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Whitehall, February 6. 1684.

ON Monday last in the morning our late Gracious Sovereign King Charles the Second was seized with a violent Fit, by which his Speech and Senſes were for ſome time taken from him, but upon the immediate application of fitting Remedies He returned to ſuch a condition as gave ſome hopes of His Recovery till Wednesday night, at which time the Diſeaſe returning upon him with greater violence, He expired this day about Noon. Upon which the Privy-Council aſſembling His preſent Maſteſty made a moſt Gracious Declaration to them, and cauſed all the Lords and others of his late Maſteſty's Privy-Council that were then preſent to be Sworn of His Privy-Council; And ordered a Proclamation to be publiſhed, ſignifying His Maſteſty's Pleaſure, That all Men being in Office of Government at the Deceaſe of the late King, ſhall ſo continue till His Maſteſty's farther direction. And in the Afternoon the King was Proclaimed before Whitehall-Gate, at Temple-Bar, and the Royal-Exchange, with the uſual Solemnity.

WHereas it hath pleaſed Almighty God to call to his mercy our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second of Blessed Memory, by whose Deceaſe, the Imperial Crowns of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, are ſolely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince James, Duke of York and Albany, His ſaid late Maſteſties only Brother and Heir. We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here Aſſiſted with thoſe of His late Maſteſties Privy Council, with numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one full Voice and Conſent of Tongue and Hours, Publiſh and Proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince James the Second, is now by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only Lawful, Lineal, and Rightful Liege Lord, James the Second, by the Grace of God King 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 do Reign, to Bleſs the Royal King James the Second with long and happy years to Reign over us.

God Save King JAMES the Second.

W. Cant.	Litchfield
Guilford C. J.	Feverſham
Rocheſter P.	Nottingham
Halyfax C. P. S.	Berkeley
Norfolk.	Murray
Somerſet	Middleton
Albemarle	Fauconberg
Beaufort	Newport
Shrewsbury	Weymouth
Kent	Lamley
Huntingdon	Clifford
Pembroke	H. London
Salisbury	N. Durham
Bridgwater	Tho. Roſſens
Westmorland	North and Gray
Manchester	W. Maynard
Peterborow	Cornwallis
Cheſterfield	Attwadel
Sunderland	Godolphin
Scarſdale	Drummond
Clarendon	J. Ernie
Bathe	Tho. Chicheley
Craven	L. Jenkins.
Ailesbury	

JAMES R.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleaſed Almighty God lately to call unto his infinite Mercy the moſt High and Mighty Prince, King Charles the Second of moſt Blessed Memory, the Kings Maſteſty's moſt dear and moſt entirely beloved Brother, by whose Deceaſe the Authority and Power of the moſt part of the Offices and Places of Jurisdiction and Government within this Realm, and in the Realm of Ireland did ceaſe and fail, the Sovereign Perſon failing, from whom the ſame were derived. The King's moſt Excellent Maſteſty in His Princely Wiſdom and Care of the State (reſerving to His own Judgment hereafter, the Reformation and Redreſs of any Abuses in Miſ-government, upon due Knowledge and Examination thereof) is pleaſed, and hath ſo expreſly ſignified, That all Perſons that at the time of the Deceaſe of the late King His dearly beloved Brother, were Duty and Lawfully Poſſeſſed of, or Inveſted in any Office, or Place of Authority or Government, either Civil or Military, within this Realm of England, or in the Realm of Ireland, or in any other His Maſteſty's Dominions belonging thereunto; And namely, all Preſidents, Lieutenants, Vice-Preſidents, Judges, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Deputy-Lieutenants, Commiſſioners of Muſters, Juſtices of Peace, and all others in place of Government, either Meaner or Superior, as aforeſaid; And all other Officers and Miniſters, whose Intereſts and Eſtates in their Offices are determined, or ceaſed by the means afore-mentioned, ſhall be, and ſhall hold themſelves continued in the ſaid Places and Offices, as formerly they held and enjoyed