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## EXTRAORDINARY.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

**H**IS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct that the following telegram despatched to the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES on the 25th January, 1901, relative to the death of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, and of the reply received from Mr Secretary CHAMBERLAIN, be published for general information :—

“ At a special meeting of the Legislative Council to-day the following resolution was passed in solemn silence and with deep emotion :—

‘ We, the Legislative Council of Ceylon, overcome with grief, hasten to record, as far as words avail, our inexpressible sorrow at the grievous loss which the Empire has sustained by the death of its beloved Sovereign, QUEEN VICTORIA, of precious memory, and we venture respectfully to express our deep and dutiful feelings of sympathy with His Majesty the KING-EMPEROR and the other Members of the Royal Family in the sad calamity which has befallen them as well as the Empire.’

“ There is wonderful outburst of grief throughout Colony. Telegrams and letters pour in from high and low of all races and creeds, including Consuls of all foreign powers, and also Boer prisoners and Egyptian exiles, affording overwhelming evidence of the extraordinary manner in which QUEEN VICTORIA'S personality has endeared itself to her humblest native subjects. Business is suspended, public offices are closed, and solemn sadness prevails in the streets. Memorial services and public

meetings of condolence will be held simultaneously throughout the Island on the day of the funeral."

REPLY.

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been deeply moved by your account of the sorrow displayed by all classes of the community of Ceylon on the lamented death of his beloved Mother, and wishes you to convey a grateful acknowledgment to the Legislative Council and to all who have expressed their sympathy with His Majesty and the Royal Family in the irreparable loss which they and the whole Empire have sustained."

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 28, 1901.

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