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Again they dispatched some of their men through the highway toward Stony Stratford where the king was staying. Those men had to drag back by main force those nobles who had already set out of Northampton ^{for} toward Stony Stratford and to keep them in strict watch till they should receive another order. The barons' intention was to show their loyal regard by attending upon the king first on that day out of that town. Meanwhile, however, Lord Rivers became aware that he was shut up in his lodging and was closely watched on every side so that neither he nor his servants were suffered to go out of the house. The striking contrast between the last night's mirth and his present position so marvellously brought under notice in a few hours, made him understand that something must be the matter. Whatever might be the cause, however, he would not suffer this breach on his personal freedom, lest he should appear as if he were hiding himself on account of some secret

fear for certain guilt of which he saw he had none! Secured by his own conscience, he determined to go boldly to them and inquire what all this meant. ^{But no} As soon as they perceived him than they began to quarrel with him saying that he intended to estrange them from the King and to bring them to an awkward position and that all his efforts were, however, in vain.

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