

Brother Francis Duke of York

London June 17 On Wednesday last between three and four a Clock in the afternoon Mr. Croom of his Majesty's Messengers arrived here Express with the melancholy news that our late most gracious Sovereign King George died last Sunday of a fit of an ill colic in the 68th year of his age and 13th of his Reign

Sir Robert Walpole who first received this news at Chelsea went with it immediately to the Prince and Princess of Wales at Richmond who thereupon came from thence to Leicester House where the Lords of the Privy Council were summoned and signed a Proclamation for Proclaiming his Royal Highness King of these Realms

The Proclamation was as follows

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George of blessed memory by whose decease the Imperial Crowns of Great Britain France and Ireland are solely and rightfully come to the high and mighty Prince George Prince of Wales We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm being here assembled with those of his ^{late} Majesty's Privy Council with Numbers of other principal Gentlemen of Quality with the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of London do now hereby with one full Voice and Consent of Tongue and heart Publish and Proclaim that the high and mighty Prince George Prince of Wales is now by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory become our only lawful & rightful Lige Lord George the second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c to whom we do