

112. A list is given below of the sovereigns and rulers of the principal countries in the world, with dates of birth, titles and dates of assumption of office. It will be seen that Queen Victoria has reigned 11 years longer than any other ruler mentioned in the table, having succeeded to the throne in 1837, at the age of eighteen years. Her Majesty, however, is not the oldest ruler, for the Bey of Tunis and the King of Denmark are her seniors in age. The King of Spain is still the youngest sovereign in the list.

SOVEREIGNS AND RULERS IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1893.

Country.	Name.	Year of Birth.	Title.	Year of Accession or Assumption of Office.
Great Britain and Ireland.	Victoria . . . . .	1819	Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.	1837
	“ . . . . .		Empress of India. . . . .	1877
Afghanistan. . . . .	Abdul Rahman Khan		Ameer of Afghanistan. . . . .	1880
Austro-Hungarian Empire.	Francis Joseph I. . . . .	1830	Emperor of Austria. . . . .	1848
	“ . . . . .		King of Hungary and Bohemia. . . . .	1867
Belgium. . . . .	Leopold II. . . . .	1835	King of the Belgians. . . . .	1865
Brazil. . . . .	General Floriano Peixoto. . . . .		President of the United States of Brazil. . . . .	1891
Bulgaria. . . . .	Ferdinand of Saxe-Cobourg. . . . .	1861	Prince. . . . .	1887
China. . . . .	Kuang Hsu. . . . .	1871	Emperor of China. . . . .	1875
Denmark. . . . .	Christian IX. . . . .	1818	King of Denmark. . . . .	1863
Egypt. . . . .	Abbas Pasha. . . . .	1874	Khedive of Egypt. . . . .	1892
France. . . . .	Marie F. Sadi-Carnot	1837	President of the French Republic. . . . .	1887
German Empire. . . . .	William II. . . . .	1859	German Emperor. . . . .	1888
	“ . . . . .		King of Prussia. . . . .	1888
Greece. . . . .	George I. . . . .	1845	King of the Hellenes. . . . .	1864
Holland. . . . .	Wilhelmina Helena Pauline. . . . .	1880	Queen of the Netherlands. . . . .	1890
	Emma. . . . .		Queen Regent. . . . .	1890
Italy. . . . .	Humbert. . . . .	1844	King of Italy. . . . .	1878
Japan. . . . .	Mutsuhito. . . . .	1852	Mikado of Japan. . . . .	1867
Mexico. . . . .	Porfirio Diaz. . . . .		President of the Confederate Republic of Mexico. . . . .	1884
Montenegro. . . . .	Nicholas. . . . .	1841	Prince of Montenegro. . . . .	1860
Morocco. . . . .	Mulai-Hassan. . . . .	1831	Sultan of Morocco. . . . .	1873
Persia. . . . .	Nasser-ed-Deen. . . . .	1829	Shah of Persia. . . . .	1848
Peru. . . . .	Colonel Bermudez. . . . .		President of the Republic of Peru. . . . .	1890
Portugal. . . . .	Dom Carlos I. . . . .	1863	King of Portugal. . . . .	1889
Roumania. . . . .	Charles I. . . . .	1839	Prince of Roumania. . . . .	1866
	“ . . . . .		King of do . . . . .	1881
Russia. . . . .	Alexander III. . . . .	1845	Czar of Russia. . . . .	1881
Servia. . . . .	Alexander I. . . . .	1876	King of Servia. . . . .	1889