

sent the young earl of Arundel¹ to bid the king come to them out of his privy chamber. When this message was delivered to Richard, he replied, "Tell Henry of Lancaster from me, I shall do no such thing; if he wants to see me, let him come to me."

On entering the king's apartment, none showed any respect to him but Henry, who took off his cap, and, saluting him respectfully, said, "Here is our cousin the duke of Aumerle, and our uncle the duke of York, who wish to speak to you." Richard answered, "Cousin, they are not fit to speak to me." "But have the goodness to hear them," said Henry. Upon which Richard uttered an oath, and exclaimed, turning to York,² "Thou villain! what wouldst thou say to me! And thou, traitor of Rutland! thou art neither good nor worthy to speak to me, nor to bear the name of duke, earl, or knight. Thou, and the villain thy father, foully have ye betrayed me;³ in a cursed hour were ye born; by your false counsel was my uncle Gloucester put to death!" Aumerle replied to the king, "That he lied," and threw down his bonnet at his feet: upon which the king said, "I am king and thy lord; and will continue king, and be greater lord than I ever was, in spite of all my enemies!" Upon this, Henry imposed silence on Aumerle.

Richard then, turning with a fierce countenance to Henry of Lancaster, asked "Why he was in confinement? and why under a guard of armed men? Am I your servant, or am I your king? What do you mean to do with me?" Henry replied, "You are my king and my lord; but the council of the realm have determined that you are to be kept in confinement till the decision of parliament." The king then swore a deep oath, and said, "Let me have my wife." "Excuse me," replied Henry; "it is forbidden by the council that you should see queen Isabel." Then the king in wrath walked about the room, breaking into passionate exclamations

¹ Whose father Richard had put to death.

² Richard had left him regent of England, which he surrendered to Henry without a struggle.

³ Aumerle had just surrendered the loyal city of Bristol, the last hope of the unfortunate king.

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