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Liverpool feels it to be his duty in the present stage of the proceedings against the Queen, in the House of Lords, most humbly to submit to your Majesty the following Considerations.

The Evidence in support of the Oath of the Queen is nearly closed. It is difficult to speculate upon the effect of it taken altogether, some parts of it, have made a considerable Impression upon the minds of the Peers against the Queen; ^{Witnesses} Some of the most material have however been shown, in their conduct, and Character; the Facts to which they have sworn, have on other respects been strongly confirmed, and the Conclusion might not be doubtful, if we could be sure that those Facts would not be repeated

repelled, by Evidence on the Part of the Queen,
 She has however on the Interest some most
 important Witnesses, particularly the Lord
 of Sumner, and two Officers of the British
 Army, and of these Persons should deny
 the Facts, whether truly or falsely presented
 it was done with a Consciousness to which the
 Witnesses in support of the Bill, have deposed.
 It is impossible to answer for the Result.

It is moreover not clear that the
 Opposition are determined to make a Party
 Question of the whole Business, that
 they will strain every Nerve, and raise
 every Doubt, however futile, to account
 the Queen, and that your Majesty
 and your Gov^t have in this respect,
 but must greatly succeed by the
 Grace of God.

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The Point however to which Lord Liverpool
feels it his duty to call your Majesty's im-
mediate attention, is the four last clauses of the
Bill, which enact the Licence, and by in-
ference must enable your Majesty to marry
again.

Lord Liverpool can assure your Majesty
from an extensive Personal Communication
with the Law, well-instructed, as
well as ^{with} other Persons, that there is scarcely
a Chance of this Part of the Bill passing
the House of Lords, and that it is quite
impossible, it should pass the House
of Commons.

Lord Liverpool will not at this
moment trouble your Majesty with all
the grounds upon which this Opinion
is founded, he has met with no
Person acquainted with Mr. Pitt's Opinion
who

who has any doubt upon the matter, and
the fact of such deposits being, and upon
Lord Kings Motion appeared to produce the
most favorable Impression upon the House,
was his saying, that this Part of the
Bill was altogether subordinate, and
that it was quite open to Parliament
to decide, whether they would adopt it
or not, without essentially affecting the
main Part of the Measure, the Separation
of the Queen.

If this view of the Subject is correct,
your Majesty will be graciously pleased
to reflect, that we are now approaching
to that Stage of the Proceedings, when
all the Subjects and Difficulties
connected with the Recommendation will
arise, The Principles of Recommendation
we also Reason appear applicable

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to the case of King and Queen, but it
 would be vain to conceal from ourselves
 the Repudiation which exists in this Kingdom
 a Repudiation which is greatly augmented
 by the Suppression in the present case
 of any Proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Courts,
 Add to this, that the Prof. required of the
 Act of Abjuration, would be under more
 strict, if I were not to follow, that
 of the Execution was limited to the
 Degradation of the Queen, as well from
 her Contract to choose, and to enjoy
 the Rights, and Privileges of Queen
 Consort.

Under all these Circumstances
 and I must most humbly request
 your Majesty's Authority to offer to give
 up the Part of the Act relative to
 her Majesty before the Defect is removed
 of

of such a Concealment shall appear to him
and to your Majesty's Confidential Servants
to be at the same unreasonable.

By such a Proceeding the Affairs of the
World be greatly circulated, and the
Kingdom would be prejudiced for all
Matters for entering upon the testimony
Subject of Persecution.

And therefore is most anxious
that your Majesty should have the
Grace of such a Concealment, rather
than that it should be extorted
from you. It would have an
incalculable Effect in placing your
Majesty's Cause upon good grounds,
and in ensuring to your Majesty
the Support of the most respectable

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And deputed can have no object
or humbly tendering to your Majesty
this advice, but his Attachment to
your Majesty's Person, and his Anxiety
to promote whatever may contribute
to the Peace and Honour of your Majesty's
Reign.

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Lord Liverpool

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The King

Proceedings in the
House of Lords
against the Queen

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