

Whitehall Oct^r 29th 1760. Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

Sir

In Consequence of the melancholy Event of the King's p. 269
Death on the 25th Instant, I am directed by the Lords Com-
missioners for Trade and Plantations to take the Oppor-
tunity by the Packet of acquainting you that the necessary
Forms for proclaiming his present Majesty in the Colonies
together with Warrants for using the old Seals, Proclama-
tions for continuing Officers in their Employments, Orders
for Alteration of the Liturgy &c. &c. are preparing with all
possible Dispatch, and will be transmitted to yourself and
the rest of the Governors and Commanders in Chief of his
Majesty's Colonies in America in a few Days

I am Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

John Pownall Sec^y

New York 1st of January 1761.

Sir

Yesterday arrived here Captain Prescott one of my Aid de
Camps with Letters from M^r Secretary Pitt notifying to me
the most melancholy News of the Death of the late King on
the 24th October in the most sudden Manner his Majesty
having appeared perfectly well the Day before and even that
very Morning, that his present Majesty was proclaimed the
next Day, that the Parliament met on the 26th and that the
King was firmly resolved steadily to support his Allies, and
to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigour These being his
Majesty's Resolutions, altho I have not as yet received any
Commands for the particular Operations which it may be
found expedient to pursue in this Country I think it incum-
bent on me to give you the earliest Notice of the King's
Intentions, and at the same Time to acquaint you that the
Services which still remain to be put into Execution for com-
pleating the great Object of the War in America will require
the further Aid and Assistance of his Majesty's good and
faithful American Subjects, wherefore I must desire you to
be prepared for the immediate Compliance with the King's
Requisition for such a Number of Men from your Province
as shall be thought requisite by his Majesty to answer the
proposed End of procuring a good and lasting Peace, which
Requisition I doubt not you will receive soon.

I am with great Regard, Sir, your most obedient humble

Servant Jeff: Amherst

To his Excellency Governor Sharpe.