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Treasurer, Members of Lincoln's Inn.

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As you have said Benchers of the Inn hold
five great offices: Lord Chancellor,

Lord Chief Justice, Master of the Rolls, Nupsk

Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division

and Prime Minister.

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It is not mere modesty which leads me to place my own office at the bottom of this list.

I am aware that our profession tends to have a higher regard for those who progress in the profession than for those who seek achievement elsewhere.

Mr. Treasurer, you have recalled those previous

Prime Ministers who had links with Lincoln's Inn.

I recently re-read Sir Gerald Hurst's essay on
these distinguished gentlemen.

I noted the terms in which he dismissed one, and by implication several others:

"One of the many mediocre lawyers whom too kind a destiny has wafted from high place to high place in politics."

So tonight, I have to speak to you as an errant daughter who ceased to practise early in life.

Of course, I am not alone in this group of five in having pursued a political career.

For me it is a privilege and a source of great support to have Quintin Hailsham in the Cabinet in his second term of office as Lord Chancellor, a post which aptly crowns a great career.

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When the Administration was being formed I had in mind, naturally, the special virtues of a legal training. In addition to the Lord Chancellor and myself, seven other Cabinet Ministers have been called to the Bar —

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Secretary of State for Industry

The Lord Privy Seal

The Secretary of State for Social Services

The Chancellor of the Duck of Lancaster

The Secretary of State for Trade

The Secretary of State for Education & Science

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William Pitt: speech in the House of Commons,
22 July 1803

"We must recollect what it is we have at stake, what it is we have to contend for. It is for our property, it is for our liberty, it is for our independence, nay, for our existence as a nation; it is for our character, it is for our every name as Englishmen, it is for everything dear and valuable to man on this side of the grave."

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