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## The Chevalier Charles's DECLARATION.

Charles, of Sc. Sc. Sc. but not of France, Son and Successor of James, by some called the Chevalier de St. George; who being an extraordinary Prince, like all the rest of our Caledonian Predecessors, had taken to the Church, resigned his Throne and Dominions to us, in as full and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes as ever he himself enjoyed the same; to have and to hold to us and our Heirs at large for ever. And now I want nothing but the Possession; nor shall I want it long: For altho' one William Henry Nassau, with diverse other tumultuous and malicious People, did, in the Year 1688, make a Revolution, by Continuance, we, and the Chevalier our Father have hitherto been kept out of our Kingdoms, contrary to all Justice and Equity; but by the Blessing of good Providence, and Assistance of my dear Cousin and Brother Lewis the French King, his Holiness Benedict XIV. Pope of Rome, and his Majesty the King of Prussia, as also by the voluminous learned Labours of innumerable Priests and Prelates, who have strain'd themselves hard in favour of my Rights and Title, until at last they really have made it as sure, certain, and indefeasible, as their own Claim to the uninterrupted Succession of the Apostles.

We therefore, of the Premises not being ignorant, do hereby of our Own certain Knowledge, and by all the Powers and Authorities above-mentioned, publish and declare. Ourselves to be sole rightful King of these Realms, except France, as aforesaid, against all Occupiers and Possessors thereof, and do thereupon demand Admittance thereunto without Fraud or further Delay, according to the true intent and meaning of these Pretensions: And to two late Pamphlets published in our Behalf, the one intituled, *Jus Sacrum*, and the other *Memoriae of the Chevalier de St. George*; designing to begin our Reign with Acts of Grace, and Beneficence to our loving Subjects. We judge it may be very proper that Holy Church should find the Effects of our Favour; and therefore we promise upon our Sacred Word of Majesty, that as soon as we have subdued our Enemies, and seated Ourselves peaceably in the Throne, that then we will cause to be restored to Holy Church all her Lands, which are so unjustly and fraudulently plundered from her. AND I will also quit all Claim and Pretence to supremacy in Ecclesiastical Matters; and then it will be in the Power of Holy Church to restore godly Discipline, as was in Use the pious Queen Mary's Days. All I desire in Return on their Part is, that they would revive

the Doctrine of *Passive Obedience and Non-Resistance*; and then, you know, we are not accountable to any but God; and the Priesthood, They neither will be accountable to God, nor the King, but only to one another.

AND whereas we have been informed, that since the Revolution in 1688, and also aforesaid, for the Space of 500 Years, and upwards, the Crown and Royal Dignity of our said Realms have been from time to time involved, and inchoated upon by diverse riotous Assemblies, who have taken upon themselves to frame and devise certain Things called Statutes, or Acts of Parliament, therein said to be Enacted by Authority of the King, Lords, and Commons, in manifest Diminution of the sole legislative Power of the King: Therefore, in Vindication of such our Right, we do hereby declare, That all and every the Things aforesaid, called Acts or Statutes, made, or said to be made, by the Authority of Parliament, to be totally void and abrogated; and therefore legislate and enact, That all the pretended Records thereof be, and are hereby, abrogated, repealed, and annulled, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

AND for the preventing the like Abuses for the future, we do hereby, of Ourselves and by Ourselves, in our own Person, and as a *Noun Substantive only*, enact and legislate, that from henceforth, instead of the Forms aforesaid, all Acts of Legislature shall run in Form following, *viz. Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, with himself, and by himself, of his own meer Will and Pleasure, any Advice of the Lords, Spirituals and Temporal, or Commons, either in or out of Parliament, or Authority of the same, to the contrary notwithstanding, &c.*

AND we do hereby, of Ourselves as aforesaid, legislate, that to the Coronation Oath shall be added this Clause, *Provided nevertheless, That this Oath shall not, in any wise, be binding on the Crown, for preserving any Law, Right, or Liberty of the Church or State therein mentioned: The same Oath being an Act of Concession only, and not of Obligation; and that the Violation thereof shall not be esteemed any Sin against our Neighbour.*

AND whereas, the Titles of the Crown are in no wise alienable from their Heirs; how pursuant to the said Maxim, and for Value received from his most Christian Majesty Lewis XV. Words for us, and our Heirs grant and renounce the Right and Title of the Crown of France, to his said most Christian Majesty and his Heirs.

AND whereas, there are many sedicious Emulians endeavouring to stir up groundless Fears amongst my good Subjects; as in my Dear Brother and best Friend the March-Monarch aforesaid, design'd to make very large Demands upon Us, for the vast Sums his Grandfather and himself have granted, for the support and Assistance of our Royal Grandfather, Our Father