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F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th August, 1902.

*Telegram from Secretary of State, London, to Governor, Hongkong,
dated 8th August, 1902.*

Following is text of letter which His Majesty the King has written to his people on the occasion of Their Majesties' Coronation. Begins :—

“To my people on the eve of my Coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most
“solemn and important in my life.

“I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the Colonies and in India my heartfelt
“appreciation of the deep sympathy which they have manifested towards me during the time that my
“life was in such imminent danger. The postponement of the ceremony owing to my illness caused,
“I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to those who intended to celebrate it, but their disappointment
“was borne by them with admirable patience and temper. The prayers of my people for my recovery
“were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to Divine Providence for having preserved my
“life and given me strength to fulfil the important duties which devolve upon me as the Sovereign of
“this great Empire.

(Sd.) EDWARD R. & I.,

Buckingham Palace,

8th August, 1902.”