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HOUSE OF LORDS.
Thursdar, April 14.
the state ur europe.
Lord Malerssump, in calling the nttention of the louse to the state of uffairs on the Con-
tinent, said it would be fresh in the memory o tinent, said it would be fresh h in the memory of
the house that in the beginning of this year a couversetion had occurred which showed that not on so satisfiatory a footing as could hnve been desired, while the relations of this country
with all parts of the world were so encourag ing that we were well fitted to take the part of mediators. He then briefly reviewed the posi-
tion of the three principal Powers in regad to this counrry, and observed that, although connected with Austria hy similariy of race and an ancient alliauce, the people of this country
were atienated from her ty the policy which Austria thad pursued in lialy. No statesman in
this country would for a minute deny the rights this country would for a minute deny the rights
of Austrin-rights whieh had been acquired by conquest, inheritance, and treaty, precisely in conques, Mneritance, and treaty, precisely in owo possessious. These rights were secured by treaties which he had signed, and which
every Government was bound to uphold. But a true cenuse of cormplaint against Austrin arose
from her interference with the other taling rome her intertirenee with the other halian
States beeides Lombardy. In passing to Sardinia, he said that a strong feeliug ith her favour existed in this country by the assimilation of her institutions to our own, and he regretted that after her noble conduct in the late wair she should have so far forgotten that military glory
ought not to be the sole object of a Government, for it was from this cause that the present difficutties had arisen. It was difficult, he ob, served, to understand why France should in-
volve itself in this question, hut France had thought fit to unite her cause with Sardinia and to assert her rights to look into the affairs of It was the opinion of her M ment that a disarimament was necessary pre-
vious to the assembling of the Congress. The Congress was to cousist of the five great Powers but, as the questions to be considered iffected the sociai and political imporiance of Italy, he
thought that the different Italian nations should be represented, and it had therefore been pro attend, and admitted when the Congress wished to hear them. In such a decision there wa nothing derogatory to the dignity of the Jialian States. Sardinia would therefore not be repre
sented in the Congress, but invited with the sented in the Congress, but invited with the
other Italianil States to send a delegate to put it wishes hefore the Congress. Aus tria and
France had agreed to the principle of a disarmamient, but differed us to the time and mode of carrying it out. Sardinia had also been in vited to disarm on the same footing as Austria,
but refused on the ground of her non-admis sion to the Congress. He regretted that h these negotiations, but it might be presumed that for their own credit the Government had
used every effort to avert a war whicb would be no common one, hut would be a theatre for the dreams of the wildest theorists and the most Lord Clarendon wished
bury eould have made a more ment previous to the dissolution of Parliament, in order to allay public anxiety. Assuming, he said, not pursuing a policy they were ashamed and not pursuing a policy shey were ashamed had arrived at their present state. They had a il declared their intention of not attacking each
other, England and Prussia had done their best to mediate, but still armaments were going on among them. In Frunce everything denoted a
campaign ; Sardinia was draining her resource to support her army, and the war spirit of Gerimnoy could be lardly repressed; and yet, gress, they could not agree on the conditions existed a real desire for peace, the whole busiexisteil might be coneluded by a Congress in a what a Congrees was wanted for. If it were to alter the territories of Austria in Italy, Austria would not recognise the power of the Congress of 1859 to abrogate the settlements of the Con-
gress of 1815 . I' it were that Austria gress of 1815 . If it were that Austria was to
abandon the Papal territory, Austria was ready to do so if France would abandon Rome. He onsidered France was responsible for the not innugine a great nation in a more unworthy position. He did not fear the withdrawal of the French und Austrian troops froin the Papal
Staters, for he helieved that the party of order and constitutional governnent was increasing
in influence in these Stutes. The bubble of Italian uniny had at length burst, and the detestable party of Mazziui aud his uceomplices was was the necessity for war. War could what settle the Italian question ; for, supposing that Austrin was driven rout, and Lombardy was
annexed to Piedinent, the people of Milan and Venice would never agree with those of
Sardinia, but would be more discontented than they even were now. There was one principle he hoped the Conyress would estatish-tia
non-intervention -for the Italians were quiter capable of condueting their owo affairs. Parliament for not embarassiog Government in the preseut conditipn of affinirs, as the best chance of maimaninimg peance was that it ghould be well understood by Europe that no difforences
existed ou that point in the English Parliament
 agreed than it thit seem thard to reconcioqe the
 these difficulties was due to the King of Sardinia's words, that "a cry of anguish came
from Italy, and he could not endure it". When from Italy, and he could not endure it." When
such words were used it was not unnatural that Austria should make preparations on a large scule, although Piedinont had nothing to fear from Austria as long as she kept wifhin hier own oounds. He agreed with Lord Clarendon as Austria had entered into with the Italian states and thought it would be wise for her to reconsider them. In regard to the Papal States, he thought that it would be best to leave that
matter to France and Austria during the Conmatter to France and Austria during the Congress, allowing the Pope a voice in the question.
The time was now nearly come, he said, when was a question whether a Congress should be Congress should be held ought to be known. The time, in fact, was nearly at hand when England would have to say that the time for
trifling had gone by, and she would therefore witling had gone by, and she would therefore withdraw from interfering in affairs where she
could not do so effectually. If there wer a which God forbid! it would not be localised in Italy; it would be impossible to confine it to that country; it would extend itself, and
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