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¹ See "Hindrances to the Spread of the Catholic Church in England," at the end of Purcell's *Life of Cardinal Manning*.