Instructions for my Son George, drawn by my-Self, for His good, that of my Family, and for that of His People, according to the Ideas of my Grand-Father, and best Friend, George I.

To my Son George.

As I allways have had the tenderest Paternal Affection for You, I cannot give You a Stronger proof of it, than in leaving this Paper for You in Your Mother's hands, Who will read it to You from time to time and will give it to You when you come of Age or when You get the Crown.

My Design is not to leave You a Sermon, as is usually done by Persons of my Rank. 'Tis not out of Vanity I write this: It is out of Love to You, and to the Publick. It is for Your Good, for that of my Family, and of the Good People You are to govern, that I leave this to You. I entertain no doubt of Your

good Heart, nor of Your Honour; Things I trust, You will never loose out of sight. The perverseness and bad examples of the times, I am sure will never make You forget them.

Let me add, that when Mankind will once be persuaded, that You are Just, Humane, Generous, and Brave, You will be beloved, by Your People, and respected by Foreign powers.

I know that You will have allways the greatest respect for Your Good Mother, as I have already exhorted You in my Will, and all You can do, consistently with Your own Interest, for Your Brothers and Sisters, You certainly will do.

You must not reckon Yourself only their Brother, but I hope You will be a kind Father to Them.

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Whenever the Crown comes into Your hands employ all Your hands, all Your power, to live with Oeconomy, and try never to Spend more in the Year, than the Malt and two Shillings in the Land Tax.

If you can do so, You will be able to reduce the National Debt, which if not done, will surely one time or other, create such a disaffection, and despair, that I dread the consequences for You, My dear Son.

The sooner You have an opportunity to lower the interest, for Gods Sake, do it.

Let Your Treasury speak with firmness to the Companies and Monied Men. Let it be shewn to them that it is Your earnest desire, to support the Credit of the Nation, but that for so doing, You expect their assistance and support, to ease the Land of the vast Burthen it is loaded with, which can only

be done, by reducing the National interest.

Whoever, to pay his Court to You, or for other designs, overturns this plan, is not Your Friend.

Flatterers, Courtiers or Ministers, are easy to be got, but a true Friend is difficult to be found. The only rule I can give You to try them by, is, if they will tell You the Truth, and will venture for Your sake that of Your Family or that of Your People (which three things I hope You will never separate, nor ought they ever to be separated) to risk some moments of disagreable Contradictions to Your Passions, through which they may lose Your Favour, if You are a Weak Prince; but will settle themselves firmer in it, if You turn out that man, which I hope God will make You.

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If you can be without War, let not Your Ambition draw You into it. A good deal of the National Debt must be payd off, before England enters into a War: At the same time never give up Your Honour nor that of the Nation. A Wise and Brave Prince, may often times, without Armies put a Stop to the Confusion, which the Ambitious Neighbours endeavour to create. Tis not all ways Armies or Fleets, that will do this. Many times t'is done only by the Weight of his Authority which can be got no other way, than by a Wise settled and Steady Conduct.

The unsteady measures, You see, My Son, have sullied and hurt the Reign of Your Grand Father. Let Your Steadiness retrieve the Glory of the Throne. I shall have no regret never to have wore the Crown, if You do but fill it worthily:

Convince this Nation that You are not only

an Englishman born and bred, but that you are also this by inclination, and that as You will love Your Younger Children next to the Elder born, so You will love all Your other Countries, next to England.

Be allways kind to the Electorate. Remember Your Father, whom You love, was born there, and was allways vastly beloved, by that poor faithfull People. A particular Mark of which they gave me, by lending me a very considerable Sum to pay of part of My Debt in England; Which I expect for My Blessing, You will repay, whenever the Crown comes to You, conformably to what is solemnly stipulated in the Instruments I have signed and put into the hands of the Creditors.

Remember this, My Son, and, if possible, pay this Sum within the Year.

Let me advise You to read over carefully & often the

the Will of My Grand Father King George I. a Wise and Good Prince. He for the Good of his Family & People, foresaw the Jealousies that might arise in this Kingdom against the Electorate, therefore enjoined me to make a Separation of them, and to tye it down so strongly, that unless by the Death (which God prevent) of all my Sons, Grand Sons, or of the Male part of My Family, only one Son should survive, England and Hannover should never be united again. This has allways been my Design; and the latter Years have still more convinced me of the Wisdom of this Project.

When England and Hannover are joined together every malevolent Spirit in Europe, that cannot reach England, ventures to lift up his hands against Hannover: All which will cease the moment these Countries are separated. Yet let it allways be the Case, of that Prince, who

reigns here to support his Brother, Uncle or Relation, who rules at Hannover.

Let them both never forget that my Representative reigns in England, and that no ambition, nor no hopes of Conquest whatsoever, ought to draw the Elector of Hannover from ye. Alliance of the Crown of England.

Let him remember, that Great Britain is the Head of the Protestant Powers, and that from that Crown alone, He can get Strength & support. So that whenever or whatever reasons may be alledged, He should separate Himself from England, He is undone.

Let Him allways have a look towards England, and think that there is a possibility that He, or His Children may once come to the Throne, Therefore, all He dos for England, He dos for Himself

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and that all the King of England can do for the Aggrandising of his Relation, without hurting His National Interest, He also dos for himself, or maybe for some of his Children.

If this Project feasable as it is, can gain the Sanction of the Empire, and the Authority of an Act of Parliament, let it be done by You in the Safest and Easiest way, to Your Selfand to the Family.

From that Moment, Jacobitism will be in a Manner rooted out, and You will not be forced then, to court Your Ministers for one Job or another; As unfortunately Your Predecessors have been forced to do.

May be Your Ministers themselves will oppose this Salutary Scheme, on that very account: But Your own Good Sense and Princely Spirit, will with the Help of God, get the better of all difficulties.

I conclude, with recommending You, The Princess, the Rest of My Children, and all Your Subjects, to the Protection of God Almighty; which, depend upon it My Son, You will have, if You Fear and Obey Him.

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