

depending on the advice, experience, and abilities of your lordships, and on the support and assistance of every honest man, I enter with chearfulness into this arduous situation, and shall make it the business of my life, to promote in every thing, the glory and happiness of these kingdoms, to preserve and strengthen both the constitution in church and state; and as I mount the throne in the midst of an expensive, but just and necessary war, I shall endeavour to prosecute it in the manner most likely to bring on an honourable and lasting peace, in concert with my allies."

This declaration was remarkably pleasing to all ranks of people; and the words, "This my native country," could not but be excessively grateful to british ears. His majesty began his reign in the most promising and popular manner. A proclamation was published for the encouragement of piety and virtue, and for preventing and punishing vice, immorality, and profaneness. His royal highness, the duke of York, and the earl of Bute, who was appointed groom of the Stole to his majesty, were sworn into the privy-council, the 27th; and, in a few weeks after, the earl of Huntingdon, who was made master of the horse, the honourable George Townshend, and the lord viscount Royston, were also made privy counsellors. Some other changes and promotions took place, but not of importance. On the 8th of november a proclamation was issued for proroguing the parliament to the 18th of that month, on which day his majesty went with the usual state, attended by the earls of Huntingdon and Bute, to the house of peers, and the commons being at the bar of that house, his majesty made a most gracious speech to them, in which, after mentioning the greatness of the loss the nation had lately sustained, he
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