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Whereas by the late Act of Uniformity which establisheth the Liturgy and maketh that no Form or Order of Common Prayers be openly used, other than what is prescribed and appointed to be used in, and by the said Book, it is notwithstanding provided that in all those Prayers, Liturgies and Collects, which do any wise relate to the King, Queen, or Royal Progeny the Names be altered and changed from Time to Time, and fitted to the present Occasion according to the Direction of lawful Authority— His Majesty was pleased this Day in Council to declare his Royal Will and Pleasure, that in all the Prayers, Liturgies and Collects for the Royal Family instead of the Words (their Royal Highnesses George Prince of Wales, the Prince's Dowager of Wales, the Duke the Princesses, and all the Royal Family) be inserted, Her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family— And his Majesty doth strictly charge and command, that no Edition of the Common Prayer be from henceforth printed but with this Amendment; and that in the mean Time, till Copies of such Edition may be had all Parsons Vicars and Curates within this Realm, do for the preventing of Mistakes, with the Ten correct and amend all such Prayers in their Church Books, according to the foregoing Direction; and for the better notice hereof that this Order be forthwith printed and published, and sent to the several Parishes, and that the Right Reverend the Bishops do take care that Obedience be paid to the same accordingly.

J. Vernon,

Which Instructions &c. having been severally read and his Excellency having advised with the Council thereon, it was ordered that a Proclamation be forthwith prepared according to the Form transmitted from England for proclaiming that the High and Mighty Prince George Prince of Wales is now by the Death of our late Sovereign of happy and glorious Memory become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, & Defender of the Faith, Supreme Lord of the Province of Maryland and all other his late Majestys Territories and Dominions in America &c. Also that a Proclamation be prepared, directing an Alteration to be made in the Prayers of the Church for the Royal Family agreeable to his Majestys Instructions dated at Leicester House the 31st of October; and that Copies be likewise made of his Majestys gracious Declaration in Council on the 25th of October, and of his Proclamation published the 27th of October for continuing Officers. His Excellency was then pleased to inform the Members who were present that he proposes (they having so advised) to proclaim his Majesty in the City of Annapolis on Tuesday next at the Hour of twelve o'Clock, and it is therupon ordered that the Clerk notify the said Declaration to the absent Members of his Lordships Council, the Corporation of the City of Annapolis, the Sheriff and Clerk of Anne Arundel County and the Commanding Officer of the Militia of the said County in such Manner as that the Members of the Council, the Corporation, the Justices of the County with the Sheriff and Clerk & the Militia may on Tuesday next attend the Ceremony and Solemnity of the Proclamation, and it is moreover ordered that the Clerk prepare with all possible Dispatch Proclamations in proper Form to be sent with Copies of his Majestys Proclamations and Declarations to the Sheriff