

than I enter with Cheerfulness 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 for our 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

By the King

Proclamation

Declaring his Majesty's Pleasure for continuing the Officers in his Majesty's Plantations till his Majesty's Pleasure shall be further signified.

George R: Whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of the late Queen Anne of blessed Memory intituled "An Act for Security of her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the Protestant Line" it was enacted amongst other Things, that no Office Place or Employment, Civil, or Military within any of her said late Majesty's Plantations, should become void by Reason of the Demise or Death of her said late Majesty her Heirs or Successors Kings or Queens of this Realm; but that the Person and Persons in any of the Offices Places or Employments aforesaid, should continue in their respective Offices, Places, and Employments for the Space of six Months next after such Death or Demise unless sooner revoked and discharged by the next in Succession to whom the Crown of this Realm should come remain and be according to the several Acts of Parliament for limiting and settling the Succession of the Crown, as by the said recited Act may appear: And in Regard it may happen that our Pleasure may not within the said Time be declared touching the said Offices, Places and Employments in our foreign Plantations, which will at the End of the said six Months become void we for preventing the Inconveniencies that may happen thereby in our princely Wisdom and Care of the State reserving to our Judgment hereafter the Reformation and Redress of any Abuses in the Execution of any such Offices, Places and Employments upon due Knowledge and Examination thereof, have thought fit with the Advice of our Privy Council to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby order, signify, and declare, that all Persons that at the Time of the Decease of our late Royal Grand-father King George the second of glorious Memory were due and lawfully possessed of or invested in any Office Place or Employment Civil or Military in any of our Plantations and which have not been since removed from such their Offices, Places, or Employments, shall be and shall hold themselves continued in the said Offices, Places and Employments as formerly they held and enjoyed the same, until our Pleasure be further known or other Provision be made pursuant to the Commissions and Instructions of our said late Royal