

directed by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to take the Opportunity by the Packet of acquainting you that the necessary Forms for proclaiming his present Majesty in the Colonies together with Warrants for using the old Seals. Proclamations for continuing Officers in their Employments, Orders for Alteration of the Liturgy &c. &c. are preparing with all possible Dispatch, and will be transmitted to yourself and the rest of the Governors and Commanders in Chief of his Majesty's Colonies in America in a few Days.

I am Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

John Townall Secy

Sir

New York 1. of January 1761.

Yesterday arrived here Captain Prescott one of my old de Camps with Letters from Mr Secretary Pitt notifying to me the most melancholy News of the Death of the late King on the 25th October in the most sudden Manner his Majesty having appeared perfectly well the Day before and even that very Morning, that his present Majesty was proclaimed the next Day, that the Parliament met on the 26th and that the King was firmly resolved steadily to support his Allies, and to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigour. These being his Majesty's Resolutions, altho' I have not as yet received any Commands for the particular Operations which it may be found expedient to pursue in this Country I think it incumbent on me to give you the earliest Notice of the King's Intentions, and at the same Time to acquaint you, that the Services which still remain to be put into Execution for completing the great Object of the War in America will require the further Aid and Assistance of his Majesty's good and faithful American Subjects, wherefore I must desire you to be prepared for the immediate Compliance with the King's Requisition for such a Number of Men from your Province as shall be thought requisite by his Majesty to answer the proposed End of procuring a good and lasting Peace, which Requisition I doubt not you will receive soon.

I am with great Regard, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

Jeff. Amherst

To his Excellency Governor Sharpe.

Sir

New York 7. of January 1761.

In my Letter of the first Instant I have made a Mistake in saying the late King died on the 25th of October, his Majesty died on the twenty fifth, the present King was proclaimed the next Day, and the Parliament met the 27th.

I am with great Regard, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant

To his Excellency Governor Sharpe.

Jeff. Amherst

The Copies of his Majesty's Declarations and Proclamations being prepared were read, and his Excellency's Proclamations being drawn were read and approved of and ordered to be published in this City to Morrow and Copies of them ordered to be sent to the several Counties with all imaginable Speed, and are as follow.