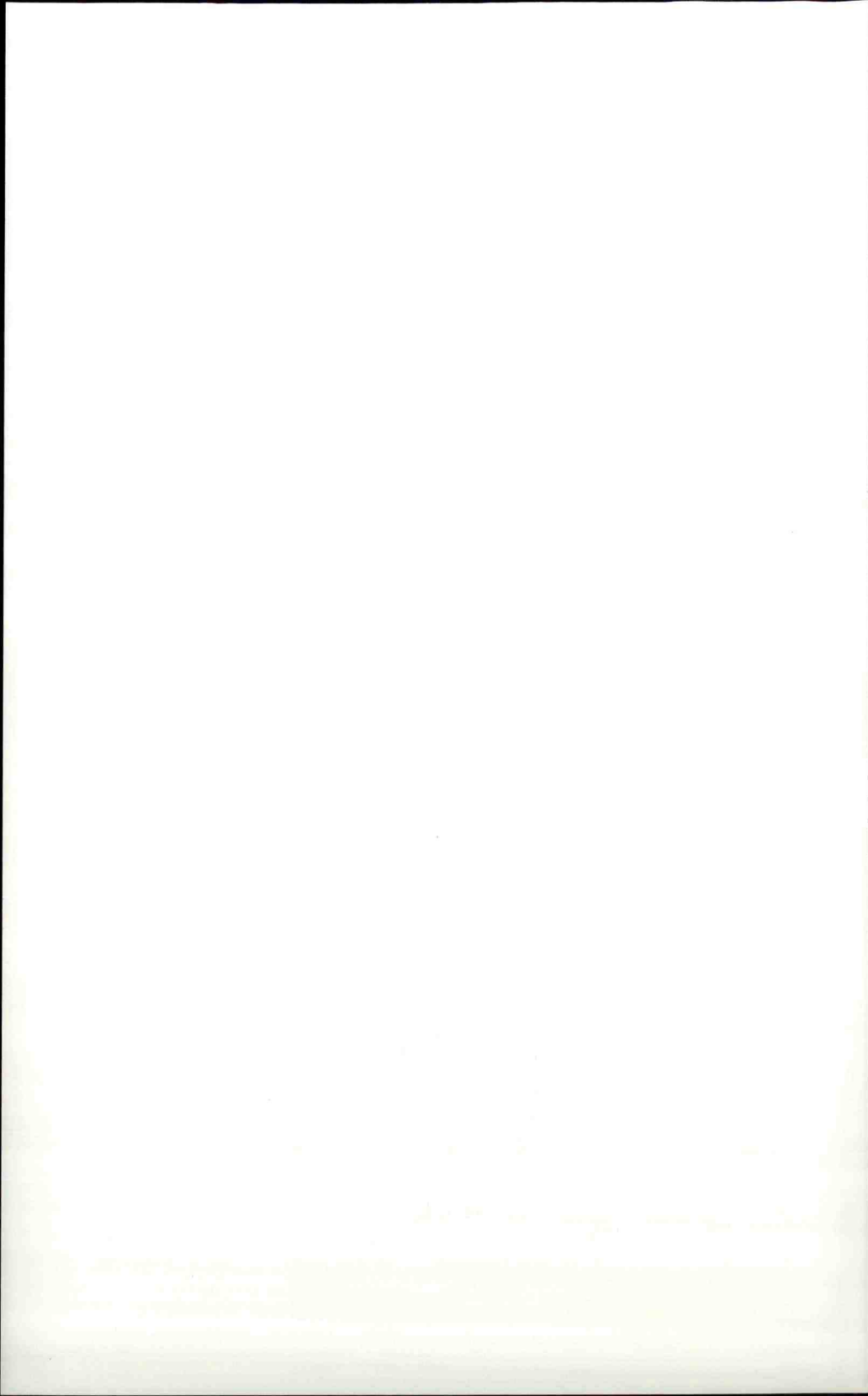


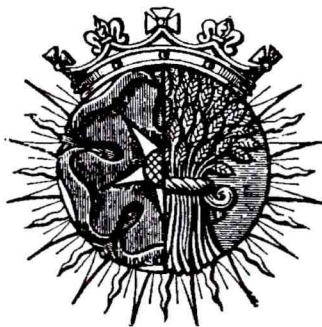
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Add. MS. | Additional Manuscript |
| B.L. | British Library, London |
| Ches. R.O. | Cheshire and Chester Archives and Local Studies (formerly Cheshire Record Office), Chester |
| C.S. | Chetham Society |
| <i>D.N.B.</i> | <i>Dictionary of National Biography</i> |
| <i>Econ. H.R.</i> | <i>Economic History Review</i> |
| <i>E.H.R.</i> | <i>English Historical Review</i> |
| Hist. MSS Com. | Historical Manuscripts Commission |
| J.R.U.L.M. | John Rylands University Library of Manchester, Deansgate |
| Lancs. R.O. | Lancashire Record Office, Preston |
| Liv. R.O. | Liverpool City Record Office |
| L.P.R.S. | Lancashire Parish Register Society |
| P.P. | Parliamentary Papers |
| P.R.O. | Public Record Office, Kew |
| R.S.L.C. | Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire |
| <i>T.H.S.L.C.</i> | <i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i> |
| <i>V.C.H. Lancs.</i> | <i>The Victoria History of the Counties of England: the Victoria History of the County of Lancaster</i> , ed. William Farrer and J. Brownbill (8 vols, London, 1906-14) |