

committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?

King. All this I promise to do.

And now the King was to speak for the last time, save in prayer with the remainder of the congregation, during this tremendous ceremony; and the words he was to say were words of tremendous import. He rose from his chair, and with his Bishops one on each side of him, the Sword of State carried high before him, and the Lord Great Chamberlain in attendance upon him, he approached the Altar. At the Altar steps he took off his Cap of State. Bareheaded he kneeled at a fald-stool. The Archbishop placed before him the great red-covered Bible, which the Dean of Westminster had previously taken from the Altar and opened at the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. And the King, laying his hand upon the page, spoke these words:-

THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HERE BEFORE PROMISED,
I WILL REFORM, AND KEEP.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Then, bowing his head, he kissed the Book, and a silver standish being brought by the Lord Chamberlain, within which lay a copy of the Oath, engrossed on a parchment, the King signed his name to it, writing, as was evident, slowly and deliberately, and returned in State to his Chair.

THE ANOINTING.

The last formality had now been fulfilled; and the service moved forward inevitably to its most sacred rites. The Anointing--so say those qualified to speak--and not the putting on of the Crown, is the central and capital act of the ceremony, as it is the first in order.

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