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Abbreviations

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expansions, e. g., d/e/i
supplied; when blank, used to indicate missing text
erasure
line end
page end

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line 6, column b
indicate columns, e.g., f. 154v/13a-6b customary title
incipit, explicit, gloss
interlinear
folio
folios
recto
verso
century, e.g., 15c, 10/11c
chapter(s)
corrected
died, e.g., d. 998
floruit
used for titles or headings written in MSS
Anglo-Saxon
Old English
Patrologia Graeca
Patrologia Latina

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