

Form of the Commission  
on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1709

George the Third, by the  
Grace of God, of Great Britain  
France & Ireland King  
defender of the Faith & so  
forth. To all to whom  
these presents shall come  
greeting: Whereas we did  
late for divers difficult  
& pressing affairs concer-  
ning us, the State & def-  
ence of our Kingdom of  
Great Britain & the Church, or-  
dain this our present  
Parliament to be first  
to be held at our City  
Westminster, on the eight  
teenth day of May, in  
the 24<sup>th</sup> year of our reign  
on which day our said  
parliament was begun &  
held, & from thence by  
several adjournments  
& prorogations was ad-  
vanced & prorogued  
to until Thursday  
the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-  
ember last past: &  
whereas by our Letters  
Patent, bearing date  
at Westminster, the  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of February last  
past, we did give &  
grant

Form of a Commission  
generally used for open-  
ing a Session

George the Third by the Grace  
of God, of Great Britain France  
& Ireland King, Defender  
of the Faith & so forth. To all  
to whom these presents shall  
come greeting: whereas by the  
advice of our Council for  
certain arduous & urgent  
affairs concerning the  
State & defence of our King-  
dom of Great Britain & the Church  
we have ordered a certain  
parliament to be holden at  
our City of Westminster  
— for as much as for certain  
other causes we cannot  
conveniently be present  
in our royal person, in  
our said parliament  
— Know ye that we trust  
in the discretion & fidel-  
ity & industry of  
(here follow the  
names)

by the advice of our  
said Council do give &  
grant by the tenor of  
these presents unto the

(here follow the names)  
James 3 of Kern full  
power in our name  
to begin & hold our  
said Parliament  
& to open & declare  
cause the opening &

1709  
(here the names are  
inserted)

I amy three of them full power  
or in our name to hold our  
said Parliament, & to open  
I declare & cause to be open  
and I declared the causes of  
holding the same, & to pro-  
ceed upon the said affairs  
in our said parliament  
in all matters arising  
therein, to do every thing  
which for us & by us for  
the said Government of  
Britain, & other our minor  
things hereunto belonging,  
should be there done;  
& whereas by virtue of our  
said letters patent certain  
causes for holding our  
said parliament were open  
and I declared in our said  
parliament at Westminster  
the 10th day of February;  
and whereas we think it con-  
venient that certain further  
causes for holding our  
said parliament should  
be opened & declared;  
I forasmuch as for certain  
causes, we cannot con-  
veniently be present in  
our said parliament,  
know ye, that we trust  
in the discretion

(here follow the names)

(usual form)  
Ireland, the causes of  
holding the same; & to  
proceed upon the said  
affairs in our said  
parliament, & in all  
matters arising therein,  
to do every thing which  
for us, & by us, for the good  
Government of our said  
Kingdom of Britain  
& our other dominions there-  
unto belonging, shall be there  
to be done; & also if necessary  
to cause our said parliament  
Commanding also, by the  
tenor of these presents, with  
the assent of our said  
Council, as well all  
simple the archbishops,  
bishops, lords &  
our said Parliament  
that to the same

(here follow the  
names)

I amy 3 of them, they do  
likewise intend in the  
premises, in the form  
aforesaid. In witness  
whereof we have caused  
these our letters to be made  
patent

19030 1709  
by the advice of our Council  
do give & grant by the tenor  
of these presents unto the  
said

(here follow the names)  
I amy 3 of them full power  
to open & declare & cause  
the opening & declare,  
certain further causes  
for opening our said Par-  
liament; which causes  
we have by the advice of our  
Privy Council, given them  
in charge; & we do hereby  
further declare, that our  
said letters patent, bearing  
date at Westminster, the  
3<sup>d</sup> day of February last past,  
& every clause matter & thing  
therein contained, are & shall  
be in as full force & strength  
(these our letters patents, or  
any thing herein notwithstanding  
standing) as if these pres-  
ents had not been had  
or made; & our will &  
pleasure is & we do or-  
dain & constitute that  
the said

(here follow the names)  
I amy 3 or more of them  
shall put in execution  
all the powers & author-  
ties in the said letters pa-  
tent mentioned & expressed  
that yet remain to be done  
& executed. In witness where-  
of we have caused these our  
letters to be made patent

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