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His Majesty during the twenty one years He has sat on the Throne of Great Britain, has had no object so much at heart as the maintenance of the British Constitution; of which the difficulties He has at times met with from His scrupulous attachment to the Rights of Parliament are sufficient Proofs

His Majesty is convinced that the sudden change of Sentiments of one Branch of the Legislature has totally incapacitated Him from either conducting the War with effect, or from obtaining any Peace but on conditions which would prove destructive to the Commerce as well as essential Rights of the British Nation.

His Majesty therefore with much sorrow finds He can be of no farther Utility to His Native Country, which drives Him to the painful step of quitting it for ever.

In consequence of which Intention His Majesty resigns the Crown of Great Britain and the Dominions appertaining thereto to His Dear & beloved Son and Lawful Successor George Prince of Wales, whose endeavours for the Prosperity of the British Empire He hopes may prove more successful.



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