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ABBREVIATIONS

<u>ADB</u>	Australian Dictionary of Biography
AJCP	Australian Joint Copying Project
ANU	Australian National University
<u>ANUJHJ</u>	Australian National University Historical Journal
BL	Battye Library, Perth
CO	Colonial Office
COD	Colonial Office Despatches
CN	Convict number
CSO	Chief Secretary's Office
<u>DWA</u>	Dictionary of Western Australians
<u>HRA</u>	Historical Records of Australia
<u>HRNSW</u>	Historical Records of New South Wales
<u>JACHS</u>	Journal of the Australian Catholic Historical Society
<u>JRAHS</u>	Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society
ML	Mitchell Library, Sydney
NSWAO	New South Wales Archives Office
PRO	Public Records Office, London
QSA	Queensland State Archives
VPRO	Victorian Public Records Office
WAA	Western Australian Archives