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**PART I.—GENERAL.**

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.**

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IT is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor has directed that all Public Offices and Courts shall be closed on Tuesday, the 28th January, the date of the funeral of His late lamented Majesty KING GEORGE THE FIFTH. His Excellency desires that all houses of business be closed on that day, and that it be generally observed as a Day of Mourning.

Governor's Office,  
Colombo, January 23, 1936.

By His Excellency's command,

G. M. RENNIE,  
Secretary to the Governor.

IT is hereby notified for general information that, under the provisions of section 7 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1928, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Tuesday, 28th January, to be a Bank Holiday, to enable all Banks to be closed on that Day of Mourning.

Colombo, January 23, 1936.

By His Excellency's command,

D. B. JAYATILAKA,  
Minister for Home Affairs.

THE following copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the observance of Court Mourning is published for general information :—

His Majesty has commanded that the Court shall wear mourning until July 21st and half mourning from July 21st until October 21st and has expressed a desire that the public will wear suitable mourning until after His late Majesty's funeral which will take place on Tuesday, January 28th.

2. The following regulations regarding the observance of Court Mourning after the date of the funeral of His late Majesty are also published for general information :—

- (a) After the date of the funeral of His late Majesty Court Mourning will continue to be observed, during the period of Court Mourning, by His Excellency the Governor, his household and personal staff. It will not be observed by other Government officials except that during the period of Court Mourning
  - (i) they should not attend balls in uniform, and
  - (ii) all officials attending in uniform any official Reception given by the Governor or such ceremonies as the opening by the Governor of the State Council should wear a black band on the left arm.
- (b) During the period of Court Mourning His Excellency the Governor will not give or attend dances or balls, but private dances, &c., may be given or attended by other Government officials if not in Civil Uniform. Official Dinners, Receptions, and Garden Parties may also be given during the period, but should not be followed by a dance or other festivity.
- (c) It is desirable that the wife of a Government official should wear mourning when she attends with her husband, during the period of Court Mourning, an official Reception held by His Excellency the Governor or a ceremony at which uniform is worn. It is optional for such ladies to wear white dresses, or black and white dresses, should they so desire.

By His Excellency's command,

Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Colombo, January 23, 1936.

D. B. JAYATILAKA,  
Minister for Home Affairs.