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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

The following telegram has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on 23rd January, and is published for general information.

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Colonial Secretary.

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His Majesty King Edward VIII was duly proclaimed at the Accession Council held yesterday and on his proclamation made the following declaration :

“The irreparable loss which the British Commonwealth of Nations has sustained by the death of His Majesty my beloved father has devolved upon me the duty of sovereignty. I know how much you and all my subjects, I hope I may say, the whole world, will feel for me in my sorrow and I am confident in the affectionate sympathy which will be extended to my dear mother in her overpowering grief. When my father stood here twenty-six years ago he declared that one of the objects of his life would be to uphold constitutional government. In this I am determined to follow in my father's footsteps and to work, as he did throughout his life, for the happiness and welfare of all classes of my subjects. I place my reliance upon the loyalty and affection of my people throughout the Empire and upon the wisdom of their parliaments to support me in this heavy task and I pray that God will guide me to perform it.”

His Majesty was publicly proclaimed here this morning.