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FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1910.

WHITEHALL, May 23, 1910.

THE following Letter from the King has been received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department :—

*Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,
22nd May 1910.*

TO MY PEOPLE.

The voice of affection and of loving devotion to the memory of my dear Father which has come from every part of the Empire, the outward public demonstrations, especially those in the Capital during the two stages of His passing to His last resting place, and the pathetic manner in which vast multitudes of His loving subjects patiently and reverently awaited opportunity to pay a last tribute to His memory, have profoundly touched me and my whole Family.

A sorrow so sudden and unlooked for might well have been overwhelming. But the sentiments evoked by it have made me realise that it is a loss common to me and my people: they share it with me. I do not stand alone.

With such thoughts I take courage, and hopefully look into the future: strong in my faith in God, trusting my people, and cherishing the Laws and Constitution of our beloved Country.

GEORGE R.I.

DOWNING STREET, May 23, 1910.

The following gracious Message has, by His Majesty's Command, been communicated to the Officers Administering the Governments of all

British Dominions beyond the Seas, British Colonies and Protectorates :—

TO MY PEOPLE BEYOND THE SEAS.

The innumerable messages of kindness from my loyal subjects beyond the Seas have deeply touched my heart and have assured me that I have in full measure their sympathy in the great trial which has befallen me and them, that my sorrow is their sorrow, that we share a common loss.

The happiness of all His people throughout His dominions was dear to the heart of my beloved Father. For them He lived and worked, in their service He died, and I cannot doubt that they will hold His name in grateful remembrance. I am now called to follow in His footsteps and carry on the work which prospered in His hands.

As a sailor, I have been brought into constant touch with the oversea dominions of the Crown, and I have personally realised the affectionate loyalty which holds together many lands and diverse peoples in one glorious fellowship.

Nine years ago I travelled through the Empire, accompanied by my dear wife, and, had the late King lived, we should together at His expressed wish have visited South Africa in the coming Autumn to open the first Parliament of the South African Union, the latest and greatest evidence of that peace and harmony which my Father ever loved to promote.

It will be my earnest endeavour to uphold Constitutional Government and to safeguard in their fullness the liberties which are enjoyed throughout my dominions, and under the good guidance of the Ruler of all men I will maintain upon the foundation of freedom, justice, and