

hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers, to proceed to such Election.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Twentieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty one, in the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to order the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great-Britain, to cause Writs to be forthwith issued, in due Form of Law, for Electing Members for the Convocations of the Clergy, which Writs are to bear Teste, on Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of this Instant March, and to be returnable on Friday the Twenty-second Day of May next.

By the KING,  
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

*Declaring His Majesty's Pleasure for Continuing Officers, not already removed or discharged, in Great-Britain, Ireland, and the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark.*

G E O R G E, R.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Predecessor Queen Anne (intituled, An Act for the 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 the Kingdoms of Great-Britain or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark, should become void by Reason of the Demise of Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs, or Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, but that all and every Person and Persons, in any of the Offices, Places, and 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 removed or discharged by the next in Succession, to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm was limited and appointed to remain and descend: And in Regard that the Space of Six Months from the Time of the Demise of Our Royal Grandfather, of Glorious Memory, hath been found not sufficient for passing and compleating new Grants, Commissions and Appointments, for all the said Offices, Places, and Employments; We, for preventing the Inconveniencies that might happen by the same becoming void, out of Our Royal Wisdom and Care of the State (referring to our Judgment hereafter, the Reformation and Redress of any Misbehaviours or Abuses, upon due Knowledge and Examination thereof) are pleased, and do hereby, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Order, Signify, Grant, and Declare, That all Persons who, at the Time of the Demise of our said Royal Grandfather, were duly and lawfully possessed of, or invested in, any Office, Place, or Employment, Civil or Military, within our Kingdoms of Great-Britain or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, or Sark, and have not since been removed or discharged from such their Offices, Places, or Employments, shall be, and shall be adjudged and taken to be, continued in, and hold and execute, such their respective Offices, Places, and Employments, in like Manner, as at the Time of the Demise of our said Royal Grandfather, they held, enjoyed, and executed the same, for the Space of Four Months from the Date hereof, unless sooner removed and discharged by Us: And in the mean Time, for the Preservation of the Peace, and necessary Proceedings in Matters of Justice, and for the Safety and Welfare of the State, We do hereby strictly Command all the said Persons, of whatsoever Degree or Condition, That they do not fail, every one severally, according to his Place, Office, and Charge, to proceed in the Performance and Execution of all Duties thereunto belonging, as formerly appertained unto them, and every of them, while Our said Royal Grandfather was living. And

further, We do hereby Will and Command all and singular Our loving Subjects, of what Estate or Degree they, or any of them, be, to be aiding and assisting, at the Commandment of the said Officers, in the Performance and Execution of the said Offices, Places, and Employments, as they tender Our Displeasure, and will answer the Contrary at their Perils.

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

GOD save the KING.

**A**T the Council Chamber *Whitehall*, the 21st Day of March, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; to be one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Oath of Secretary of State was this Day, by His Majesty's Command, administered to him in Council.

*Hague, March 17.* The Letters from the Army under Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, of the 8th Instant, inform us, that his Serene Highness's Quarters continued at Schweinsberg. We have received by them, a Confirmation of the News of the Sally, that was made on the 7th Instant by the Garrison at Cassel; in which the French took Possession of the Trenches, and carried off four Mortars, and nailed up one Piece of Cannon, and destroyed the Works of the Grand Battery. But Count La Lippe, at the Head of the Hessian Guards, and Wangenheim's Grenadiers, drove them back into the Town.

Our last Accounts from the French Army of the 12th Instant mention, that Marshal Broglie had moved his Head Quarters from Bergen to Friedberg; and that the greatest Part of the Reinforcement expected by him from the Lower Rhine, was arrived upon the Meyn.

By Letters of the 11th from Leipzig, every Thing was quiet in those Parts. The King of Prussia, it was expected, would soon visit the Posts of Chemnitz and Freyberg, and afterwards fix his Quarters at Meinen. General Sibourg, with the Corps under his Command, was returned to his Quarters of Cantonments.

*Whitehall, March 21.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable William Lord Talbot, Baron of Hesol in the County of Glamorgan, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title, of Earl Talbot.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable John Lord Delawarr, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of a Viscount and Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title, of Viscount Cantalupe, and Earl Delawarr.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Grace Thomas Hollis Duke of Newcastle, the Right Honourable William Viscount Barrington, Frederick North, Esq; commonly called Lord North, James Oswald, and Gilbert Elliot, Esqrs. to be His Majesty's Commissioners for Executing the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable William Viscount Barrington, the Office of Chancellor of His Majesty's Exchequer.

And also to grant unto the said Right Honourable William Viscount Barrington, the Office of Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable George Lord Anson, George Hay, Doctor of Laws, Thomas Orby Hunter, John Forbes, and Hans Stanley, Esqrs. — Villiers, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Villiers, and Thomas Pelham, Esq; to be His Majesty's Commissioners