

The sov. cannot therefore be a joint owner. When Georgia was a province a charter was granted conferring certain powers of govt on certain individuals, who eventually partly gave over their powers to the sov. It was ruled that the sov. could not be partner. The sov. can assume royal functions before coronation or taking the coronation oath, which is regulated by an order in council showing that it refers only to executive action.

If the sov. does wrong personally e.g. assault etc. he could not be punished in an ordinary court because he could not be punished in his own tribunal & name. If a sov. commits a felony, e.g. the throne may be declared vacant & then the sov. may be prosecuted. The sov. has no power of

acting alone. There must be some official medium. In 1830 Geo IV pardoned a sub. convicted of arson. Application had been made & promised. Peel had the responsibility & was highly exasperated and said that official channels were closed against granting pardon. The King's pardon was therefore nullified.

The official channel is the Dept. of State, presided over by several officers but being in reality branches of one secretariate. Communication is kept up with the whole body as a medium. Formerly the sov. never went abroad without some secretary. Now the practice is to permit any minister to attend the sov. The sov. never communicates with a foreign sov. except