

Preface

Notes

1. See illustr., nos 22, 23, 24, 25.
2. *A Tutor to Tachygraphy, or Short-writing* (1642), which Pepys retained in his Library. Mynors Bright was the first of the transcribers of the diary to be aware of the fact that Pepys used the Shelton system. He himself learned it from this copy. It has been reprinted in facsimile, with an introduction by Professor William Matthews, by the Augustan Reprint Society (William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, University of California at Los Angeles, 1970).
3. The 'unprintable' passages omitted in Bright's transcription were supplied to Wheatley by Hugh Callendar, Fellow of Trinity College, a physicist interested also in stenography.
4. The vowel, when occurring between consonants, is indicated by their relative position, with 'a' in the top position, 'u' in the bottom, and the rest in between. It is thus easy to confuse adjacent vowels – 'a' and 'e', 'e' and 'i', 'i' and 'o', and 'o' and 'u'.
5. In 17th-century usage, for instance, 'Navy' meant Navy Office and 'officers of the Navy' its officials; 'amused' could mean bemused; 'family' often meant the whole household, including servants; 'of course' meant as usual and 'call' served for call on and call for.