

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the thirteenth Day of
December in the tenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1700

Present

His Excellency Moratio Sharpe Esq. Governor
The Honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq. Stephen Bordley Esq. and John Ridout Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint the Board that he has seen in the Gentleman's Magazine
for October last an Account of the late King's Death in the following Manner

From the Gentleman's Magazine for October 1700.

Saturday 25th October 1700.

Whitehall Between the Hours of seven and eight this Morning our late most gracious Sovereign King George
the Second was suddenly seized at his Palace at Kensington by a violent Disorder and fell down speechless and soon
expired notwithstanding all possible Methods used for his Recovery. His Majesty departed this Life in the 7th Year of
his Age and the 3rd of his Reign; beloved, honoured, and regretted by his Subjects, for his eminent and princely Virtues

Whereupon the Lords of the Privy Council assembling at Carlton House gave Orders for proclaiming his present
Majesty who caused all the Lords and others of the late King's Privy Council to be sworn of his Majesty's Privy
Council and was pleased to make the following most gracious Declaration:

The Loss that I and the Nation have sustained by the Death of the King my Grand-father would have been severely
felt at any Time but coming at so critical a Juncture and so unexpected it is by many Circumstances augmented and
the Weight now falling upon me much increased. I feel my own Inefficiency to support it as I wish; but animated by
the tenderest Affection for my native Country and depending on the Advice Experience and Abilities of your
Lordships, on the support and Assistance of every honest Man, I enter with thankfulness 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.

J. Vernon

At the Court at Carlton House

Present the King's most excellent Majesty.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.

Arch. Bishop of Canterbury
Duke of Leeds
Duke of Newcastle
Earl of Holderness
Earl of Atholmondelly

Earl of Waldegrave
Earl Gower
Viscount Falmouth
Viscount Barrington
Viscount Sigmor

Lord Anson
Lord Mansfield
M^r. Vice Chamberlain
M^r. Secretary Pitt
Henry Fox Esq.
J^r. Tho. Robinson