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point. Edward the Confessor built a great tower here, which is depicted

on the Bayeux Tapestry. When Henry III was rebuilding the Abbey in the 1250's, a new tower was begun which was to have dominated the Westminster skyline, but it was never finished and 150 years later an octagonal lantern like that at Ely Cathedral was built on...