

Thus persuaded, the queen sent word regarding that, to her son and ^{her} brother who was then with the king. The Duke of Gloucester and some principal nobles of his party also wrote to the king and to the queen's friends. They showed in their letters such respect to the former and such amiableness to the latter that they could possibly entertain no suspicion. So the king was hostilely brought up to his coronation attended ^{only} with a moderate retinue. When the Duke of Gloucester and Buckingham came to Northampton, the king was already on his way to London. They found there however, the Lord Rivers, the king's uncle who intended to start early on the next morning so as to overtake the king at Stony Stratford. They spent the greater part of the night in merriment. When they separated with great courtesy, the two dukes with some of their most privy friends, held a secret council till the break of day. When the council was broken up, they sent word to their servants at inns & lodgings, to prepare them for departure, for

Their masters would soon be on horse back.
 Those messages being received, most of their
 men were ready, while many of the Lord
 Rivers' servants were quite unprepared.
 The Dukes had also taken into their custody
 the keys of the inn, so that no one might
 enter it without their permission.

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