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The relationship between the British government and the City of London has become central to debates on modern British economic, political and social life. For some the City's financial and commercial interests have exercised a dominant influence over government economic policy, creating a preoccupation with international markets and the strength of sterling which impaired domestic industrial and social well-being. Others have argued that government seriously constricted financial markets, jeopardising Britain's most successful economic sector. This collection of essays is the first book to address these issues over the entire twentieth century. It brings together leading financial and political historians to assess the government–City relationship from several directions and by examination of key episodes. As such, it will be indispensable not just for the study of modern British politics and finance, but also for assessment of the worldwide problem of tensions between national governments and international financial centres.

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Unless otherwise stated, the place of publication is London.

<i>BEQB</i>	<i>Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin</i>
BoE	Bank of England Archives
BT	Board of Trade papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
CAB	Cabinet Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
CO	Colonial Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
CPA	Conservative Party Archives, Bodleian Library, Oxford
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
FO	Foreign Office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<i>HC Deb</i>	<i>House of Commons Debates</i> , 5th series, with volume and column (c., cc.) numbers
Kynaston, <i>City of London</i>	David Kynaston, <i>The City of London</i> , in 4 volumes: I <i>A World of its Own 1815–1890</i> (1994) II <i>Golden Years 1890–1914</i> (1995) III <i>Illusions of Gold 1914–1945</i> (1999) IV <i>A Club No More 1945–2000</i> (2001)
LPA	Labour Party Archives, National Museum of Labour History, Manchester
<i>PP</i>	<i>Parliamentary Papers</i>

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PREM	Prime Minister's private office papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
Radcliffe Committee	Committee on the Working of the Monetary System, 1957–9
T	Treasury papers, in the National Archives/Public Record Office
Wilson Committee	Committee to Review the Functioning of Financial Institutions, 1977–9