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The following Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

*February*  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th ~~January~~, 1901.

LONDON, 5th February, 1901.

His Majesty commands me to transmit the following message to you for publication:—

“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 to 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,

*February 4th, 1901.*”

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES. ✓