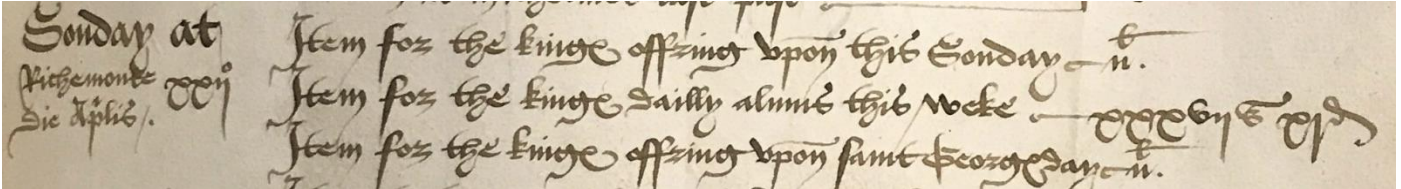


The King is Dead. Long Live the King.

Task: Transcribe this document –

A clue – on the left is the date 'Sunday at Richemont xxij Die Apr[ri]lis' – this is the date on Latin – can you guess what it translates to in English?



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Unusual words

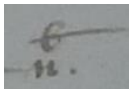
Offering (written as 'Offring' above) – money given by the king during Mass, the church service.
Alms (written as 'almns' above) – gift of money to the poor

Note – u & v are interchangeable
Sums in the margin – li = £; s = shillings; d = pence

Abbreviations



- es (e.g. Kinges)



- n^l = nihil, Latin for nil,

Roman numerals:

x = 10
v = 5
i or j = 1
So xvij = 17

Q.1. Every Sunday Henry VII gave 6s 8d as an offering in church without fail (Except Christmas and Easter, when he gave more). Why might he not have done so on Sunday 22 April 1509?

Death of a King



When Henry VII died, his death was kept secret for two days. This allowed his ministers, Bishop Richard Fox and Thomas Lovell, time to decide how best to ensure the safe succession of the young prince Henry, as it was feared there might be plots against him. The unpopular advisers to Henry VII, Edmund Dudley and Richard Empson, were arrested and eventually executed for treason.

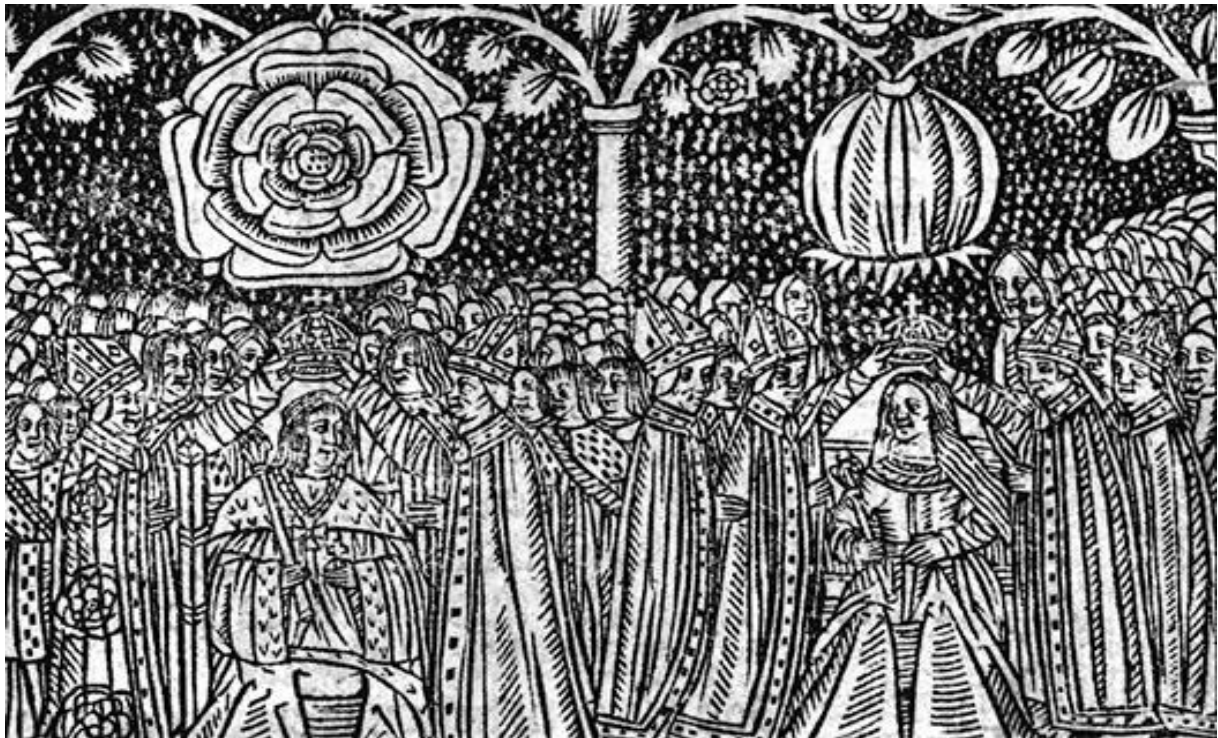
Q.2. Do you know what treason is? Can you find out via an internet search?

Long Live the King

The coronation of Henry VIII and Queen Catherine of Aragon was a grand ceremony held on 24 June 1509 in Westminster Abbey in London in which the crown was placed on Henry's head by the archbishop of Canterbury



Westminster Abbey,
London



This picture shows the crowning of Henry VIII and his wife, Catherine. Notice the heraldic (badges) symbols above their heads, the rose for Henry and the Pomegranate for Catherine.

Q.3. The coronation ceremony took place 21 June, 1509. Can you find on what saint's day the king got married to Catherine [here](#)? A bonus point if you can say what date it is!



Q.3. On folios (pages) 11 and 12 of [the document](#) covering June 1509, what evidence can you find of Henry spending money on impressive and rich things for his coronation or appearing generous and kingly?

(hint – look near the bottom of both pages)