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I: Contributions

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4. Articles should normally consist of new material, based largely on primary sources, which should be cited. Material based on secondary sources should be kept to a minimum, and all material should be strictly relevant and expressed concisely. The average length of an article is about 5,000 words.
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10. Illustrations, which are welcome for publication, will be printed in black and white. Contributors should make their own selection, and not ask the editor to choose for them. Illustrations should be

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 - only one space between each word
 - only one space between sentences
 - no blank line between paragraphs
 - no space between a word or full stop and a reference number.
3. NOTES for reference to all material which is not common historical knowledge, should follow the text, and be numbered consecutively throughout. (N. B. 'numbered consecutively' means that the notes in the text should be in numerical order, so that if the same reference as an earlier note is to be given, the next number should be used and the reference repeated in the notes, e.g. if you have just entered note 5, your next note should be note 6, even if you are repeating the reference in note 3). **The reference facility in Word or compatible software MUST be used.** This is done by using the route <insert> <reference> <footnote> <endnote>. The notes, which may also be used to acknowledge help etc., are primarily for references to sources. Information about the sources, such as their provenance, reliability etc. may be included in the notes, if such information cannot be easily fitted into the text. **The notes, however, are not for factual information, which, if relevant, should be included in the text, or, if irrelevant, should be omitted.**
4. QUOTATIONS should be enclosed in single inverted commas. Longer quotations should be indented on each side by 1.0 cm but have no inverted commas. Quotations, especially from printed sources, should be used sparingly. Quotations should be separately identified, each with its own note. Spelling and punctuation should be modernised, unless there is some compelling reason

to reproduce the original. Indirect quotations, i.e. not within inverted commas or indented, should be consistent and occasional words and phrases should not be placed within inverted commas unless there is a compelling reason.

5. REFERENCES should be precise and concise, and, except for the identification of quotations, should be consolidated. Each paragraph, therefore, will normally require a note, more than one if there are quotations.

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Lancashire Record Office, Preston, ARR 15/1.

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When an abbreviation consists of a number of initial letters, they require no full stops, e.g. *THLC*.

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John Bossy, *The English Catholic Community 1570-1850* (Darton, Longman and Todd, London, 1975), pp. 91-96;

John Bossy, 'The Character of Elizabethan Catholicism' in T. Aston (ed.), *Crisis in Europe 1560-1660* (Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1965), pp. 223-46;

P. Renold (ed.), *Letters of William Allen and Richard Barret 1572-1598* (Catholic Record Society, LVIII, London, 1967), pp. xv, 275-84.

John Miller, 'The Catholic Factor in English Politics 1660-1688' (Ph.D. thesis, Cambridge, 1971), p. 36;

P. R. Newman, 'Roman Catholics in Pre-Civil War England: The Problem of Definition', *Recusant History*, XV (2) (1979), pp. 148-52.

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Bossy, *Catholic Community*, pp. 91-96;

Bossy, *Crisis*, pp. 221-46;

Renold, p. 78;

Miller, p. 367;

Newman, pp. 148-52.

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6. DATES, NUMBERS, CURRENCY

DATES should be in the form: 5 November 1605.

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 - 1500s, 1600s, 1700s, 1800s, 1900s etc *except to mean* the first decade of the century
 - Biography *except to mean* a study of an individual
 - Decimate *except to mean* kill one in ten
 - Devout Catholic *except in contrast to* careless Catholic
 - Enormity *except to mean* great wickedness, crime
 - Epicentre *except to mean* the centre of a circle on the circumference of a larger circle

For x, see y, e.g. For the French Revolution, see Thomas Carlyle, *The French Revolution*

Hopefully

Icon, iconic *except in relation to* sacred images

Incredible, incredibly *except to mean* impossible to believe

Infamy/infamous *except to mean* ill fame, vile conduct

Of that ilk *except to mean* of that name

Monolith/monolithic *except to mean* consisting of one lump of stone

Perceive *except to mean* to understand clearly

Perception *except to mean* the act of understanding

Refute *except to mean* prove falsity by argument

Standing as it does/did

Staunch Catholic

Staunch Protestant

The present author

Transpire *except to mean* emerge into knowledge