

**King Henry III  
and the  
Communication of Power**

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# 10 reasons why Henry III may have been a great king

For more than five centuries, Henry III was the longest-serving English monarch and yet he has never been associated with greatness, says Darren Baker. Here, the author of a new biography on the king puts across a case for boosting the monarch's underrated reputation...

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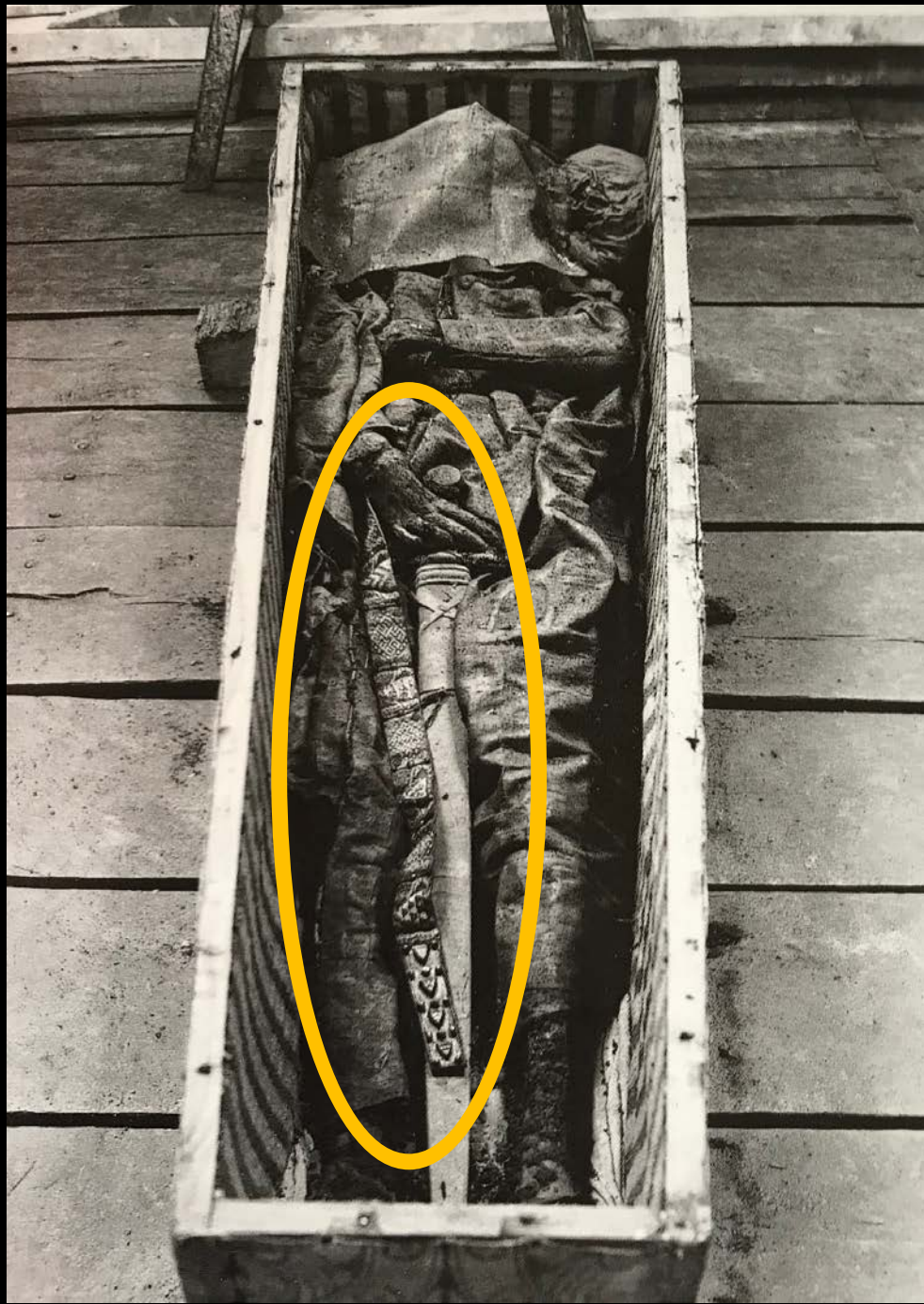
Against the backdrop of King John's ignominy and the political challenge posed by Magna Carta, which encouraged demands for greater representation in parliament, King Henry III used art, architecture and apparel to exalt his authority and to communicate his divinely-ordained status on a scale never previously seen in England. This lecture considers how Henry used art to justify monarchy at the dawn of what is commonly termed the 'parliamentary state'.



















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Count of Champagne

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King of England

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