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From the Act of Attainder of George, Duke of Clarence in January 1478. The Act pronounced him guilty of high treason. The King, Edward IV, himself presented the charges before Parliament against his brother. No one spoke in Clarence's defence.

The King calls to remembrance his tender love for George, Duke of Clarence, the large grants he has given him, and how he has forgiven his brother's past offences. The Duke of Clarence, nevertheless, has shown no increase in love to the King but has grown daily in hatred. He hath not ceased to plot new treasons; for the Duke hath falsely and traitorously intended the destruction and disinheriting of the King and his heirs. He has sought to undermine all the good rule of this realm, by force using both forces from this realm and abroad. 5

To bring about this wicked purpose, he attempted to find the means to induce the King's subjects to withdraw their affections from the King by many contrived ways. The Duke was fully intending to raise himself and his heirs to the throne and crown of England, and clearly intending to put aside for ever from the said crown and throne, the King and his heirs. To achieve this he intended to use the falsest and most unnatural pretence that man might imagine. He intended falsely to say, that the King our sovereign lord was a bastard and not born to reign. 10

And in addition to this, the Duke obtained and got a deed under the great seal of King Henry VI, who claimed to be, but was not in right, King of this land. In the deed were contained all such agreements recently made between the said Duke and Margaret, who being the wife of King Henry called herself Queen of this land; the deed stated that, if the said Henry and his first born son died without male heirs, then the said Duke and his heirs should be King of this land. This deed of agreement the said Duke hath kept secret, not letting the King Edward IV, his brother, to have any knowledge thereof. In this he caused harm to the King's true subjects, the better to achieve his false purpose. 15 20

For which reasons the King, by the advice and assent of his Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, commands that George, Duke of Clarence, be convicted and attainted of high treason and shall forfeit from him and his heirs for ever the honour, estate, dignity, and name of Duke and all his properties and possessions. 25

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