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Preface

THERE are obvious omissions in this book of essays on the reign of James VI and I, most notably, perhaps, articles on the Jacobean Church of England, on the English economy as a whole, and on foreign policy. It was originally hoped to secure contributions on each of these subjects, but it proved impossible to do so within a reasonable time limit. I have tried to compensate to some extent for the lacunae in my introduction. A valuable outline of religious policy in James I's reign in England is given by Dr Nicholas Tyacke in his chapter 'Puritanism, Arminianism and Counter-Revolution' in Conrad Russell (ed.), *The Origins of the English Civil War* (1973).

The spelling and punctuation of quotations have been modernised, though this was done with reluctance in the Scottish chapters, where the loss of the flavour of the original is much regretted. Place of publication is given for all books cited in the Bibliography. In the References and Notes the place of publication is London unless otherwise stated. (This does not apply to periodicals and works issued by historical clubs and societies, where the place of publication is never given.)

I would like to thank my contributors for their co-operation; it was a pleasure to work with them. We all hope that our volume will prove useful to students of history who are interested in the reign of the monarch who united the Crowns of Scotland and England. Finally I owe a personal debt to Miss Patricia Ferguson, who typed both the Introduction and chapter 9 in her usual immaculate way.

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