

Lord Liverpool

to

The King

April 24 1820

in the King's Speech

(Concerning the

usual reference to the

breach of blasphemy

and irreligion, captioned)

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Your Majesty's Confidential Servants
think it their duty to add to the
accompanying Minute, a few words
in explanation of the omission, which
Your Majesty remarks in the Speech,
respecting Blasphemy and Irreligion

These topics had been particularly
adverted to in former Speeches from
the Throne, whilst the laws in existence
had been (from whatever cause) not put
in force, and whilst their efficacy for
the purpose, was in many respects
deemed inadequate, and on this ground
new laws were called for, & passed,
in the course of the last Session.
In the Draft of the Speech submitted

to your Majesty, the passing of these
new laws, & the due execution of the
Laws, are mentioned as amongst the
causes, which have rotted confidence
to the country.

It is now notorious that these laws
have been ^{not} created, and it was thought
more delicate to make the allusions
general than to appear to refer in
a King's speech, to particular Regals,
and Convictions.

There can however be no difficulty
in meeting your Majesty's views on
this subject, if your Majesty should
still wish the insertion of any expressions
pointed to these objects