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## On Coronations of Queens of England

No information is to be obtained in His Majesty's Privy Council Office respecting Coronations prior to the reign of King James I<sup>st</sup>. ~~Therefore such of the following particulars as relate to an earlier period have been omitted~~ but according to the Genealogical History of the Kings of England written by Francis Sandford, Lancaster Herald, in the time of H. Cha<sup>s</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>, ~~being a book of some reputation for accuracy in dates, the Coronation of the Queen was a ceremony rarely omitted. It may be sufficient to take up his account from the reign of H. Edw<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. (Viz<sup>t</sup>)~~

- Edward 3<sup>d</sup>. Crowned 1<sup>st</sup> Feby 1327 (<sup>then single</sup> aged about 44<sup>ys</sup>). Married to Philippa of Henault in the same year, who was afterwards Crowned the first Sunday in Lent of the same year.
- Richard 2<sup>d</sup>. Crowned 16. July 1377 (<sup>then single</sup> aged about 44<sup>ys</sup>). Married in 1382 to Anne, dau<sup>r</sup> of the Emperor Cha<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>, who was Crowned with much pomp.
- Henry 4<sup>th</sup>. Crowned 13<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1399, then a Widower <sup>no subsequent marriage dated</sup>.
- Henry 5<sup>th</sup>. Crowned 9<sup>th</sup> April 1413 (then single). Married 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1420 to Katherine of Valois, who was Crowned 14. Feby 1420/1.
- Henry 6<sup>th</sup>. Crowned in 1429 (<sup>then single</sup> aged about 8<sup>ys</sup>). Married 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1445 to Margaret of Anjou, who was Crowned 30<sup>th</sup> May following.
- Edward 4<sup>th</sup>. Crowned 29. June 1461 (<sup>then single</sup> aged about 20<sup>ys</sup>). Married 1<sup>st</sup> May 1464 to Lady Elizabeth Gray, who was Crowned 26. May 1465.
- Edward 5<sup>th</sup>. Never Crowned; <sup>did in the Tower</sup> being murdered shortly after his Accession.
- Richard 3<sup>d</sup>. Crowned, with his Queen, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1483.
- Henry 7<sup>th</sup>. Crowned 30<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1485 (then single). Married 18<sup>th</sup> Janry 1486/7 to Elizabeth, dau<sup>r</sup> of Edw<sup>d</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>, who was Crowned 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1487.
- Henry 8<sup>th</sup>. Married to Katherine of Spain 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1509 (soon after his Accession), and Crowned, with his Queen, 24<sup>th</sup> of the same month.
- Secondly married 25. Janry 1532/3 to Anne Bullen, who was Crowned on Whitsunday following.
- No Coronations mentioned of his four succeeding Queens.

Edward 6. Crowned 25.<sup>th</sup> Feby 1546/7 (<sup>then single</sup> aged about 9 years), and died in his 16.<sup>th</sup> year.

Mary Crowned 30.<sup>th</sup> Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1553 (then single) -- Married 25 July 1554 to Philip of Spain, who was not crowned.

Elizabeth Crowned 15 Janry 1558/9, and never married.

Having thus far stated from Sandford's History the dates of Coronations both of Kings & Queens in regular succession, the information <sup>in that respect</sup> collected at the Council Office will be found amongst <sup>the following particulars</sup> ~~it need to be noticed~~.

James 1.<sup>st</sup> Crowned, with his Queen, sometime between 11.<sup>th</sup> & 29.<sup>th</sup> July 1603, as appears by different Proclamations before & after the Ceremony, which <sup>might possibly have</sup> ~~would possibly have~~ been kept suspended on account of a contagion then prevailing in London. Sandford dates the Coronation on 25.<sup>th</sup> July 1603.

Charles 1.<sup>st</sup> Married 1.<sup>st</sup> May 1625 to Henrietta Maria of France, a few weeks after his Accession; and on 17.<sup>th</sup> Janry 1625/6 the Royal Proclamation was issued appointing the 2.<sup>d</sup> Feby following for the Coronation of the King and the Queen.

Charles 2.<sup>d</sup> Restored 1.<sup>st</sup> May 1660, and arrived in London 29.<sup>th</sup> of the same month. On 5.<sup>th</sup> Sept. <sup>following</sup> ~~1660~~ His Majesty in Council appointed the 7.<sup>th</sup> Feby <sup>ensuing</sup> ~~following~~ for his Coronation, and there are two subsequent Orders reciting the former one; but the usual Proclamation is not preserved, and Sandford's History reports the King's Coronation to have been full <sup>two</sup> ~~three~~ months later, namely on 23.<sup>rd</sup> April 1661. In either case this ceremony was previous to His Majesty's marriage, 21.<sup>st</sup> May 1662, with Catherine of Portugal, who does not appear to have been Crowned.

James 2.<sup>d</sup> Married before his Accession in Feby 1684/5. On the 6.<sup>th</sup> March following the Proclamation was issued appointing 23. April 1685 for the Coronation of the King and the Queen.

William & Mary On 12.<sup>th</sup> March 1688/9, being about one month after the Accession, a Proclamation was issued, in the names of the King and Queen, for the Coronation of their Majesties on the 11.<sup>th</sup> of April following.

Anne - Was married to George Prince of Denmark before her Accession in March 1701/2, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of which Month Her Majesty's Proclamation was issued appointing the 23<sup>rd</sup> April following for her ~~own~~ Coronation (alone), <sup>This ceremony was not applicable to the Prince her husband.</sup> ~~the solemnity being no part of the prerogative of the Crown.~~

George 1<sup>st</sup>. Was married in 1682 to Sophia Dorothy, daughter of the Duke of Zell. This Princess was living at the time of His Majesty's Accession in August 1714, and long after, her decease not happening till the year 1726; but she never appeared in England, a separation, as is said, having taken place in 1694. The King (alone) was Crowned 20<sup>th</sup> October 1714; and the previous Proclamation for that Solemnity, dated 4<sup>th</sup> of the same month, speaks only of His Majesty's Coronation.

George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Had been married several years before his Accession in June 1727; and the Proclamation, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August following, was for the Coronation of the King and the Queen.

George 3<sup>rd</sup>. His present Majesty, after his Accession in October 1760, remained unmarried till 8<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1761; but his intention of Marriage was declared in Council 8<sup>th</sup> July 1761, on which same day the Royal Proclamation was issued for His Majesty's Coronation to be celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> following. In the intermediate time, namely, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1761, <sup>there was</sup> an Order in Council ~~was issued to~~ <sup>directing</sup> the Earl Marshal, <sup>to prepare</sup> ~~directing~~ <sup>preparations to be made for</sup> the Coronation of a Queen also.

From the foregoing particulars it appears, that, in <sup>early</sup> ~~ancient~~ times, when the King had been Crowned before Marriage, the like ceremony of Coronation was afterwards observed with respect to the Queen Consort, as in the time of Edw. 3<sup>rd</sup>, - Rich<sup>d</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup>, - Henry 5<sup>th</sup>, - Henry 6<sup>th</sup>, - Edw. 4<sup>th</sup>, - Henry 7<sup>th</sup>, and on the second Marriage of Henry 8<sup>th</sup>; but this practice ~~does not~~ seems to have been <sup>dis</sup>continued on the later Marriages of Henry 8<sup>th</sup>, <sup>and was not,</sup> ~~not to have been~~ revived in the time of Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>, the only subsequent occasion that offered.

It also appears that when the King was married before his Accession, or shortly afterwards, the King & Queen were Crowned together, as in the time of Rich<sup>d</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>, - Henry 8<sup>th</sup> (on his first marriage), - James 1<sup>st</sup>, - Charles 1<sup>st</sup>, - James 2<sup>nd</sup>, - George 2<sup>nd</sup>, - and his present Majesty; - and that the only exception to this course occurred in the time of George 1<sup>st</sup>.

As to the form of the Proceedings <sup>preparation in this Ceremony, the Council</sup> recorded in the Council Books  
Books shew, that, when the King has resolved to celebrate the solemnity  
of his Coronation, or the Coronation of himself & his Queen, the same  
is made known by a Proclamation <sup>specifying</sup> naming the day appointed.

Orders are also issued by the King in Council to different Officers  
of State, that the <sup>usual forms may be ascertained & the</sup> necessary preparations ~~may be~~ made; but the <sup>full</sup> detail  
thereof ~~can only be ascertained~~ <sup>can only be ascertained</sup> by reference to the Departments where a  
Registry of these forms is preserved, and which may be found in the  
Heralds College, or in the Lord Chamberlain's Office.  
~~afford much information on the subject.~~

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Chancellor with a list of  
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Preparatory to the King's Coronation