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1000. Successor Ethelred in 1000. but whether these Aldermen &c. were Lords, or Commons, or both does not appear.

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H. Lupus was y^e first C. made C. of Chester by W. y^e Conqueror.

Ld. Beaumont was y^e first Vis: in y^e 10th Ed. VI.

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He call'd another convention of all y^e States of y^e realm at London in 1107. Another at Salisbury in 1126.

Stephen summon'd a Parli: at Ox: in 1136. where he sign'd a Convention.

He assemb'd a great Council for y^e Cors. of hison in H. II. call'd a general Assembly at Millinford in 1152.

1156, where he confirm'd y^e great chart: of y^e Barons.

He summoned a much greater assem: at Clarendon
in 1164 which is so often call'd y^e Constitutions
of Clarendon, which comes nearer to a Parl:
than any thing we have as yet met with.

Another conven: in 1171 in which y^e Scot: did homage
one at West: in y^e first year of R. 1. in 1189.

A Parl: at Nottingham in 1194.

A conven: held at Lincoln in y^e first of John.
M: Ch: granted in form by th: k. in Running
mead between Windsor & Staines in 1215.

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Stephen held a convention at Beport in 1136. where He sign'd the Charter that confirm'd the Rights & Immunities of the Church, & in 1152. Assembled a Great Council for the Coronation of His Son.

Henry II. at a General Assembly at Wallingford in 1156. confirm'd the Great Charter of the Realm, at a greater at Clarendon in 1164. which resembled more a Parliament than any we have as yet met with; the famous Articles call'd the Constitutions of Clarendon were made, at a Convention in 1171. Malcolm King of Scotland did Homage.

Richard I. assembled his Great Council in 1189. at Westminster & in 1194. at Nottingham, which were both taken up with the Holy War, & the Kings Ransom.

There were several Councils, & also Assemblies of the