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Prime Minister's Office,

Sydney, 28th January, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs that it be notified, for general information, that he has received from The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following intimation confirming the melancholy intelligence published in previous Gazette Extraordinary:—

“It is with profound regret that I have to inform you of the demise of Her late Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA. Her Majesty expired at Osborne House at six thirty in the afternoon of the 22nd instant, to the great affliction of the Royal Family and of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.”

“His present Majesty has been proclaimed KING EDWARD THE SEVENTH with all the usual formalities.”

By His Excellency's Command,

EDMUND BARTON.

A 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, John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia; Edmund Barton, Prime Minister and His Majesty's Minister of State for External Affairs of the said Commonwealth; and Alfred Deakin, His Majesty's Attorney General of the said Commonwealth, therefore do now hereby, with one full voice and concert 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 Commonwealth of Australia, 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 Government House, Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

HOPETOUN,
Governor-General.

EDMUND BARTON.
ALFRED DEAKIN.

Prime Minister's Office,
Sydney, 28th January, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs that it be notified, for general information, that he has been informed by Despatch from The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Funeral of Her late Most Gracious Majesty **QUEEN VICTORIA** will take place on the 2nd February, and that an order for General Mourning has been issued, which states that all persons are expected to put themselves into deepest mourning from the 28th January.

By His Excellency's Command,
EDMUND BARTON.

Prime Minister's Office,
Sydney, 28th January, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs that it be notified that he caused to be despatched to The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the 23rd instant, a telegram of which the following is a copy:—

"My Ministers join with me in expressing for the whole population of the Commonwealth, as well as for ourselves, intense grief for the loss sustained by His Majesty the King, His Royal Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Members of the Royal Family, in the death of the Great and Good Sovereign of whom the Empire and all civilised humanity have been bereft."

And that His Excellency has this day received the following reply from The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

"I have received His Majesty's Command to convey cordial thanks of Himself and Royal Family for kind expression of sympathy of yourself, your Ministers, and People of the Commonwealth on the lamented death of Her Majesty **QUEEN VICTORIA**."

By His Excellency's Command,
EDMUND BARTON.

Prime Minister's Office,
Sydney, 28th January, 1901.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs that it be notified that he has this day received a Despatch from The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms:—

"His Majesty the King and the Royal Family are deeply touched by the numerous messages of sympathy received from Public Bodies, Associations, &c., throughout Australia. I am commanded to request that you will convey their thanks to those who have telegraphed through you."

By His Excellency's Command,
EDMUND BARTON.

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