

Conventions

Original spelling and punctuation in all primary sources is reproduced throughout, unless otherwise indicated. My own insertions have been made in square brackets.

In the currency used throughout, £1 is made up of 20s (shillings), and 1s is made up of 12d (pence). In some sources, pence is referred to as 'le', e.g. '6le.'

Though sources from before 1752 use Lady Day dating, I have taken the year to begin on 1 January and end on 31 December throughout.