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By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For Calling a New Parliament.

GEORGE R.

**I**T having pleased Almighty God, by most Remarkable Steps of His Providence, to bring Us in Safety to the Crown of this Kingdom, notwithstanding the Designs of Evil Men, who shewed themselves Disaffected to Our Succession, and who have since, with the utmost Degree of Malice, misrepresented Our firm Resolution and Uniform Endeavours to Preserve and Defend Our most Excellent Constitution both in Church and State, and Attempted by many False Suggestions to render Us Suspected to Our People; We cannot Omit, on this Occasion of first Summoning Our Parliament of Great Britain (in Justice to Our Selves, and that the Miscarriages of others may not be imputed to Us, at a time when False Impressions may do the greatest and irrecoverable Hurts before they can be Cleared up) to Signifie to Our whole Kingdom, That we were very much concerned, on Our Accession to the Crown, to find the Publick Affairs of Our Kingdoms under the greatest Difficulties, as well in respect of Our Trade and the Interruption of Our Navigation, as of the great Debts of the Nation, which We were Surprized to Observe, had been very much increased since the Conclusion of the last War. We do not therefore doubt that if the ensuing Elections shall be made by Our Loving Subjects with that Safety and Freedom which by Law they are Entitled to, and We are firmly Resolved to Maintain to them, they will send up to Parliament the fittest Persons to Redress the present Disorders and to Provide for the Peace and Happiness of Our Kingdoms, and the Ease of Our People for the future, and therein will have a particular Regard to such as shewed a Firmness to the Protestant Succession, when it was most in Danger: We have therefore found it necessary, as well for the Causes aforesaid as for other Weighty Considerations concerning Us and Our Kingdoms, to Call a New Parliament and We do accordingly Declare, That, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, we have this Day given Order to Our Chancellor of Great Britain, to Issue out Writs in due Form for the Calling a New Parliament; Which Writs are to bear Telle on Monday the Seventeenth Day of this Instant January, and to be Returnable on Thursday the Seventeenth Day of March next following.

Given at Our Court at S.<sup>t</sup> James's the Fifteenth Day of January, 1714. In the First Year of Our Reign.

God save the KING.

Note That in some of the Copies of this Proclamation which have been issued, Monday, instead of Thursday the Seventeenth of March, was by Mistake inserted.

By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
Declaring His Majesty's Pleasure for Continuing Officers in Great Britain and Ireland.

GEORGE R.

**W**Hereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, Our most Dear Sister, Intituled, An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the Protestant Line, It was enacted, amongst other Things, That no Office, Place, or Employments, Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, should become Void by reason of the Demise of Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, but that every Person and Persons, in any of the Offices, Places and Employments aforesaid should Continue in their respective Offices, Places, and Employments for the Space of Six Months next after such Death or Demise, unless sooner Removed and Discharged by the next Successor to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm was Limited and Appointed to Go, Remain and Descend: And in Regard that that time hath been found not to be sufficient for Resettling all the said Offices We for the Preventing the Inconveniencies that may happen by the same becoming void, in Our Princely Wisdom and Care of the State (Reserving to Our Judgment hereafter the Reformation and Redress of any Abuses in Misgovernment, upon due Knowledge and Examination thereof) are Pleased, and do hereby Order, Signifie Grant and Declare That all Persons that, at the time of the Decease of Her said late Majesty, were Duly and Lawfully Possessed of, or Invested in any Office, Place or Employment, Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, Dominion of Wales, Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark, and which have not since been Removed from such their Offices Places or Employments, shall be and shall hold themselves Continued in and shall Hold and Execute the said Offices, Places, or Employments, as formerly they Held, Enjoyed, and Executed the same, for the Space of Three Months from the Date hereof, unless sooner Removed and Discharged by Us. And in the mean time for the Preservation of the Peace, and necessary Proceedings in Matters of Justice, and for the Safety and Service of the State, We do hereby strictly Command all the said Persons of what Degree or Condition, That they do not fail every one severally, according to his Place Office or Charge, to proceed in the Performance and Execution of all Duties thereunto relating,