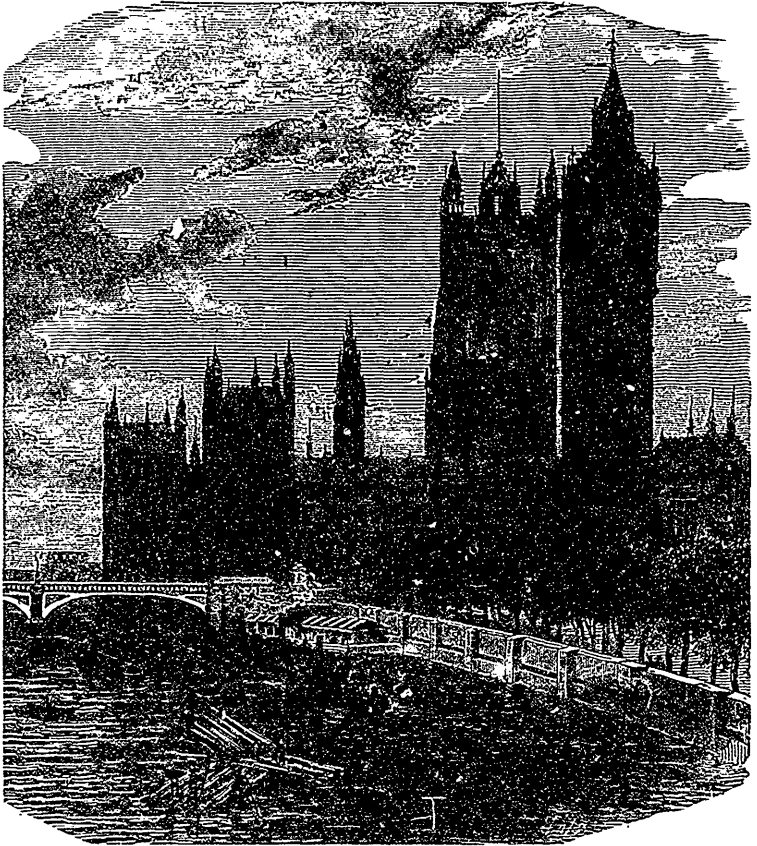


The Queen's robing room, decorated with frescoes from the legend of King Arthur, faces the river, and is separated from the Victoria Tower by the Victoria Gallery and the Prince's Chamber. Since the gunpowder plot of 1605 a thorough examination of the cellars is made whenever the royal presence is expected. In the



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centre of the building, St. Stephen's Hall is built above the ancient crypt of St. Stephen, the only relic of the old palace, which has now been restored and is used as a chapel. The hall is of no noble proportions, containing twelve statues of illustrious statesmen, and separates the House of Peers from the Commons. This is located in the eastern portion of the building, and is much