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\errorcontextlines $[\langle number \rangle \text{ parameter}]$

This parameter determines the number of pairs of context lines, not counting the top and bottom pairs, that T_EX prints when it encounters an error. By setting it to 0 you can get rid of long error messages. You can still force out the full context by typing something like:

$I\verb|\error| contextlines=100\verb|\error| oops$

in response to an error, since the undefined control sequence \setminus oops will cause another error. Plain TEX sets \setminus errorcontextlines to 5.