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- Bookmark the search form with certain search segments, date parameters, collection, and paper types preselected.

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- Facilitate known-number searches (a Command Paper number, for example) so that the users won’t need to know how the format of certain citations changed over time.

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Making the 19th century Lords content cross-searchable, this collection with HCPP is essential so that scholars can not only explore the unique material in House of Lords Parliamentary Papers, but also compare different versions of bills between the legislative bodies, review the Lord’s views on issues covered in the Commons, and explore a whole host of issues for the period during which the Lords exerted power. Students, historians and researchers of political, social and economic history, education, law and colonialism will be able to access material as diverse as papers on the 1819 Lords investigation into child labor and the Lords evidence on the 1835 Bill for the Great Western Railway, and much more.

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