

omitted female title-holders in the numbering, we add, in brackets, to that number the number which the peer properly held without that omission.

Walpole sometimes jotted names of people and objects on the backs of letters, to serve as memoranda. Such unexplained names or words we index as 'HW mentions.'

Walpole's 'Paris Journals' in our Vol. 7 are filled with lists of people he met at parties. These we indexed in Vol. 8 (the Du Deffand index) under the names of hosts and guests as 'social relations of, with—' The final index does not reprint all those entries, but merely refers the reader to the appropriate pages in Vol. 8.

We usually do not anglicize the names of foreign monarchs, but 'Leghorn,' 'Florence,' and a few other place-names are here in anglicized form. We use 'St Petersburg' rather than 'Petrograd' or 'Leningrad.'

In alphabetizing first names, we follow the hierarchy of the *Nouvelle biographie générale*: saints, popes, emperors, kings (divided according to the alphabetical order of the names of their countries), princes, dukes, and commoners.

We alphabetize all two- and three-word items as if they were spelt solid up to the first comma—*Middlemarch*; 'Middle of the Forest'; Middle Temple; Middlewood, etc.

In alphabetizing the subheads, HW (for Horace Walpole himself) precedes all other words beginning with H, but SH (for Strawberry Hill) is placed where it would be if spelled out.

Nouns are indexed in singular rather than plural form, and are alphabetized accordingly.

The following abbreviations and contractions are used in the index:

Abp	Archbishop
Adm.	Admiral
b.	born
Bn	Baron
Bns	Baroness
Bp	Bishop
Bt	Baronet
c.	century
ca	circa
Col.	Colonel
cr.	created
Cts	Countess
d.	died
D.	Duke