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GEORGE R.I.

INDIA OFFICE, May 23, 1910.

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

The lamented and unlooked-for death of my dearly loved Father calls me to ascend the Throne that comes to me as the heir of a great and ancient line.

As King and Emperor I greet the Princes, the Ruling Chiefs, and all the other dwellers in my Indian dominions. I offer you my heartfelt thanks for the touching and abundant manifestation that this event has called forth from all the diverse races, classes, and faiths in India, of loyalty to the Sovereign Crown, and personal attachment to its wearers.

Queen Victoria of revered memory addressed her Indian subjects and heads of Feudatory States when she assumed the direct government in 1858; and her august son, my Father, of honoured and beloved name, commemorated the same most notable event in His Address to you fifty years later. These are the charters of the noble and benignant spirit of Imperial rule, and by that spirit in all my time to come I will faithfully abide.

By the wish of His late Majesty, and following His own example, I visited India five years ago, accompanied by my Royal Consort. We became personally acquainted with great kingdoms known to history, with monuments of a civilisation older than our own, with ancient customs and ways of life, with native Rulers, with the peoples, the cities, towns, villages, throughout those vast territories.

Never can either the vivid impressions or the affectionate associations of that wonderful journey vanish or grow dim.

Firmly I confide in your dutiful and active co-operation in the high and arduous tasks that lie before me, and I count upon your ready response to the earnest sympathy with the well-being of India, that must ever be the inspiration of my rule.

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EARL MARSHAL'S OFFICE, May 24, 1910.

In pursuance of the amended Order for a General Mourning for His late Majesty King Edward VII. of Blessed Memory, which was announced in the Supplement to the London Gazette and dated May 12, 1910 :

These are to give notice that in order that the Trades concerned should not suffer from the period of General Mourning being extended to the end of the Summer Season, Their Majesties the King and Queen and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra desire that a modification should be made in the Order previously given, and that Full Mourning should last until Friday, June 17th, Half Mourning until June 30th.

NORFOLK, Earl Marshal.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, S.W., May 24, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that the Levées, announced to be held on the 30th inst. and the 7th June next, will not take place.

WHITEHALL, May 23, 1910.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Mr. Evan Owen, Mr. Edmund Davies, and Mr. William Wagner Turner, M.B., under the following circumstances :—

On the 29th October 1909, an explosion of coal dust occurred at the Darran Colliery, Deri, in the Cardiff district, by which 27 persons lost their lives, five succumbing during the rescue operations.

Mr. Evan Owen, the Under Manager of the Colliery, was one of the first to enter the mine after the explosion. In the course of the day he accompanied several of the rescue parties to the furthest points it was possible to reach, and several times he was partially overcome by the effects of the poisonous gases. He persisted in his efforts until late in the day, when he was persuaded to go home.

Mr. Edmund Davies, the day fireman employed at the Colliery, was also among the first to enter the mine and made determined and continued attempts to succour the unfortunate men who had been affected by the explosion. Like Mr. Owen he was at times seriously affected by the noxious air, and only desisted when his services were no longer of any avail.

Dr. Turner, who was the first medical man to reach the mine, displayed great courage by promptly going down the ladders in the upcast and pumping-shaft—an awkward descent to anyone unacquainted with mining work. He rendered all the assistance he could, and nearly paid for his bravery with his life, as he was severely affected by afterdamp.

MOTOR CAR ACT, 1903.

COUNTY OF RENFREW.

Notice is hereby given that the County Council of the County of Renfrew have made application to the Secretary for Scotland, praying that regulations under the Motor Car Act should be made restricting the rate of speed of cars to ten miles an hour on portions of the Kilmarnock Road at Giffnock described in the application.

Notice is hereby further given that the application, with relative schedule, and a map showing the roads proposed for restriction and the points where restriction begins and ends, may be inspected during office hours at the Office of the County Road Clerk, 194 Ingram Street, Glasgow; and objections to the making of any such regulation may be sent in writing to the Secretary for Scotland at the Scottish Office, Whitehall, London, at any time within fourteen days of the date of publication of this advertisement. A copy of any such objection should be sent at the same time to the County Road Clerk.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
26th May 1910.