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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE following Message received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies from His Most Gracious Majesty the King, is published for general information:—

“To MY PEOPLE BEYOND THE SEAS :

“The innumerable messages of kindness from my loyal subjects beyond the Seas have deeply touched my heart, and have assured me that I have in full measure their sympathy in the great trial which has befallen me and them, that my sorrow is their sorrow, that I share a common loss.

“The happiness of all his people throughout his Dominions was dear to the heart of my beloved Father. For them he lived and worked, in their service he died, and I cannot doubt that they will hold his name in grateful remembrance.

“I am now called to follow in his footsteps, and carry on the work which prospered in his hands. As a sailor I have been brought into constant touch with the Over-Sea Dominions of the Crown, and I have personally realized the affectionate loyalty which holds together many lands and diverse peoples in one glorious fellowship.

“Nine years ago I travelled through the Empire, accompanied by my dear wife, and had the late King lived, we should together, at his expressed wish, have visited South Africa in the coming Autumn, to open the First Parliament of the South African Union, the latest and greatest evidence of that peace and harmony which my Father ever loved to promote.

“It will be my earnest endeavour to uphold constitutional Government, and to safeguard in all their fulness the liberties which are enjoyed throughout my Dominions, and, under the good guidance of the Ruler of all men, I will maintain, on the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace, the great heritage of the united British Empire.

“May 24, 1910.

GEORGE R. & I.”

By His Excellency's command,

H. L. CRAWFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 25, 1910.

IT is hereby notified for general information that intimation has been received by His Excellency the Governor through the Secretary of State for the Colonies that it is the King's pleasure that for the current year there should be no celebrations on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday either in England or elsewhere in the Empire.

By His Excellency's command,

H. L. CRAWFORD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 25, 1910.