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AT the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 3d of April, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

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

This Day the Right Honourable James Grenville, Esq; Cofferer of His Majesty's Household, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

The Lords Lieutenants of the following Counties have taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, viz.

Berks, Vere Beauclerk, Lord Vere.
Kent, Lionel Duke of Dorset.
Stafford, Granville Earl Gower.
Warwick, Francis Earl of Hertford.
Worcester, George Earl of Coventry.

St. James's, April 4.

The following Address of the Ministers and Elders met in the Provincial Synod of Orkney, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the Provincial Synod of Orkney, think it our Duty to embrace this Opportunity of presenting to your Majesty our sincere Expressions of Condolence for the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign, and our hearty Congratulations on your happy Accession to the Crown of your Ancestors.

When we reflect on the Liberty, Peace, and Happiness, which we enjoyed during the long and glorious Reign of your Royal Grandfather; we lament the Death of the Father of His People: At the same Time, we adore the Goodness of God, who spared His valuable Life so long, and who, in the Person of your Majesty, has raised up a Successor, qualified by His Virtues and Princely Endowments, to diffuse the same Blessings over a free and happy People.

It gives us the highest Joy, to see the universal Opinion of your Majesty's Princely Accomplishments confirmed by your Majesty's most Gracious Declaration, full of the tenderest Affection for your Native Country, and expressive of that warm Regard to Religion and Virtue, which are the surest Pledges of the Glory and Happiness of any People.

Permit us, Sir, on this Occasion, to assure your Majesty, that as the People under our Care are remarkable for their Loyalty and dutiful Affection to your Illustrious House; so we, in our Stations, shall make it our constant Business to inculcate on their Minds the Principles of Duty and Obedience to your Majesty, and promote, to the utmost of our Power, the Design of your Royal Proclamation against Prophaneness and Immorality.

That the Father of Mercies may abundantly bless your Majesty with all Spiritual and Temporal Blessings: That your Reign may be long and happy: That the Lord of Hosts may continue to bless your Arms, and those of your Allies, with remarkable Success: That this just and necessary War may soon

terminate in an honourable and lasting Peace: That our Gracious God, whose Favour is better than Life, may be your Guide while on Earth, and Portion for ever, are the sincere and fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most dutiful, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the Provincial Synod of Orkney.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

Kirkwall, Feb 26, 1761. Al. Pitcarne, Moderator.

Hague, March 31. We have nothing of Consequence from the Armies in Hesse; but the Siege of Cassel was still carried on with great Vigour the 23d.

The Troops, which are to serve under the Prince de Soubise upon the Lower Rhine are upon their March.

Our Letters from Saxony of the 25th past, mention only, that his Prussian Majesty was still at Meissen.

Whitehall, April 4.

The King has been pleased to grant unto John Spencer, Esq; and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignities of a Baron and Viscount of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, by the Name, Style and Title of Baron Spencer, of Althorp, in the County of Northampton, and Viscount Spencer.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Mary Countess of Bute, the Dignity of a Baroness of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baroness Mountsuar, of Wortley, in the County of York. And the Dignity of Baron Mountsuar, of Wortley in the said County, to her lawful Issue Male, by John Earl of Bute.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable George Dodington, of the County of Somerset, Esq; and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Lord Melcombe, Baron of Melcombe Regis in the County of Dorset.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, Knight of the Bath, and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Grantham, in the County of Lincoln.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Grosvenor, of Eaton in the County Palatine of Chester.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Sir Nathaniel Curzon, Bart. and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Baron Curzdale, in the County of Derby.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Sir William Irby, Bart. and his lawful Issue Male, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Lord Boston, Baron, of Boston in the County of Lincoln.