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Next day, "Earl Bathurst called the attention of the House to the great fall from dignity which their Lordships had suffered the preceding day, in consequence of the gross insults and violence offered to many of their Lordships' persons by the rioters and unruly mob which had assembled in the streets, and not only interrupted the members of that House in their way to it, and prevented many from coming to do their duty in parliament, but had obliged others, after a compulsory adjournment, to steal away, like guilty things, to save themselves from being sacrificed to lawless fury. Their Lordships had witnessed the insults and violence offered to the persons of several of their Lordships; but others had been still greater sufferers; in particular, a right reverend Prelate (the Bishop of Lincoln) had been stopped in the street,had been forced out of his coach, the wheels of which were taken off,-and, having sought refuge in a private house, had been followed by the mob, and had been obliged to make his escape in disguise. Before their Lordships proceeded to any other business, it behoved them to do something for the recovery of their dignity, by bringing the offenders to justice." He concluded by moving an address to his Majesty, praying "that he would give immediate directions for prosecuting in the most effectual manner the authors, abettors, and instruments of the outrage committed yesterday in Palace Yard and places adjacent." After a debate, in which the Government was severely blamed for negligence in not taking proper measures to secure the peace of the metropolis, the motion was agreed to. He afterwards moved that the Judges should prepare a bill "to indemnify sheriffs and jailers for the escape of prisoners during the late tumults," as these officers of the law were now liable for very heavy fines and punishments, without having been

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