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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is with feelings of profound sorrow, which will be shared by every man, woman, and child in this Colony, that HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR and COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF has to announce the sad news that HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII. passed away at 11.45 P.M. on Friday, the 6th instant.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR directs that on this melancholy occasion the officers of His Majesty's Civil and Judicial Services in this Island do put themselves into deep mourning. The mourning is to commence from to-day and to continue until further orders. His Excellency requests that a similar mark of respect may be observed by all such of His Majesty's loyal subjects whose situation enables them to do so.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, May 7, 1910.

H. L. CRAWFORD,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.