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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following copy of a letter received from Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge, Private Secretary to H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CORNWALL AND YORK, be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 16, 1901.

J. J. THORBURN,
for Colonial Secretary.

From Lieut.-Colonel Sir ARTHUR BIGGE, to Governor the Right Hon. Sir J. WEST
RIDGWAY, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.

H.M.S. Ophir, April 16, 1901.

SIR,—BEFORE leaving the Duke of Cornwall and York is anxious to make known, through Your Excellency, how much Their Royal Highnesses have enjoyed their stay in Ceylon, and how greatly they have been touched by the welcome accorded them. If it were possible, Their Royal Highnesses would like the Europeans, Sinhalese, Tamils, Burghers, and Mohammedans to be thanked

for their testimony of loyalty and hearty goodwill as evidenced by the vast but orderly crowds which in Colombo and Kandy thronged the streets, beautifully decorated and illuminated by the different races. Their Royal Highnesses also were much gratified by the demonstrations of enthusiasm and affection wherever they went. They will carry away imperishable memories of the marvellous and picturesque scenes of the past few days. They will remember with the deepest gratitude the unfailing consideration and kindly forethought with which Your Excellency's arrangements for their comfort and enjoyment were conceived and carried out. They heartily thank all those Government officials and leading men of every race who were more especially charged with these onerous duties. His Royal Highness noticed with much satisfaction the admirable manner in which the Police duties were performed, and he asks that his thanks may be conveyed to Major Knollys and those serving under him. His Royal Highness is especially glad to find what peace and contentment prevail throughout the land, and he rejoices to learn that an ever-growing spirit of harmony and goodwill is uniting more and more the varied races which constitute the population.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR BIGGE.