

Charles II, who was then an exile in Flanders, inviting him to return in the ship with the messenger and be King of Virginia. Charles accepted the invitation, and on the eve of embarkation, he was called to the throne of England. As soon as he was fairly seated on his throne, in gratitude for the loyalty of Virginia, he caused her coat of arms to be quartered with those of England, Ireland and Scotland, and as an independent member of the Empire a distinct portion of the "Old Dominion." Hence arose the origin of the term, "Copper coins of Virginia" was issued even as late as the reign of George III, which bore on one side the coat of arms of England, Scotland and Virginia.