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Perf'd House  
Thursday Evening  
May 22 1765

Lord Halifax most dutifully acquaints his Majesty that the House of Lords, very much contrary to Expectation, sat till between five and Six. — The Business began by a Speech from My Lord Chancellor, in which his Lordship gave a clear Opinion with Respect to the first of the Duke of Richmond's Questions, viz, whether the Queen, being an alien, could, notwithstanding her being Queen, ~~and~~ without an Act of Parliament to be in that Case provided, act as Regent of these Kingdoms by Appointment under his Majesty's Sign Manual. — His Lordship was very clear in his Opinion that the Queen could. — but with Respect to the Duke of Richmond's second Question, which was to define the Persons, of which the Royal Family consists;



his Lordship was of opinion, that could not be done; that the Judges could not undertake to determine the Point; that Garter, King at Arms, seem'd to him to be the proper Person for such a Task, but that probably he would not be able to give his Report, if from this Time he was to live ~~an~~ <sup>Two</sup> Hundred Years.

The Duke of Richmond still stuck to his Doubts; and acquainted the House (having been told he could only do it in the Committee) that he purpos'd moving a Question in the Committee. Lord Halifax, when the proper Clause came under Consideration, mov'd, that the Word usually residing in Great Britain, might be left out, and the Word now <sup>(with) ~~word~~ ~~usually~~ ~~placed~~ ~~there~~ ~~added~~</sup> to take the Place on the Room of it. Many Speeches past, & much Time was spent on this Occasion. but it being at last determin'd that Lord Halifax's Motion should be put put, it pass'd in the Affirmative without a Division.

after which the Duke of



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of Richmond made his <sup>56(2)</sup> Motion, which (the Lord  
Halifax has not the Words of it) was to this  
Effect, That the King should be at Liberty  
to name her Royal Highness the Princess of  
Dorset of Wales, and any of the Persons  
descended from the late King, his Majesty's Royal  
Grandfather. a Negation was put on his  
Grace's Motion without a Division.

Lord Parsons with asked some Questions relative  
to certain Clauses in the Bill, which Lord  
Halifax, much against his Inclination, as it  
very unacceptably lost Time, thought however  
it was his Duty to answer.

The Speakers in the Debate were as follows

Lord Chancellor	Lord Marchmont
D. of Richmond	Lord Talbot
Lord Halifax	Lord Torrington
Lord Pringle	Lord Mordaunt
D. of Bedford	Lord Seymour
Lord Sandwich	Lord Folkestone

The Judges are order'd to attend tomorrow to answer  
the two following Questions. the first, whether an



Alison, married to the King of Great Britain  
is not by operation of Law, to all Intents &  
Purposes considered as a natural born Subject.

The Second - Whether in such Case a <sup>Person</sup> ~~Person~~  
so circumstanced, is debarred by the Act of  
Settlement, or by any other Act whatsoever,  
from accepting an Office of Trust, or any the  
Grant of any Lands all from the Crown -

2. May 1700.  
Lord Halifax