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### PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy Our late Sovereign Lady Queen VICTORIA, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and all other Her late Majesty's dominions is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince ALBERT EDWARD, We therefore, the Governor and Executive Council of Ceylon, assisted by the Chief Justice of the Island of Ceylon and other Judges of the Supreme Court, the Bishop of Colombo, the Members of the Legislative Council, the Mayor of Colombo, and by numbers of the principal Inhabitants, do now hereby with one full voice and consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince ALBERT EDWARD is now, by the death of Our late Sovereign of happy and glorious memory, become Our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Supreme Lord in and over the Island of Ceylon and the Dependencies thereof, to whom We do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with all hearty and humble affection, beseeching

God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince EDWARD THE SEVENTH with long and happy years to reign over Us.

*Given at Colombo, in the Island of Ceylon, this Twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and One.*

GOD SAVE THE KING!

J. WEST RIDGEWAY.  
J. W. BONSER, *C. J.*  
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W. HENRY FIGG.  
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W. W. MITCHELL.  
STANLEY BOIS.  
G. R. R. SAVAGE, *Colonel R.E.*  
S. D. BANDARANAIIKA, *Maha Mudaliyar.*

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE following declaration was made by HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY to the Most Honourable the Privy Council on the 23rd January, 1901 :—

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS, AND GENTLEMEN,

THIS is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you.

My first and most melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of my beloved mother, the QUEEN, and I know how deeply you, the whole Nation, and I think I may say the whole World, sympathise with me in the irreparable loss we have all sustained.

I need hardly say that my constant endeavour will be always to walk in her footsteps in undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon me. I am fully determined to be a Constitutional Sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and so long as there is breath in my body to work for the good and amelioration of my people.

I have resolved to be known by the name of EDWARD, which has been borne by six of my ancestors. In doing so I do not undervalue the name of ALBERT, which I inherit from my ever to be lamented great and wise father, who by universal consent is, I think deservedly, known by the name of ALBERT THE GOOD, and I desire that his name should stand alone.

In conclusion, I trust to Parliament and the Nation to support me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon me by inheritance, and to which I am determined to devote my whole strength during the remainder of my life.

IT is hereby notified for general information that HIS MAJESTY THE KING expects all his subjects to put themselves into the deepest mourning from the 28th instant, and His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF directs that Saturday, the 2nd of February, being the day of the funeral of Queen VICTORIA, of blessed memory, be observed as a special day of general mourning throughout the Colony.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 26, 1901.

By His Excellency's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that all Public Offices and Courts will be closed on Saturday, the 2nd February. All people are requested to abstain from business on that day of mourning.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 26, 1901.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,  
W. T. TAYLOR,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.