## TELEGRAMS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE. No. 149.

London, 23rd May, 1910.

His Majesty the King commands me to express to Legislative Council his warm thanks for their dutiful message on the occasion of his accession to the Throne. He deeply appreciates their wishes for the prosperity of his reign.

CREWE.

No. 150.

London, 24th May, 1910.

His Majesty the King commands me to convey following message for publication: --

"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 Ishare 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 realized the affectionate loyalty, which holds together many lands and diverse people 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 all their fulness the liberties which are enjoyed throughout my dominions; and, under the good guidance of the Ruler of all Men, I will maintain on the foundation of freedom, justice and peace the great heritage of the United British Empire."

CREWE.

No. 151.

London, 24th May, 1910.

His Majesty's birthday will not be celebrated this year in any part of the Empire.

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## PROCLAMATIONS.

No. 2.

[L.S.] FRANCIS HENRY MAY,

Officer Administering the Government.

By His Excellency Sir Francis Henry May, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same.