

Whereupon the Lords of the Privy Council assembling at Carleton House gave Orders for proclaiming his present Majesty who caused all the Lords and others of the late King's Privy-Council to be sworn of his Majesty's Privy-Council and was pleased to make the following most gracious Declaration. Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

The Loss that I and the Nation have sustained by the Death of the King my Grand-father would have been severely felt at any Time but coming at so critical a Juncture and so unexpected it is by many Circumstances augmented and the Weight now falling upon me much increased, I feel my own Insufficiency to support it as I wish; but animated by the tenderest Affection for my native Country and depending on the Advice Experience and Abilities of your Lordships, on the Support and Assistance of every honest Man, I enter with Chearfulness into this arduous situation and shall make it the Business of my Life to promote in every Thing the Glory and Happiness of these Kingdoms to preserve and strengthen both the Constitution in Church and State; and as I mount the Throne in the Midst of an expensive but just and necessary War, I shall endeavour to prosecute it in the Manner the most likely to bring on an honourable and lasting Peace in Concert with my Allies.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble Request to his Majesty that this his Majesty's most gracious Declaration to their Lordships might be made publick, which his Majesty was pleased to order accordingly.

F.. Vernon.

At the Court at Carleton House.

Present the Kings most excellent Majesty.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

Archbishop of Canterbury	Viscount Barrington
Duke of Leeds	Viscount Ligonier
Duke of Newcastle	Lord Anson
Earl of Holderness	Lord Mansfield
Earl of Cholmondley	M ^r Vice Chamberlain
Earl of Waldegrave	M ^r Secretary Pitt
Earl Gower	Henry Fox Esq ^r
Viscount Falmouth	S ^r Tho ^s Robinson

His Majesty at his first coming into the Council was this Day pleased to declare that understanding that the Law requires that he should at his Accession to the Crown take and subscribe the Oath relating to the Security of the Church of Scotland he was now ready to do it this first opportunity p. 259