Royal Authority and the Peasants' Revolt



In 1381, a significant event shook the foundations of		This was
known as the Peasants' Revolt. Th	e catalyst for the uprising was	the imposition of a
, which	was seen as unfair by the lower	classes. Leading the revolt
was a man named	, along with other di	sgruntled leaders. They were
not just fighting against the tax, l	out also challenging the very es	sence of royal authority.
Their march towards	was a powerful statement of their	
dissatisfaction. The rebels manag	ed to capture the	of London, an
unprecedented feat that showed t	heir determination. King	, who was
only 14 at the time, found his reig	n threatened by this uprising. I	n a bold move, he met with
the rebels at	to negotiate.	
During this confrontation, Wat Ty	ler was killed, which dramaticall	y changed the
of the	revolt. The king seized this mo	oment to assert his power,
declaring, "I am your	, your captain, and your king." This statement	
was a clear demonstration of roya	al authority trying to reassert i	tself over the chaos.
In the aftermath, the revolt was	, but it left a lasting impact on	
English society and governance. I		•
and called into question the	of the feudal system. Although the	
immediate demands of the revolt	were not met, it set a preceden	t for future
about	the power of collective action.	
The Peasants' Revolt of 1381 is a	to t	he complex relationship
between royal authority and the c	ommon people. It showcases the	e struggles for
and ea	quality that have echoed throug	hout history, reminding us of
the enduring spirit of resistance	against oppression.	
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