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Westminster, March 7.

His Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal to several Peers for passing the Royal Assent to the Bills which had been agreed to by both Houses of Parliament, a Message was sent to the House of Commons by Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, That the Lords Commissioned by the King desired that the House would presently come up with their Speaker, to be present at the passing thereof; Accordingly the House of Commons went up to the House of Peers and the Royal Assent was given by Commission to

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, by laying Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry.

An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and Extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their open and secret Abettors.

An Act for Enabling Lionel Earl of Orvery in the Kingdom of Ireland, by Sale of certain Lands and Tenements, to raise Money for Payment of his Debts, and settle other Lands to the Uses and Purposes in that Act mentioned.

St. James's, March 8. On Wednesday last Our most Gracious Sovereign King William the Third was seized with an Ague Fit and a Fever, which returning upon him the following days, reduced him to a very weak and languishing Condition; All proper Remedies were applied, but not having the wished-for Effect His Majesty expired at Kensington at Eight a Clock this Morning; Whereupon the Lords of the Privy Council assembling together at St. James's, Her present Majesty made a most Gracious Declaration to them, and caused all the Lords and others of the late King's Privy Council, who were present to be Sworn of Her Majesty's Privy Council; And ordered a Proclamation to be published, signifying Her Majesty's Pleasure, That all Persons in Office of Government at the Decease of the late King, shall so continue, till Her Majesty's farther Directions; And in the Afternoon the Queen was Proclaimed before the Gate of Her Palace at St. James's, at Charing-Cross, Temple-Bar, and the Royal-Exchange, with the usual Solemnity.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy Our late Sovereign Lord King William the Third, of Blessed Memory, by whose Decease, the Imperial Crowns of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, are now Rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Anne of Denmark; We therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with those of His late 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 our full Voice, and Consent of Tongue and Heart Publish and Proclaim, That the High and Mighty Princess ANNE, by the Death of our late Sovereign, of happy Me-

mory, become Our only Lawful and Rightful Liege Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, Queen of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. 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 Queen Anne with long and happy Years to Reign over us.

Given at the Court at St. James's the Eighth Day of March, 1701.

God save Queen ANNE.

- N. Wright, C. S.
- Somerset, P.
- Devonshire.
- Richmond.
- Ormonde.
- Northumberland.
- St. Albans.
- Bolton.
- Schomberg & Leinster.
- Bedford.
- Lindley, G. C.
- Carlisle, E. M.
- Pembroke.
- Jersey.
- Denbigh.
- Manchester.
- Stamford.

- Effex.
- Radnor.
- Berkeley.
- Grantham.
- Ranelagh.
- Arran.
- Ferrars.
- Byron.
- Craven.
- Sommers.
- Coningsby.

- Ja. Vernon.
- H. Boyle.
- J. Holt.
- Richard Hill.
- Edward Northey.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

Signifying Her Majesty's Pleasure, That all Persons being in Office of Authority or Government at the Decease of the late King, shall so continue, till Her Majesty's further Directions.

ANNE R.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God lately to call unto His Infinite Mercy the Most High and Mighty Prince William the Third of Blessed Memory; And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of the said late King, it is Enacted, That no Commission, either Civil or Military, should Cease, Determine, or be Void, by reason of the Death or Demise of His said late Majesty, or of any of His Heirs or Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, but that every such Commission should be Continued, and remain in full Force and Virtue for the Space of Six Months next after any such Death or Demise, unless in the mean time Superceded, Determined, or made Void, by the next and immediate Successor; to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm, according to the Act of Settlement therein mentioned, is Limited, and Appointed to go, Remain and Descend; The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, in her Princely Wisdom, and Care of the State, is Pleas'd, and doth hereby Signify and Declare, That all Commissions, both Civil and Military, granted by His said late Majesty, and in Force at His Death, shall be,