–9 (1849–59)
CHA	Joel Munsell, ed., <i>Collections on the History of Albany from Its Discovery to the Present Time</i> , 1–4 (1865–70)
CNYHS	Collections of the New-York Historical Society
Corr JvR	Van Laer, A[rnold] J. F., ed., <i>Correspondence of Jeremias Van Rensselaer</i> , 1651–1674 (1932)
CRB; CRA	A[rnold] J. F. Van Laer, ed. and tr., <i>Minutes of the Court of Rensselaerswyck</i> , 1648–1652; <i>Minutes of the Court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck</i> , 1652–1656, and <i>Minutes of the Court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck</i> , 1657–1660; <i>Minutes of the Court of Albany, Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady</i> , 3 vols. 1668–85 (1922–28)
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- ER 1–4 Pearson, Jonathan and Van Laer, A[rnold] J. F., eds., *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck*, four volumes (1861; 1916–19)
- L-RP Livingston–Redmond Papers
- RNA Fernow, Berthold, ed., *The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674*, 1–7 (1897)
- VRBM Van Laer, A[rnold] J. F., ed., *Van Rensselaer–Bowier Manuscripts, Being the Letters of Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, 1630–1643, and Other Documents Relating to the Colony of Rensselaerswyck* (1908)
- VRMP Von Rensselaer Manor Papers, SC7079, NYSA