

The Dominion of British West Florida is a non-secessionist Sovereign Nation, dedicated to the Restoration of the sovereignty of the People under God and the Crown.

The idea that some people have that monarchy is undemocratic and is based solely on hereditary principles conveniently ignores the three-hundred year old supremacy of Parliament on both those scores.

Absolute hereditary power based on the divine-right theory first died with Magna Carta way back in 1215, and although it experienced a later resurgence, particularly with the Stuart kings, who sought to re-establish the doctrine by importing it from Scotland during the 17th century, the beheading of Charles I by the Rump Parliament in 1649; the Parliamentary coup d'etat that forcibly deposed James II in 1688; the English Bill of Rights the year after; and the *Act of Settlement* governing succession law since 1701; British sovereigns, have served at the pleasure of the people more than themselves, a fact that was most recently reinforced during the abdication crisis of HM King Edward VIII in 1936.

Yes, yes, I know, the Queen is not elected, but technically neither is any other executive under our model of government, nor is the President in that model of Republican Government - the United States of America for that matter (Electoral College). It is not a contradiction of principle to understand that virtually no position of authority is directly elected in the parliamentary system of democracy. The Queen's representatives certainly are not, nor are her advisors in the Privy Council; some of our judges are not elected, nor are the officers of Parliament, nor the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament.

We do not vote for ministers of the Crown; we do not choose which members will be assigned the tasks of government. All we elect are the members of the House of Commons That body of men and women, once elected by the people, use their collective wisdom and judgment on our behalf, in concert with the House or Lords, to determines all of the above for us. We depend on our elected representatives to faithfully execute the offices entrusted to them for the duration of their term in office.

The Members of the House of Commons serve until Parliament is dissolved. We do not subject them to daily 'votes of confidence', nor should we. Expecting those selected according to the law to execute the offices entrusted to them is a hallmark of the Rule of Law. Once selected by the People, according to the Law of the Realm, our representatives are required to act as their own Wisdom and Judgment directs that the should - in our interest, tempered by Law and Custom.

And yes, that even goes for the Queen herself. Her Majesty's accession to the throne may have been automatic, but it was also according to the Law of the Realm and only because an Act of Parliament permitted and required it. The old dictum that "the Queen reigns but doesn't rule" is technically incorrect – the Queen both reigns *and* rules, but only with the advice and consent of the Houses of Parliament in and for the Dominion of British West Florida. Her Majesty, through her Governor-General, is an active and integral part of our Parliament. **Our Parliament consists of all three Institutions of the British People, the Commons, Lords, and Sovereign.** Parliament consists only in the whole, not in either House, and we are governed by the Queen in Parliament, not the Queen alone.

Our system of Government, **Queen-in-Parliament**, ensures that the voice of the people is heard, that the voice of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal is heard, and that Her Majesty's rule in this Dominion is based on the best advise available from all the sources that have been provided to us by the Grace of God. Her Majesty Rule with the Advise and consent of that most noble of institutions: The Parliament in and for the Dominion of British West Florida.

**The Dominion of British West Florida - We can run our own Country!**