

And in carrying out the heavy task that has been laid upon me, and to which I now dedicate what remains to me of my life, I pray for the guidance and help of Almighty God.”

The Lords of the Privy Council humbly requested His Majesty that His Most Gracious Declaration might be made public, which His Majesty was pleased to Order accordingly.

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

“I, Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of My other Realms and Territories King, Defender of the Faith, do faithfully promise and swear that I shall inviolably maintain and preserve the Settlement of the true Protestant Religion as established by the Laws made in Scotland in prosecution of the Claim of Right and particularly by an Act intituled “An Act for securing the Protestant

Religion and Presbyterian Church Government” and by the Acts passed in the Parliament of both Kingdoms for Union of the two Kingdoms, together with the Government, Worship, Discipline, Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland. So Help me God.”

His Majesty then subscribed two Instruments thereof in the presence of the Lords of the Council, who witnessed the same. His 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 to be forthwith lodged in the State Papers of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the Records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

His Majesty approved a proclamation appointing Monday 19th September as a bank holiday in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and a proclamation appointing Monday 19th September as a bank holiday in Scotland.