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*Whitehall, December 12, 1936.*

This day the Lords of the Privy Council assembled at St. James's Palace and gave orders for proclaiming His Majesty who made a most Gracious Declaration to them.

WHEREAS by an Instrument of Abdication dated the Tenth day of December instant His former Majesty King Edward the Eighth did declare His irrevocable Determination to renounce the Throne for Himself and His Descendants, and the said Instrument of Abdication has now taken effect, whereby the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, Ireland and all other His former Majesty's dominions is now solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of His former Majesty's Privy Council, with Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George is now become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the Sixth by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection: beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince

George the Sixth with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace, this Twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

*Henry.  
Arthur.  
Cosmo Cantuar.  
William Ebor.  
Athlone.  
Stanley Baldwin.  
J. Ramsay MacDonald.  
E. A. FitzRoy, Speaker.  
Halifax.  
John Simon.  
Norfolk, E.M.  
Devonshire.  
Cromer.  
N. Chamberlain.  
Zetland.  
Huntly.  
Walter Runciman.  
Duff Cooper.  
W. Ormsby-Gore.  
Malcolm MacDonald.  
John C. C. Davidson.  
Vincent Massey.  
Wigram.  
Beaufort.  
S. M. Bruce.  
Austen Chamberlain.  
W. Nash.  
Anthony Eden.  
C. T. de Water.*

Swinton.  
 Walter E. Elliot.  
 Firozkhan Noon.  
 Oliver Stanley.  
 Kingsley Wood.  
 Salisbury.  
 S. M. L. O'Keeffe.  
 William Shepherd Morrison.  
 Ernest Brown.  
 Crewe.  
 Craigie M. Aitchison.  
 Hewart.  
 C. R. Attlee.  
 Lancelot Sanderson.  
 J. R. Clynes.  
 L. S. Amery.  
 Arthur Greenwood.  
 Mottistone.  
 Rhayader.  
 FitzAlan of Derwent.  
 David Margesson.  
 Rockley.  
 Lloyd.  
 A. V. Alexander.  
 Henry Slessor.  
 Fred. O. Roberts.  
 T. M. Cooper.  
 George Lambert.  
 Wright.  
 Euan Wallace.  
 W. G. Normand.  
 Philip Sassoon.  
 Stanley.  
 Dennis Herbert.  
 H. J. Mackinder.  
 Moyne.  
 Bayford.  
 Lytton.  
 Alness.  
 Goschen.  
 Charles A. McCurdy.  
 Douglas H. Hacking.  
 Onslow.  
 George Stanley.  
 Archibald Sinclair.  
 Charles Trevelyan.  
 Southborough.  
 T. W. H. Inskip.  
 F. Boyd Merriman.  
 Crawford and Balcarres.  
 John Gilmour.  
 Inverforth.  
 Gerald W. Wollaston, Garter.  
 Henry Norman.  
 Liverpool.  
 Thomas Wiles.  
 Leslie Scott.  
 Robert Horne.  
 Ronald Graham.  
 Wilfrid Greene.  
 Stanmore.  
 Guy Fleetwood Wilson.  
 Daryngton.  
 Geo. T. Broadbridge.  
 G. Wyatt Truscott.  
 T. Vansittart Bowater.  
 Wakefield of Hythe.  
 Louis A. Newton.  
 Alfred Bower.  
 Ebbisham.  
 C. A. Batho.  
 J. E. K. Studd.  
 W. Phené Neal.  
 Percy W. Greenaway.  
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 D. George Collins.  
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 Adrian Pollock.  
 Alfred T. Roach.  
 Cecil Whiteley.  
 Gerald Dodson.  
 Hugh S. Turnbull.  
 V. Crowther-Smith.  
 Leslie C. Bowker.  
 Anthony Pickford.  
 Walter N. Earle.  
 Londonderry.  
 Samuel Hoare.  
 Mildmay of Flete.  
 Strathcarron.  
 Atkin.  
 Edwin Cornwall.  
 Robert C. Bourne.  
 Macmillan.  
 Stanhope.  
 H. Spender-Clay.  
 Margaret G. Bondfield.  
 Dawson of Penn.  
 Herbert Samuel.  
 H. B. Lees-Smith.  
 G. C. Tryon.  
 Bessborough.  
 John Colville.  
 Dunedin.  
 P. Ogden Lawrence.  
 Charles E. H. Hobhouse.  
 Craigmyle.  
 Rennell.  
 Montagu Norman.  
 Frederick Guest.  
 De La Warr.  
 Dickinson.  
 Illingworth.  
 Wolmer.  
 John Gretton.  
 Russell of Killowen.  
 Rankeillour.  
 Greenwood.  
 Frederick H. Sykes.  
 Willingdon.  
 Richard Cavendish.  
 Thankerton.  
 Shadi Lal.  
 Bingley.  
 William A. Jowitt.  
 Stonehaven.  
 G. C. Rankin.  
 Ernle.  
 Blanesburgh.  
 Winterton.  
 Weir.  
 T. Shaw.  
 Howard of Penrith.  
 Eustace Percy.  
 Roche.  
 John Wallis.  
 Wimborne.  
 E. C. E. Leadbitter.  
 Winston S. Churchill.  
 Terence Nugent.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*  
*R. R. Scott.*  
*John Jeffrey.*  
*Rupert B. Howorth.*  
*Ellis Hume-Williams.*  
*J. H. Penson.*  
*H. R. Boyd.*  
*F. J. Fernau.*  
*H. F. Batterbee.*  
*H. A. Strutt.*  
*Colin Smith.*  
*George Penny.*  
*F. D. Acland.*  
*Amulree.*  
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*Maugham.*  
*R. McKenna.*  
*Donoughmore.*  
*Cecil.*  
*Atholl.*  
*William Erskine.*  
*Alexander Hardinge.*  
*Noel Buxton.*  
*St. Davids.*  
*Herbert Morrison.*  
*Maurice Gwyer.*  
*H. A. L. Fisher.*  
*Granville.*  
*Lugard.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Majesty's Most Gracious Declaration to Their Lordships might be made public, which His Majesty was pleased to order accordingly.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th day of *December*, 1936.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.  
 His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.  
 His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught.  
 Archbishop of Canterbury.  
 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 Devonshire.  
 Duke of Atholl.  
 Marquess of Huntly.  
 Marquess of Salisbury.  
 Marquess of Londonderry.  
 Marquess of Zetland.  
 Marquess of Crewe.  
 Marquess of Willingdon.  
 Lord Chamberlain.  
 Earl of Crawford and Balcarres.  
 Earl Stanhope.  
 Earl De La Warr.  
 Earl of Bessborough.  
 Earl Winterton.  
 Earl of Donoughmore.  
 Earl of Onslow.  
 Earl Granville.  
 Earl of Lytton.  
 Earl of Liverpool.  
 Earl of Athlone.  
 Earl of Midleton.  
 Lord Richard Cavendish.  
 Lord Eustace Percy.  
 Viscount Goschen.  
 Viscount Wimborne.  
 Viscount St. Davids.  
 Viscount FitzAlan of Derwent.  
 Viscount Cecil of Chelwood.  
 Viscount Dunedin.  
 Viscount Sankey.  
 Viscount Swinton.  
 Viscount Dawson of Penn.  
 Lord Stanley.  
 Viscount Wolmer.  
 Lord Hugh Cecil.  
 Bishop of London.  
 Lord Denman.  
 Lord Stanmore.  
 Lord Southborough.  
 Lord Weir.  
 Lord Ernle.  
 Lord Inverforth.  
 Lord Illingworth.  
 Lord Hewart.  
 Lord Mildmay of Flete.  
 Lord Daryngton.  
 Lord Blanesburgh.  
 Lord Merrivale.  
 Lord Stonehaven.  
 Lord Lloyd.  
 Lord Atkin.

At the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th day of *December*, 1936.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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

Your Royal Highnesses, My Lords and Gentlemen:

I meet you to-day in circumstances which are without parallel in the history of our Country. Now that the duties of Sovereignty have fallen to Me I declare to you My adherence to the strict principles of constitutional government and My resolve to work before all else for the welfare of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

With My Wife as helpmeet by My side, I take up the heavy task which lies before Me. In it I look for the support of all My Peoples.

Furthermore, My first act on succeeding My Brother will be to confer on Him a Dukedom and He will henceforth be known as His Royal Highness The Duke of Windsor.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble request to His Majesty that His

Lord Lugard.  
 Lord Thankerton.  
 Lord Craigmyle.  
 Lord Bayford.  
 Lord Amulree.  
 Lord Greenwood.  
 Lord Russell of Killowen.  
 Lord Dickinson.  
 Lord Macmillan.  
 Lord Noel-Buxton.  
 Lord Howard of Penrith.  
 Lord Moyne.  
 Lord Rhayader.  
 Lord Wright.  
 Lord Rankeillour.  
 Lord Rennell.  
 Lord Mottistone.  
 Lord Bingley.  
 Lord Rockley.  
 Lord Alness.  
 Lord Wigram.  
 Lord Maugham.  
 Lord Roche.  
 Lord Strathcarron.  
 Secretary Sir John Simon.  
 Mr. Secretary Eden.  
 Mr. Secretary Ormsby-Gore.  
 Mr. Secretary Duff Cooper.  
 Mr. Secretary Malcolm MacDonald.  
 Mr. Secretary Elliot.  
 Sir George Stanley.  
 Mr. Oliver Stanley.  
 Sir William Forbes Erskine.  
 Major Alexander Hardinge.  
 Sir Austen Chamberlain.  
 Mr. Reginald McKenna.  
 Mr. Winston Churchill.  
 Mr. Walter Runciman.  
 Sir Herbert Samuel.  
 Sir Charles Hobhouse.  
 Mr. George Lambert.  
 Sir Guy Fleetwood-Wilson.  
 Sir Francis Dyke Acland.  
 Mr. H. A. L. Fisher.  
 Mr. Thomas Wiles.  
 Mr. J. H. Thomas.  
 Sir Henry Norman.  
 Mr. J. R. Clynes.  
 Sir Robert Horne.  
 Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.  
 Capt. F. E. Guest.  
 Mr. C. A. McCurdy.  
 Sir John Tilley.  
 Sir Edwin Cornwall.  
 Sir Ronald Graham.  
 Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery.  
 Sir Samuel Hoare.  
 Sir Montague Barlow.  
 Major G. C. Tryon.  
 Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.  
 Sir John Gilmour.  
 Mr. S. M. Bruce.  
 Mr. Montagu Norman.  
 Sir Charles Trevelyan.  
 Mr. Thomas Shaw.

Mr. Frederick O. Roberts.  
 Col. W. G. Nicholson.  
 Sir John Wallis.  
 Colonel John Gretton.  
 Sir Halford Mackinder.  
 Sir Paul Ogden Lawrence.  
 Sir Lancelot Sanderson.  
 Sir Leslie Scott.  
 Sir Malcolm Robertson.  
 Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.  
 Sir Kingsley Wood.  
 Mr. G. Locker-Lampson.  
 Major-General Sir Frederick Sykes.  
 Mr. A. V. Alexander.  
 Mr. Arthur Greenwood.  
 Miss Margaret Bondfield.  
 Major J. W. Hills.  
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 Sir Henry Slesser.  
 Mr. C. M. Aitchison.  
 Mr. Douglas Hacking.  
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 Sir Mark Romer.  
 Mr. Herbert Morrison.  
 Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith.  
 Sir William Jowitt.  
 Sir Archibald Sinclair.  
 Sir Thomas Inskip.  
 Captain H. D. R. Margesson.  
 Sir Dennis Herbert.  
 Mr. W. G. Normand.  
 Sir Frank Boyd Merriman.  
 Sir Shadi Lal.  
 Sir George Rankin.  
 Mr. C. R. Attlee.  
 Captain R. C. Bourne.  
 Mr. Ernest Brown.  
 Sir Wilfrid Greene.  
 Mr. T. M. Cooper.  
 Lieut.-Colonel D. J. Colville.  
 Captain Euan Wallace.  
 Mr. W. S. Morrison.

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 it this first opportunity, which His 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 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 Public Register of Scotland, and that the other of them remain among the Records of the Council and be entered in the Council Book.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

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