

Lib. J. R. and so unexpected, it is by many Circumstances augmented,  
& U. S. and the Weight now falling upon me much increased: I  
feel my own Insufficiency to support it as I wish; but ani-  
mated by the tenderest Affection for this my native Country,  
and depending on the Advice, Experience and Abilities of  
your Lordships, on the Support and Assistance of every  
p. 265 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 public, which  
his Majesty was pleased to order accordingly.

F. Vernon

By the King

A Proclamation

Declaring his Majesty's Pleasure for continuing the Offi-  
cers in his Majesty's Plantations 'till his Majesty's Pleasure  
shall be further signified.

George R: Whereas by an Act of Parliament made in  
the sixth Year of the late Queen Anne of blessed Memory  
intituled "An Act for Security of her Majesty's Person and  
Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of Great  
Britain in the Protestant Line" it was enacted (amongst  
other Things) that no Office Place or Employment, Civil or  
Military within any of her said late Majesty's Plantations,  
should become void by Reason of the Demise or Death of her  
said late Majesty her Heirs or Successors Kings or Queens  
of this Realm; but that the Person and Persons in any of the  
Offices Places or employments aforesaid should continue in  
their respective Offices, Places, and Employments for the  
space of six Months next after such Death or Demise unless  
sooner revoked and discharged by the next in Succession to  
whom the Crown of this Realm should come remain and be  
according to the several Acts of Parliament for limiting and  
settling the succession of the Crown, as by the said recited  
Act may appear: And in Regard it may happen that our  
Pleasure may not within the said Time be declared touching  
the said Offices, Places and Employments in our foreign