

to leave My own Hereditary Revenues to such Disposition of Parliament, as might best conduce to the Utility and Satisfaction of the Publick, as for what more immediately concerns Myself.

In making My Acknowledgements for the large and extensive Supplies which you have granted Me this Session, I am at a Loss whether most to applaud your Chearfulness in giving, or your Wisdom in proportioning them to the extraordinary Occasions of the Publick, notwithstanding those uncommon Burthens, which I heartily regret. No Care shall be wanting, on my Part, to see them duly applied to the National Ends for which you intended them.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Expiration of this Parliament now drawing very near, I will forthwith give the necessary Orders for calling a new one. But I cannot take My Leave of you, without returning My Thanks for the many eminent Proofs you have given of your Fidelity and Affection to My Family and Government, and of your Zeal for this happy and excellent Constitution.

During this Parliament, the Flame of War was kindled by the injurious Encroachments and Usurpations of Our Enemies; and therefore it became just and necessary on Our Part. In the Prosecution of it you have given such Support to My Royal Grandfather and Myself, and such Assistance to Our Allies, as have manifested your Publick-spirited Concern for the Honour of the Nation, and the Maintenance of its undoubted Rights and Possessions, and been attended with glorious Successes, and great Acquisitions, in various Parts of the World; particularly the entire Reduction of Canada, a Conquest of the utmost Importance to the Security of Our Colonies in North America, and to the Extension of the Commerce and Navigation of My Subjects.

May God Almighty grant Continuance to these Successes! The Use which I propose to make of them is, to secure and promote the Welfare of my Kingdoms, and to carry on the War with Vigour, in order to procure to them the Blessings of Peace, on safe and honourable Conditions for Me and My Allies; so which I have been always ready to hearken.

Firm in these Resolutions, I do, with entire Confidence, rely on the good Dispositions of my faithful Subjects in the Choice of their Representatives; and I make no Doubt but they will thereby demonstrate the Sincerity of those Assurances, which have been so cordially and universally given Me, in the loyal, affectionate, and unanimous Addresses of My People.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His MAJESTY's Command, said;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh Day of April next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh Day of April next.

AT the Court at St. James's the 20th Day of March, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to declare the Right Honourable George Dunk Earl of Halifax, Lieutenant General and General Governor of His Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

This Day the Right Honourable Sir Francis Dashwood, Baronet, Treasurer of His Majesty's Chamber, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Lords Lieutenants of the following Counties took the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, viz.

<i>Hertford,</i>	William Earl Cowper.
<i>Leicester,</i>	John Duke of Rutland.
<i>Northampton,</i>	George Dunk Earl of Halifax.
<i>Salop,</i>	William Earl of Bath.
<i>Wills,</i>	Henry Earl of Pembroke.
<i>York, North Riding,</i>	Robert Earl of Holderness.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For Dissolving this Present Parliament, and Declaring the Calling of another.

G E O R G E R.

WH E R E A S We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which now stands prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh Day of April next. We do for that End publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burghesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on Tuesday the said Seventh Day of April next. And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament; and do hereby further declare, That, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We have this Day given Order to Our Chancellor of Great Britain, to issue out Writs in due Form, for calling a new Parliament; which Writs are to bear Teste on Saturday the Twenty-first Day of this Instant March, and to be returnable on Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of May next.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twentieth Day of March, 1761, in the First Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING,

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
In Order to the Electing and Summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland.

G E O R G E R.

WH E R E A S We have in Our Council thought fit to declare Our Pleasure for summoning and holding a Parliament of Great Britain, on Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of May next ensuing the Date hereof: In order therefore to the electing and summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament; We do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holy Rood House in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the Fifth Day of May next ensuing, between the Hours of Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, to nominate and choose the Sixteen Peers to sit and vote in the House of Peers in the said ensuing Parliament, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent (such Proxies being Peers) and producing a Mandate in Writing, duly signed before Witnesses, and both the Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law. And the Lord Clerk Register, or such Two of the Principal Clerks of the Session, as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his Name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes; and immediately after such Election made, and duly examined, to certify the Names of the Sixteen Peers so elected, and sign and attest the same, in the Presence of the said Peers the Electors, and return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We do, by this Our Proclamation, strictly command and require the Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said City, to take especial Care to preserve the Peace thereof, during the Time of the said Election; and to prevent all Manner of Riots, Tumults, Disorders, and Violence whatsoever. And we strictly charge and command, That this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns of Scotland, Twenty-five Days at least before the Time
hereby