

The Religion Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom are more dear unto me and the preservation of the Constitution in Church and State as it is now happily established shall be my first and ^{dearest} Chief Care

And as the Alliances entered into by the late King my Father with Foreign Powers have contributed to the Redoubting 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

Which upon the Lords of the Council made 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

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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 Cheap side and the Royal Exchange with the usual Solemnities the Prime Minister of State and a Great Number of the Nobility and Gentry attending on that Occasion with the Kings Herald and Pursuivants attired 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