

the early days of the Plantagenet kings, Harry Hotspur, his successors and predecessors, were as often as not the centre of disaffection with the reigning sovereign, and the Hanoverian dynasty were no exception to the former rule. The long family history of Albert Edward is, however, a brilliant

never been one whisper, one suspicion of anything but the most absolute affection on one side and of respectful deference and chivalrous devotion on the other. There is no doubt that the affectionate relations which have always existed between the members of the present Royal Family have strengthened



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contrast to all its predecessors, for from the moment when the Prince of Wales appeared in an independent position his relations with the Crown have been of the most delightful and affectionate character. In all the long life of the late Queen and the Prince of Wales, as a grown-up man, stretching back over forty years, there has

the loyalty and esteem of their subjects, for throughout the British Empire there is no household which presents a higher and purer example of home life than that of the Queen. It is no idle flattery to say that in a very large measure this was due to the conduct of the Prince of Wales, for he had been placed by circumstances in so