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#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE following Proclamation by His Majesty the King is published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 2, 1919.

By His Excellency's command,  
A. S. PAGDEN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Proclamation referred to.*

"WHEREAS a definitive Treaty of Peace between Us and the Associated Governments and the German Government was concluded at Versailles on the 28th day of June last: in conformity thereunto We have thought fit hereby to command that the same be published in due course throughout all Our Dominions; and We do declare to all Our loving subjects Our will and pleasure that upon the exchange of the ratification thereof the said Treaty of Peace be observed inviolably as well by sea as by land and in all places whatsoever; strictly charging and commanding all Our loving subjects to take notice hereof and to conform themselves thereunto accordingly.

"Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this First day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Nineteen, and in the tenth year of Our reign."

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"WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to bring to a close the late widespread and sanguinary war in which We were engaged against Germany and her Allies: We, therefore, adoring the Divine goodness and duly considering that the great and general blessings of Peace do call for public and solemn acknowledgment, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation hereby appointing and commanding that a general thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His manifold and great mercies be observed throughout Our Dominions on Sunday, the Sixth day of July; and for the better and more devout solemnization of the same We have given directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England to

compose a form of prayer suitable to this occasion to be used in all churches and chapels, and to take care for the timely dispersing of the same throughout their respective dioceses; and to the same end We do further advise and exhort the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and all spiritual authorities and ministers of religion in their respective churches and other places of public worship throughout Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and in all quarters of Our Dominions beyond the seas to take part as it may properly behove them to do in this great and common act of worship; and We do strictly charge and command that the said public day of thanksgiving be religiously observed by all, as they tender thanks for the favour of Almighty God and have the sense of His benefits.

“ Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this First day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Nineteen, and in the tenth year of Our reign.”

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THE following telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies is published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 2, 1919.

By His Excellency's command,

A. S. PAGDEN,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Telegram referred to.*

“ Now that Peace has been signed, I desire, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, to thank the members of the Colonial Service for their work during the war, and to express our appreciation of the devotion to duty which they have shown during all these trying years. Not a few, I fear, have suffered in health owing to the exceptional strain, and all have been exposed in a greater or less degree to serious privations. But in a true spirit of patriotism these hardships have been cheerfully borne. By ensuring the good conduct of the administration throughout the war in all His Majesty's Possessions, the men who have remained at their posts have contributed no less than those who have fought in the field to the great national effort which has resulted in victory.”