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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 123.

The following Proclamation by His Majesty the King, is published for general information.  
By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1901.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

Requiring all Persons being in Office of Authority or Government at the Decease of the late Queen, to proceed in the Execution of their respective Offices.

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WHEREAS by an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne* intituled, An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the, Succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the Protestant Line: it was enacted that no Office, Place, or Employment, Civil or Military, within the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, Dominion of *Wales*, Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, Isles of *Jersey*, *Guernsey*, *Alderney* and *Sark*, or any of Her Majesty's Plantations, should become void by reason of the Demise of Her said late Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, but that every Person and Persons in any of the Offices, Places, and Employments aforesaid should continue in their respective Offices, Places, and Employments for the space of Six Months next after such Death or Demise, unless sooner removed and discharged by the next Successor, to whom the Imperial Crown of this Realm was limited and appointed to go, remain, and descend: And whereas by an Act made in the First Year of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, now intituled, The Colonial Offices Act, 1830, it was enacted that no patent, commission, warrant, or other authority, for the exercise of any office or employment, civil or military, within any of His Majesty's plantations or possessions abroad, determinable at the pleasure of His Majesty, or of any of His Majesty's Heirs and Successors, shall by reason of any future Demise of the Crown be vacated or become void until the expiration of eighteen calendar months next after any such Demise of the Crown as aforesaid: We, therefore, with the advice of Our Privy Council, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure to be, and do hereby direct and command, That all and every Person and Persons, who at the time of the Demise of Our late Royal Mother, of Glorious Memory, duly and lawfully held, or were duly and lawfully possessed of or invested in any Office, Place, or Employment, Civil or Military, within Our United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Dominion of *Wales*, Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed*, Isles of *Jersey*, *Guernsey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, or any of Our Foreign Possessions, or Colonies, or Our Empire of *India*, do severally, according to their Places, Offices, or Charges, proceed in the Performance and Execution of all Duties belonging to their respective Offices whilst they shall hold the same respectively during Our Pleasure: And We do hereby require and command all Our loving Subjects to be aiding, helping, and assisting, at the Commandment of the said Officers and Ministers, in the Performance and Execution of their respective Offices and Places, as they and every of them tender Our utmost Displeasure and will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, this Twenty-third day of *January*, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and One.

GOD SAVE THE KING.