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At the Court at *St. James's*, the 8th day of *February*, 1952.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty
 in Council.

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

“Your Royal Highnesses, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen:

By the sudden death of my dear Father, I am called to assume the duties and responsibilities of Sovereignty.

At this time of deep sorrow, it is a profound consolation to me to be assured of the sympathy which you and all my Peoples feel towards me, to my Mother, and my Sister, and to the other members of my Family. My Father was our revered and beloved Head, as he was of the wider Family of his subjects; the grief which his loss brings is shared among us all.

My heart is too full for me to say more to you to-day than that I shall always work, as my Father did throughout his Reign, to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of my Peoples, spread as they are all the world over. I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion, I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called to be, and by the counsel of their

elected Parliaments. I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life.”

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

F. J. Fernau.

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 8th day of *February*, 1952.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT
 MAJESTY.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Lord Chancellor.

Archbishop of York.

Prime Minister.

Lord President.

Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons.

Lord Privy Seal.

Earl Marshal.

Master of the Horse.

Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry.

Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Shaftesbury.
Earl of Home.
Earl Stanhope.
Earl De La Warr.
Earl of Drogheda.
Earl of Bessborough.
Earl Winterton.
Earl Howe.
Earl of Listowel.
Earl of Selborne.
Earl of Halifax.
Earl of Gowrie.
Earl Mountbatten of Burma.
Earl Jowitt.
Viscount Mersey.
Viscount Swinton.
Viscount Samuel.
Viscount Davidson.
Viscount Weir.
Viscount Simon.
Viscount Stansgate.
Viscount Templewood.
Viscount Hall.
Viscount Bruce of Melbourne.
Viscount Hudson.
Viscount Waverley.
Bishop of London.
Lord Ismay.
Lord De L'Isle and Dudley.
Lord Leathers.
Lord Denman.
Lord Stanmore.
Lord Hardinge of Penshurst.
Lord Alness.
Lord Wigram.
Lord Kennet.
Lord Hailey.
Lord Chatfield.
Lord Porter.
Lord Hankey.
Lord Nathan.
Lord Reith.
Lord Merriman.
Lord Cherwell.
Lord Killearn.
Lord Ammon.
Lord Goddard.
Lord Courthope.
Lord Altrincham.
Lord Pethick-Lawrence.
Lord Henderson.
Lord Morrison.
Lord Shepherd.
Lord Citrine.
Lord Normand.
Lord Oaksey.
Lord Morton of Henryton.
Lord Clydesmuir.
Lord Reid.
Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor.
Lord Radcliffe.
Lord Wilmot of Selmeston.
Lord Silkin.
Lord Ogmore.
Lord Tucker.
Lord Asquith of Bishopstone.
Lord Cohen.
Lord Milner of Leeds.

Secretary Sir David Patrick Maxwell Fyfe.
Mr. Secretary Eden.
Mr. Secretary Lyttelton.
Mr. Secretary Head.
Mr. Secretary Stuart.
Sir William Forbes Erskine.
Major the Honourable Gwilym Lloyd George.
Mr. Amery.
Sir Charles Philips Trevelyan.
Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes.
Mr. Arthur Greenwood.
Mr. Herbert Morrison.
Mr. Walter Elliot.
Sir Percy Loraine.
Mr. Hore-Belisha.
Mr. Ernest Brown.
Mr. C. R. Attlee.
Sir Alfred Duff Cooper.
Sir Donald Somervell.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
Captain H. F. C. Crookshank.
Sir Andrew Rae Duncan.
Mr. Hugh Dalton.
Sir Walter Womersley.
Honourable Vincent Massey.
Mr. Tom Williams.
Sir Sidney Abrahams.
Mr. Harold Macmillan.
Sir Percy Grigg.
Honourable Sir Arthur Fadden.
Mr. R. K. Law.
Mr. Osbert Peake.
Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.
Sir Alan Lascelles.
Sir Ben Smith.
Mr. R. Assheton.
Mr. W. Mabane.
Mr. W. Paling.
Captain C. Waterhouse.
Mr. Chuter Ede.
Sir John Beaumont.
Mr. Duncan Sandys.
Miss Florence Horsbrugh.
Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare.
Mr. H. G. White.
Mr. G. A. Isaacs.
Mr. Aneurin Bevan.
Mr. E. Shinwell.
Mr. A. Barnes.
Mr. J. Griffiths.
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Cuthbert Headlam.
Mr. M. S. McCorquodale.
Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker.
Sir Alfred Bucknill.
Honourable Walter Nash.
Mr. John Strachey.
Sir Hartley Shawcross.
Mr. F. J. Bellenger.
Mr. Creech Jones.
Mr. Hector McNeil.
Mr. Clement Davies.
Mr. Arthur Henderson.
Sir Francis Evershed.
Mr. Harold Wilson.
Mr. Hugh Gaitskell.
Honourable Sir Malcolm Macnaghten.
Mr. G. Buchanan.

Sir Frank Soskice.
Sir John Singleton.
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Mr. H. A. Marquand.
Dr. Edith Summerskill.
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Mr. John Dugdale.
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Mr. G. A. Brown.
Sir John Morris.
Honourable Kenneth Younger.
Sir Walter Monckton.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.
Captain Peter Thorneycroft.
Mr. J. P. L. Thomas.
Mr. David Eccles.
Sir Thomas Dugdale.
Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd.
Mr. A. G. Bottomley.
Mr. Douglas Jay.
Mr. R. J. Taylor.
Mr. Charles Williams.

Her Majesty at Her first coming into the Council, was this day pleased to declare that, understanding that the Law required She should at Her Accession to the Crown take and subscribe the Oath relating to the security of the Church of Scotland, She was now ready to do so at this first opportunity, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to do according to the Forms used by the Law of Scotland, and subscribed two Instruments thereof in the

presence of the Lords of the Council, who witnessed the same. And Her Majesty was pleased to order that one of the said Instruments be transmitted to the Court of Session, to be recorded in the Books of Sederunt, and afterwards be forthwith lodged in the Public Register of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the Records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

F. J. Fernau.

At the Council Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 7th day of *February*, 1952.

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL.

PRESENT.

Archbishop of
Canterbury.
Lord President.

Bishop of London.
Secretary Sir David
Maxwell Fyfe.

It is this day ordered by Their Lordships that His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury do prepare Special Forms of Service in Commemoration of His late Majesty King George of Blessed and Glorious Memory to be used in all Churches and Chapels in England as defined in the Interpretation Measure, 1925, either on the day of His late Majesty's funeral or on the most convenient day within the octave.

And it is hereby further ordered that Her Majesty's Printer do forthwith print a competent number of copies of the said Forms of Service, that the same may be forthwith sent round, and read in the several Churches and Chapels of England.

F. J. Fernau.

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