

fired in hostility should kindle all Europe into a war. This evidently shews the designs of the French; how early and how deeply they were laid. Yet however tender the affairs of Germany might be to his majesty, he on this occasion gave a noble proof that they were but secondary objects in his consideration; for now that the interests of England and Hanover were to be separated; when a war that was in a great measure absolutely begun, in which Hanover had nothing to do, yet must suffer much, without any hope of advantage; he did not even hesitate a moment in exposing his German dominions, rather than make the smallest abatement from the immensity of the English rights in America. Admiral Boscawen was ordered to commit hostilities. The encroachments of the French had rendered reprisals both just and necessary.

His majesty having formed a design of visiting his German dominions this year, set out accordingly from St. James's on the 28th of April; he embarked at Harwich, and landed safe at Helvoetsluys in his way to Hanover. Before his majesty departed, he appointed a regency, who were as follows; his royal highness the duke of Cumberland; Thomas lord archbishop of Canterbury; Philip earl Hardwicke, lord chancellor; John earl of Granville, president of the council; Charles duke of Marlborough, lord privy seal; John duke of Rutland, steward of the household; Charles duke of Grafton, lord chamberlain; Archibald duke of Argyle; duke of Newcastle, first commissioner of the treasury; duke of Dorset, master of the horse; earl of Holderness, one of the secretaries of state; earl of Rochfort, groom of the stole; marquis of Hartington, lord lieutenant of Ireland; lord Anson, first commissioner of the admiralty; sir Thomas Robinson, secretary of state; Henry Fox, esq; secretary of war. The only act of importance they did was the ordering the duke de Mirepoix to depart the kingdom in 24 hours; which he did, and set out for France on the 24th of July at 4 o'clock in the morning, for fear of being insulted by the mobb.

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