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TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1952

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 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.

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PRÉSENT,

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.