Whitehall, December 12, 1936.

This day the Lords of the Privy Council assembled at St. James's Palace and gave orders for proclaiming His Majesty who made a most Gracious Declaration to them.

WHEREAS by an Instrument of Abdication dated the Tenth day of December instant His former Majesty King Edward the Eighth did declare His irrevocable Determination to renounce the Throne for Himself and His Descendants, and the said Instrument of Abdication has now taken effect, whereby the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, Ireland and all other His former Majesty's dominions is now solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of His former Majesty's Privy Council, with Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George is now become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the Sixth by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To whom we do acknowledge, all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection: beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince George the Sixth with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace, this Twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

Henry.
Arthur.
Cosmo Cantuar.
William Ebor.
Athlone.
Stanley Baldwin.
J. Ramsay MacDonald.
E. A. FishRoy, Speaker.
Halifax.
John Simon.
Norfolk, E.M.
Devonshire.
Cromer.
N. Chamberlain.
Zetland.
Huntly.
Walker Runciman.
Duff Cooper.
W. Ormsby-Gore.
Malcolm MacDonald.
John C. C. Davidson.
Vincent Massey.
Wigram.
Beaufort.
S. M. Bruce.
Austen Chamberlain.
W. Nash.
Anthony Edv.
C. T. te Water.
Swinton.
Walter E. Elliot.
Firozkhan Noon.
Oliver Stanley.
Kingsley Wood.
Salisbury.
S. M. L. O'Keefe.
William Shepherd Morrison.
Ernest Brown.
Crewe.
Craigie M. Aitchison.
Hewart.
C. R. Attlee.
Lancelot Sanderson.
J. R. Clynes.
L. S. Amery.
Arthur Greenwood.
Mottistone.
Rhayader.
FitzAlan of Derwent.
David Margesson.
Rockley.
Lloyd.
A. V. Alexander.
Henry Slesser.
Fred. O. Roberts.
T. M. Cooper.
George Lambert.
Wright.
Evan Wallace.
W. G. Normand.
Philip Sassoon.
Stanley.
Dennis Herbert.
H. J. Mackinder.
Moyne.
Bayford.
Lyttelton.
Alders.
Goschen.
Charles A. McCurdy.
Douglas H. Hacking.
Onslow.
George Stanley.
Archibald Sinclair.
Charles Trevelyan.
Southborough.
T. W. H. Inskip.
F. Boyd Merriman.
Crawford and Balcarres.
John Gilmour.
Inverforth.
Gerald W. Willaston, Garter.
Henry Norman.
Liverpool.
Thomas Wiles.
Leslie Scott.
Robert Horne.
Ronald Graham.
Wilfrid Greene.
Stanmore.
Guy Fleetwood Wilson.
Dartington.
Geo. T. Broadbridge.
G. Wyatt Truscott.
T. Vansittart Bowater.
Wakefield of Hyde.
Louis A. Newton.
Alfred Bower.
Ebbisham.
C. A. Batho.
J. E. K. Studd.
W. Phem Neal.
Percy W. Greenaway.
Chas. H. Collett.

Stephen H. M. Killick.
Holman Gregory.
W. J. M. Burton.
Frank H. Bowater.
W. G. Cosen.
John D. Laurie.
D. H. George Collins.
Geo. H. Wilkinson.
R. W. Eaton.
G. Godfrey Warr.
Frank J. C. Politzer.
Chas. J. H. McRea.
Adrian Pollock.
Alfred T. Roach.
Cecil Whiteley.
Gerald Dodson.
Hugh S. Turnbull.
V. Crouther-Smith.
Leslie C. Bowker.
Anthony Pickford.
Walter N. Earle.
Londonderry.
Samuel Hoare.
Mildmay of Flete.
Strathcarron.
Atkin.
Edwin Cornwall.
Robert C. Bourne.
Macmillan.
Stanhope.
H. Spender-Clay.
Margaret G. Bondfield.
Dawson of Penn.
Herbert Samuel.
H. B. Lees-Smith.
G. C. Tryon.
Bessborough.
John Colville.
Dundedin.
P. Ogden Lawrence.
Charles E. H. Hobhouse.
Craigmylo.
Rennell.
Montagu Norman.
Frederick Guest.
De La Warr.
Dickinson.
Iltingworth.
Wolmer.
John Gretton.
Russell of Killowen.
Rankesilou.
Greenwood.
Frederick H. Sykes.
Willingdon.
Richard Cavendish.
Thankerton.
Shadi Lal.
Bingley.
William A. Jowitt.
Stonehaven.
G. C. Rankin.
Ernie.
Blanesburgh.
Winterton.
Weir.
T. Shaw.
Howard of Penrith.
Eustace Percy.
Roche.
John Wallis.
Wimborne.
E. C. E. Leadbitter.
Winston S. Churchill.
Terence. Nugent.
M. P. A. Hankey.
R. R. Scott.
John Jeffrey.
Rupert B. Howorth.
Ellis Hume-Williams.
J. H. Penson.
H. R. Boyd.
F. J. Fernau.
H. F. Batterbee.
H. A. Strutt.
Colin Smith.
George Penny.
F. D. Acland.
Amulree.
Mark L. Romer.
Malcolm A. Robertson.
Dennman.
Midleton.
W. G. Nicholson.
Merrivale.
J. Locker-Lampson.
Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.
Sankey.
Hugh Cecil.
A. F. London.
C. A. Montague Barlow.
J. H. Thomas.
John Tilden.
John W. Hills.
Maugham.
R. McKenna.
Donoughmore.
Cecil.
Atholl.
William Ebrakine.
Alexander Hardinge.
Noel Buxton.
St. Davids.
Herbert Morrison.
Maurice Gwyer.
H. A. L. Fisher.
Granville.
Lugard.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at St. James's, the 12th day of December, 1936.

PRESENT,
The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

HIS Majesty, being this day present in Council, was pleased to make the following Declaration:

Your Royal Highnesses, My Lords and Gentlemen:

I meet you to-day in circumstances which are without parallel in the history of our Country. Now that the duties of Sovereignty have fallen to Me I declare to you My adherence to the strict principles of constitutional government and My resolve to work before all else for the welfare of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

With My Wife as helpmeet by My side, I take up the heavy task which lies before Me. In it I look for the support of all My Peoples.

Furthermore, My first act on succeeding My Brother will be to confer on Him a Dukedom and He will henceforth be known as His Royal Highness The Duke of Windsor.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble request to His Majesty that His Majesty's Most Gracious Declaration to Their Lordships might be made public, which His Majesty was pleased to order accordingly.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at St. James's, the 12th day of December, 1936.
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Lord Thankerton.
Lord Craigmyle.
Lord Bayford.
Lord Amulree.
Lord Greenwood.
Lord Dickson.
Lord Macmillan.
Lord Noel-Buxton.
Lord Howard of Penrith.
Lord Moyne.
Lord Rockley.
Lord Bingley.
Lord Alness.
Lord Wigram.
Lord Maughan.
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Lord Rankellour.
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