

His Majesty at his first coming into the Council was this Day pleased to declare that understanding that the Law requires that he should at his Accession to the Crown take and subscribe the Oath relating to the Clergy of the Church of Scotland he was now ready to do it this first opportunity, which his Majesty was graciously pleased to do according to the Forms used by the Laws of Scotland, and subscribed two Instruments thereof in the Presence of the Lords of the Council who witnessed the same and his Majesty was pleased to order that one of the said Instruments be transmitted to the Court of Session to be recorded in the Books of Records and afterwards to be forthwith lodged in the public Register of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the Records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

His late Majesty rose in the Morning at his usual Hour without any apparent Signs of Indisposition, he called his Page, drank his Chocolate, and enquired about the Wind, as if anxious of the Arrival of the Winds, he opened his Window and looking out of it and seeing it a fine Day said he would walk in the Garden, this passed while the Page attended him at Breakfast but on leaving the Room he heard a deep sigh immediately followed by a Noise like the falling of a Billet of Wood from the Fire, and returning hastily found the King dropt from his Seat, as if attempting to ring the Bell, who said faintly, call Amelia, and then expired, he was instantly raised and laid upon the Bed, the Princess was called, who was told he was dead upon her entering the Room, but being a little deaf and her Spirits being hurried by the Alarm, she did not understand what was said, and ran up to the Bed-side and stooping tenderly over her Father as thinking he might speak to her in a low Voice she then first discovered he was dead; this Shock so sudden and so unexpected and so violent threw her into an Agony and produced a Disorder. she is not yet recovered. - His Majesty in the Hall received a small Hurt on his Temple and his Physicians and surgeons being sent for, came instantly to his Assistance but without Effect, an Attempt was made to bleed him but the Issues of Life were dried up, the News of this Event which threw the Court into the utmost Consternation was carried to the Secretary of State, Mr Pitt, whose Coach was ready at the Door to drive to his Country Seat was then ordered instantly to New where he acquainted his Majesty with the great Event in Form, the King having first heard it on the Road as he was riding out by a Messenger who had been dispatched by one of the Ladies of the Presence, he turned back and at New he received a Letter from the Princess Amelia, soon after which Mr Pitt arrived. His Highness prepared immediately to attend the Privy Council, that upon the Kings Demise had got together as fast as possible.

Upon opening his Majesty the right Ventricle of his Heart was found burst and the Pericardium filled with a great Quantity of extravasated and coagulated Blood, the left Ventricle was found empty, and the Coats of all the Vessels were worn away extremely thin, and every Symptom appeared, that indicated a universal Decay of all vital Parts; his Majesty had been frequently out of Order of late, and his Pulse so extremely low that the Physicians could scarce perceive any Motion in it at all, the Noy of his Brain was found in his Hand.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

This Day about Noon his Majesty King George the third was proclaimed, first before Sacbills House where the Officers of State, Nobility, and privy Councillors were present with the Officers of Arms all being on Foot, then the Officers of Arms being mounted on Horseback, the like was done at Charing Cross.