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7th February, 1901.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified, for general information, that he has received the following message from His Majesty the King, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

EDMUND BARTON.

“TO MY PEOPLE BEYOND THE SEAS.

THE countless messages of loyal sympathy which I have received from every part of my Dominions over the Seas testify to the universal grief in which the whole Empire now mourns the loss of my beloved Mother. In the welfare and prosperity of Her subjects throughout Greater Britain the Queen ever evinced a heartfelt interest. She saw with thankfulness the steady progress which, under a wide extension of self-government, they had made during Her Reign. She warmly appreciated their unfailing loyalty to Her Throne and Person, and was proud to think of those who had so nobly fought and died for the Empire's cause in South Africa. I have already declared that it will be my constant endeavour to follow the great example which has been bequeathed me. In these endeavours I shall have a confident trust in the devotion and sympathy of the People and of their several Representative Assemblies throughout my vast Colonial Dominions. With such loyal support I will, with God's blessing, solemnly work for the promotion of the common welfare and security of the Great Empire over which I have now been called to reign.

(Signed) EDWARD R. AND I.

Windsor Castle,  
4th February, 1901.”

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