

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.

EDWARD, R.I.

INDIA OFFICE, February 4, 1901.

The King Emperor has been graciously pleased to send the following Letter to the Princes and People of India :—

WINDSOR CASTLE, February 4, 1901.

TO THE PRINCES AND PEOPLE OF INDIA.

Through the lamented death of My beloved and dearly mourned Mother, I have inherited the Throne, which has descended to Me through a long and ancient lineage.

I now desire to send My greeting to the Ruling Chiefs of the Native States, and to the Inhabitants of My Indian Dominions, to assure them of My sincere good will and affection, and of My heartfelt wishes for their welfare.

My illustrious and lamented Predecessor was the first Sovereign of this Country who took upon Herself the direct Administration of the Affairs of India and assumed the title of Empress in token of Her closer association with the Government of that vast Country.

In all matters connected with India, the Queen Empress displayed an unvarying deep personal interest, and I am well aware of the feeling of loyalty and affection evinced by the millions of its peoples towards Her Throne and Person. This feeling was conspicuously shown during the last year of Her long and glorious reign by the noble and patriotic assistance offered by the Ruling Princes in the South African War, and by the gallant services rendered by the Native Army beyond the limits of their own Country.

It was by Her wish and with Her sanction that I visited India and made Myself personally acquainted with the Ruling Chiefs, the people, and the cities of that ancient and famous Empire.

I shall never forget the deep impressions which I then received, and I shall endeavour to follow the great example of the first Queen Empress to work for the general well-being of my Indian subjects of all ranks, and to merit, as She did, their unflinching loyalty and affection.

EDWARD, R. ET I.

WHITEHALL, February 4, 1901.

The following Address has been received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from the Civil Servants of the United Kingdom for presentation to the King, and has been presented to His Majesty accordingly :—

May it please Your Majesty,

The Civil Servants of the Crown throughout the United Kingdom desire to tender to Your Majesty their profound sympathy in the loss which has befallen yourself and the Empire by the death of their beloved Queen; and to express their

deep devotion and loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, and their prayer for Your long and prosperous Reign.

FRANCIS MOWATT,
Secretary of the Treasury, on behalf of
all Civil Servants of Great Britain
and Ireland.

29th January 1901.

To this Address the following gracious reply has been sent by His Majesty's commands :—

HOME OFFICE, WHITEHALL, February 4, 1901.

SIR,

"I have had the honour to lay before the King the Address of the Civil Servants of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland on the death of Her late Majesty; and I am to convey to you and through you to all Civil Servants His Majesty's thanks for this expression of sympathy.

"The King is much gratified by this assurance of the loyalty and devotion of Civil Servants, and He is confident that they will continue in the future to render with the same loyalty and zeal services which in the past have proved of such advantage to the country."

I am, &c.,

CHARLES T. RITCHIE.

Sir Francis Mowatt, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN
ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 22, 1901.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint General His Royal Highness Prince Frederic Christian Charles Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein, one of the Personal Aides-de-Camp to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, to be a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN
ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 27, 1901.

The King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order :—

To be a Knight Grand Cross.

Captain His Serene Highness Adolphus, Duke of Teck, 1st Life Guards, K.C.V.O.

To be an Honorary Knight Grand Cross.

His Royal Highness Leopold Charles Edward George Albert, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Albany.

DOWNING STREET, February 2, 1901.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of John Edward Plummer, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Honduras.