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Company of Strangers:
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Abbreviations

AJHR	<i>Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives</i>
JP	Justice of the Peace
MHR	Member of the House of Representatives
NZJH	<i>New Zealand Journal of History</i>
NZPD	<i>New Zealand Parliamentary Debates</i>
STDM	South Taranaki District Museum
WRM	Whanganui Regional Museum
WTU	Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa