

The sudden and unexpected death of the King my dearest Lib. X.
Father has filled my heart with so much Concern and Suprize
that I am at a Loss how to express my self upon this great
and melancholy Occasion

I am sensible of the weight that immediately falls upon me
by taking the Government of a Nation so powerful at Home
and of such Influence and Consequence abroad but my Love
and Affection to this Country from my Knowledge and Expe-
rience of you makes me resolve chearfully to undergo all
difficulties for the sake and good of my people

The Religion Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom are p. 181
most dear unto me and the preservation of the Constitution
in Church and State as it is now happily established shall be
my first and always my Chief Care

And as the Alliances entered into by the late King my
Father with Foreign powers have Contributed to the restor-
ing the Tranquillity and preserving the Ballance of Europe
I shall endeavour to Cultivate those Alliances and to Improve
and perfect this great work for the Honour Interest and
Security of my People

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble
Request to his Majesty that his Majestys most Gracious
declaration to their Lordships might be made publick which
his Majesty was pleased to Order accordingly

Edward Southwell

London June 17th

On Thursday about noon his present Majesty George the
Second was Proclaimed King of Great Britain France and
Ireland at Leicester House Charing Cross Temple Bar
Cheapside and the Royal Exchange with the usual Solem-
nities the Prime Ministers of State and a Great Number of
the Nobility and Gentry attending on that Occasion with the
Kings Heralds and Pursuivants at Arms in their proper
Habits proceeded by a detachment of Horse and Grenadier
Guards when they came to Temple Bar the Gates being
shut were upon their Knocking at them Ordered to be
Opened by the right Honble the Lord Mayor Accompanied
by the Aldermen and Sheriffs in their Robes and at Night
there were Bonfires Illuminations and other Rejoycings p. 182
throughout this City and Suburbs

The same day the Parliament was Prorogued by Com-
mission from his present Majesty to the 27th of this Instant
June

New Commissions in the name of his Majesty King George
the second are Ordered for all the Officers Civil and military