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The work is based to a very large extent on unprinted material, and in every case the documents quoted have been examined (cf., p. 42, note 6). I have modernized the spelling in all the quotations, with the exception of the Charter of James I given in the first Appendix. The miscellaneous documents in Appendix VIII are, I believe, published in full for the first time.

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ABBREVIATIONS

V. S. P. Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts relating to English Affairs, existing in the Archives and Collections of Venice, and in other Libraries in Northern Italy.
8 vols., edited as follows:
Vols. I to VI, by Rawdon Brown,
Vol. VIII, by Horatio F. Brown.

S. P. D. "Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the reign of Elizabeth (or, of the reign of James I) preserved in the Public Record Office."

Turkey Papers: Foreign State Papers, Turkey. These miscellaneous papers are kept in bundles at the Public Record Office; they are unbound, and un-numbered.

Min.: Minutes of the Meetings of the Court of the Company. They may be obtained at the Public Record Office under the following description: "Foreign Archives, Levant Company; Nos. 147-156."

S. P. F.: "Calendar of State Papers, Foreign Series, of the reign of Elizabeth, preserved in the Public Record Office."

Printed Books and Pamphlets to which reference is made in the notes.

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Pages 4, 8, 62.

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   Page 18.

CUNNINGHAM: The Growth of English Industry and
   Pages 1, 6, 124, 143.

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   traffiques, etc., of the English nation. Glasgow
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HEWINS: English trade and Finance chiefly in the 17th
   century.
   Page 8.

HEYD: Geschichte des Levantehandels im Mittelalter
   (1879).
   Page 1.

P. MASSON: Histoire du commerce français dans le levant.
   Page 14.

MONSON, SIR WILLIAM: Naval Tracts.
   Pages 5, 7.

PALGRAVE: Dictionary of Political Economy.
   Page 8.

ROGERS: History of Prices.
   Page 1.

RYMER: Foedera.
   Page 6.

SCHANZ: Englische Handelspolitik.
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   the Tudors.
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