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## LETTER I.

Introduction—Purpose of this Work.

MY DEAR COUSINS,

YOUR father has acceded to my request that he would allow you to visit me in London this spring; and I have asked him to let you so time your visit that I may take you to the opening of Parliament. You will see her Majesty the Queen proceed in state from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords; you will hear her read her speech from the throne. You will be shown many of the greatest statesmen and politicians of the day assembled amongst the peers in the House of Lords, and the members of the House of Commons at its bar, and the representatives of foreign nations in the places reserved for them. I shall point out to you all the high officers of state who take part in