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Despite their small size, the Channel Islands (Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark) played an important role, both as a refuge and as temporary staging posts, for refugees fleeing France. Furthermore, the modified form of francophone Anglicanism which emerged on the islands formed a model for the conformist French churches in England and Ireland.

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