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① This text is an article<sup>\*</sup> extracted from a newspaper called "The Guardian", which is a left-of-center one; as a matter of consequence, it tends to support the Labour Party and could be in favor of changes in Great Britain's constitutional monarchy system. The article was written in July 2003; at this time, Tony Blair, member of the Labour Party was Prime Minister. Indeed, he was elected in 1997 and remained Prime Minister for ten years. As a "PM", he acted in favor of a diminishment of the powers of the "dignified part of the constitution", that is to say the House of Lords and the Queen. Believing that some habits of such institutions were old-fashioned and rather undemocratic, he decided to reform a few things within it, such as the hereditary tradition of the former and a clearer view upon the finances of the latter by the British people.

Thus, the article was written in this political context of questioning the role of the monarchy. The columnist deals with everything that needs to be changed according to him - and more precisely according to the Labour<sup>s</sup>, since