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| (Ceremonies) | |
| No. | 163/31. |

193 1.

Chairman, E. D. M.

SUBJECT.

193 1.

17th April.

Previous Paper.

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| <u>EMPIRE DAY MESSAGES.</u> |
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7/38/28

MINUTES.

1-2

Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement, 17/4/31.

y/b.

*Submitted
This communication was not
received until the 27th of May.*

Off to lat.

Draft letter to Mrs. Ansell.

2 To Editor "Penguin", please,

for publication together with an

appropriate intro.

[Signature]

b. 6. 31.

Subsequent Paper.

Letter to the Chairman, Empire Day Movement, 8th June, 1931.

3.

Editor Penguin

will you please have
message published with an
appropriate notice.

C.S.J.
checked.
8/6/31.

O.C.
C.S.O.

message published
'Penguin' 10.6.31.
H.

P.A.
12/6/31

Letter to Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 18/4/32.

4-6.

Letter to Chairman Empire Day Movement 4.6.32.

7.

P.A.
J.M.D.
6.6.32

Letter to Chairman, Empire Day Movement, 18/4/32

8.

J.L. Schell.

J.M.D.
21. 9. 32

Hon C.S.

Noted
J.M.D.
22-9-32

P. M.D.
23. 9. 32

(9) Letter from Chairman "Empire Day Movement" 28/3/35.

Yr.

submitted. The message will be posted on Gazette Board and also in the "Penguin".

MCH
CL

14.5.35

No. We have had one from the King and we are also entitled to address the Empire

The message is feeble in composition and strikes no chord which is not overburdened. The Committee are about without exception none entitled

ack letter + message only pl.

[Signature] 14/5/35

(11) Letter to Chairman "Empire Day Movement" of 15/5/35.

P.A.
17/5/35

Letter from G. S. Turner, Esq. 22/5/35

(12)

Y. Submitted. This paper was only placed before me this morning - somewhat late, but in any case Y. did not wish the Notice posted.

W.C.H.

C.S.

25. 11. 35

to a dk. It will suffice, saying that his letter was received too late for consideration of his request before leaving day

W.C.H. 25/11/35

Letter to G. S. Turner, Esq. of 24/5/35.

(13)

Letter from Chairman, E.W. Movement 20/5/36

(14)

R.H.
27/5/35

Please type a similar acknowledgment to
⑪ addis "which will be published in the
local newspaper Penguin."

W.C.H.
13/5/36

Letter to Chairman, Empire Day Movement 14/5/36

(15)

Notice for the "Penguin" press

W.C.H.
15/5/36
C.S.

Notice for "Penguin", 16/5/36.

(16)

Editor Penguin

will you please cause
the attached notice and a copy
of the Empire Day message to be
published in the Penguin on the
~~21st~~
23rd of May, 1936.

will you please also return
the message before the 23rd in
order that it may be posted on
the notice Board.

A. I. J. for S.
16/5/36

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted thank you. Copy
taken for publication in the "Penguin"
on Saturday 23rd May, 1936.

C. Hoare

Sub. Editor.

(11) Letter from G. I. Turner, Esq., d/ 19/5/36.

(12) Letter to G. I. Turner, Esq., d/ 22/5/36.

F. A.
23/5/36

19. Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement, 22.6.36.

S. of S. ltr. despatch of 22/10/36.

(20-21)

Sup. of Educ.

Submitted for your information & communication to the school children.

J. D. 7/8/36

Hon. Col. Sec.

action taken as desired

at you,
sup. of educ.
10 Aug 36

1. A.
14/8/36

Letter from Royal Empire Society 16/3/37.

(22)

Submitted. Same procedure to be carried out as last year?

mett
28. 4. 37.

a.c.t.

for similar action to 1436. mett

~~mett~~ 29/4/37

Letter to Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 30/4/37.

Notice for "Penguin".

24.

Red 24 to be published in Penguin on 23rd May, 1937.

cf. 21/5/37.
d. J. D. 30/4/37

Editor "Penguin"

Please withdraw for publication
in the "Penguin" on the 23rd May, 1937.

Y.E.
for C.S. 21/5/37.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Published on Tuesday

25th May, 1937

PA
21/5/37

Y.E.
Sub. L.L.

25/5/37

25-26 Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Message of 17.6.37.

Y.E.

N.F.A.?

Res. 6/11/37

P.A.

MCH
6.8.37

27-28

S of S Circ @ despatch of 23/6/37.

Y.E. Submitted

Publish in the "Penguin"?

Res. 9/8/37

Hon. C.S.

Yes, please.

MCH
10.8.37

ackd
in Penguin
11/10/37

PA
11/8/37

Published in "Penguin" 12/8/37

Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 25.2.38. (29)

Carry out same procedure as in 1937.

M.H.
C.
29.5.38

Notice for 'Penguin' of 31.3.38.

(30)

~~M. 20/5/38.~~
~~G. 31/3/38.~~

S. of S. Circular Despatch of 6.7.38.

31-32. P.H.
20/5/38

Supt. Education,

to note

G. Jones
30/8/38.

Hon. Col. Sec.

message para 1 & 31 read to school.

amr.

5/2

30 Aug. 38

P.H.
1/1/38

Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 7.3.39. 33-34.

Recd 35th for same procedure
as in 1938 please.

M.H.
C.S.

20. 4. 39.

- .35. Police for Publication, 21. 4. 39.
- 36. letter to Chairman, Empire Day Movement 21. 4. 39.
- 37-38. letters from Editor, Imperial Review of 28. 2. 39 & 23. 3. 39.

H.

Recs 37-38 Submitted.

It is very doubtful if anything
sent would reach England
in time except by Air mail.

M.H.
C.S.

22. 4. 39.

You might send enclosed
by a week end telegram and
write by Air mail saying that
the letters of the 28th February and
28th of March were received in the
20th April. A copy of the last
Annual Report might be forwarded
with your letter, you saying with it
that they will understand that
there is no material for advertising
in short the only product of the
Country

22/4/39

60. Circular telegram No. 92. from S. of S. of 20/5/42.
 61. Telegram No. 102 to S. of S. of 21/5/42.
 62. Telegram No. 105 to S. of S. of 23/5/42.
 P.A.

63-64. Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 19/2/42.

Y.C.

(65)

Recd 63 arrived 30/5/42.

Should the message be published in next week's issue of Church Bulletin, please?

(66)

A.A. Jacobs
4/6/42

Not necessary in view of paper shortage. It will suffice to have the notice on the P.N. Board. Tom Hobb. No need to keep a copy etc.

A.A. 4/6/42

(67)
Action taken.

A.A. Jacobs
5/6/42.

P.A.

68. Circular telegram, No. 43 from S. of S. of 21/5/43.
 69. Unnumbered Telegram to S. of S. of 24/5/43.
 70. Gazette No. 27 of 24. 5. 43.
 71. Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement of 24. 2. 44.

~~Rev. 19/5/44.~~ Rev. 25/5/44.

Rev. 23/5/44.

72. Telegram circular No. 53 from Secretary of State of 22. 5. 44.
 73. Telegram circular No. 54 from Secretary of State of 22. 5. 44.
 74. Gazette notice, No. 23 of 5. 6. 44.

Letter from Chairman, Empire Day Movement, of 15.3.45.

Telegram circular No 69 from S. of S. of 22.5.45.

Letter from Sir William Mayland of Feb. 1946.

- - Chairman, Empire Day Movement of

75

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77

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B.H.
~~75/5/46~~
~~23/5/46~~

pu

Circular Telegram No. 45 from Secretary of State of 20. 5. 47 78.

79

7E.

Shoes has seen (D) 2 days ago. I am afraid it was ordered in the C.O.

It may be possible for the school visit to move. It is being

published to name AB by B in the N.D. Board. 23.5.

Seen. MC. 23/v.

Public Notice of 25. 5. 47.

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THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, W.C.2.

17th April, 1931.

His Excellency
The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a short
Empire Day Message which has been written by our President,
Earl Jellicoe, for distribution throughout the Empire.

My Committee will feel very grateful if Your
Excellency could have this Message published in the local
paper and read out at any Empire Day celebration.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,

W. A. Wayland.

CHAIRMAN.

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EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET EARL JELlicOE, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.

President of the Empire Day
Movement.

"The great honour of succeeding the late Earl of Meath as President of the Empire Day Movement has fallen to my lot, and following his example I send you greetings on the occasion of Empire Day.

"The spirit in which the celebration of May 24th was founded was never more necessary than to-day, when the British Empire is confronted with most difficult and weighty problems, and it is my earnest hope that the people of the Empire will face those problems with true sympathy and comradeship.

"We have a vast responsibility; the greatest Empire the world has ever known has been handed down to us by our forefathers. It is an Empire which stands for all that is good in the modern world. Let us be worthy of our destiny."

JELlicOE,

A.F.

163/31.

5th June,

51.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 17th of April, 1931, I am directed by the Acting Governor to state that the enclosed Empire Day Message written by the President of the Empire Day Movement, Earl Jellicoe, was not received in the Colony until the 27th of May, 1931, but that His Excellency has been pleased to arrange for its publication, as requested, in the local newspaper, the "Penguin", together with an appropriate notice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. J.

for Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,
Empire Day Movement,
The Royal Empire Society,
Northumberland Avenue,
W.C.2.

(6.)

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Telephone—~~REGENT 6868~~

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE,
THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, W.C.2.

18th April, 1932.

Your Excellency,

As Chairman of the Empire Day Movement,
a non-political, non-sectarian and non-racial organisation,
I have taken the liberty of enclosing herewith the Empire
Day Message of our President, Earl Jellicoe, which we desire
to broadcast.

My Committee would be very grateful if you
could make it possible to have this Message read or
published in the press of the country and posted up in
public buildings.

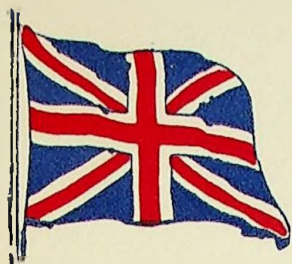
With many thanks in anticipation,

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

W. A. Wayland
Chairman.

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(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



MOVEMENT

and Non-Racial)

Empire Day, May 24th

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe

G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.

President of the Empire Day Movement

THE celebration of Empire Day this year has perhaps a greater significance and a greater importance than ever before. The Empire, in common with the rest of the world, has been passing through most difficult times, and this fact alone has brought into still closer union the 480 million people who compose the British Empire. Our difficulties have emphasized the necessity for us to stand together, shoulder to shoulder, and to do all that is in our power to help one another.

“ In 1914 the unity of the Empire in time of war was unmistakably shown, and now in time of peace we need the same co-operation, the same sympathy and the same understanding to enable the different parts of the Empire to surmount the troubles with which they are confronted.

“ The Empire Day Movement is designed to achieve such an object. The celebration of the day brings before the people, and especially before the young, the desirability of thinking Imperially, and of doing our best for the Empire as a whole.

“ The past 12 months have certainly borne fruit in this respect, for never before has so great an anxiety been shown to develop Empire Trade, which is in itself a matter of supreme importance to its constituent parts.

“ May Empire Day this year bring to all our people a still greater realisation of the value of the splendid inheritance which has come to us through the great pioneer work of our forefathers, and a firm intention to work together to keep the Empire strong, prosperous and united.”

JELlicoe,

A.F.

LONDON,

May 24th, 1932.

163/31

4th June,

32.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of April, 1932, enclosing a copy of Earl Jellicoe's Empire Day Message.

2. I am to say with regret that it was not possible to give the publicity desired to this message as it was not received here until the 26th of May.

3. I am to add that if it is possible next year to arrange that a similar message may reach this distant Colony in good time for Empire Day His Excellency will have much pleasure in arranging for it to be published as widely as possible throughout the Falkland Islands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Sir William A. Wayland, M.P., J.P.,

ovement.



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18th July, 1932.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 4th June. I regret that the Empire Day Message did not arrive in time to be of use. This lateness in despatch was due to Lord Jellicoe's illness and we hope next year to send it out in time to be given wide publicity throughout the Empire.

Kindly convey to His Excellency my Committee's thanks for his promise to have it published throughout the Falkland Islands next year.

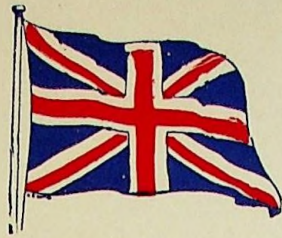
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. A. Wayland

CHAIRMAN.

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(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



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and Non-Racial)

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe

G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.

President of the Empire Day Movement

“**T**HE people of the British Empire, when celebrating Empire Day this year, will naturally have specially in mind the fact that Their Majesties have reigned for 25 years.

“Jubilee rejoicing will be general throughout the Empire and thoughts will turn to the momentous events which have marked those 25 years.

“First and foremost will be the realisation of the fact that the different portions of our Empire, scattered all the world over and comprising many races, are bound together in the persons of Their Majesties and the Royal Family, so many members of which have visited all parts of the Empire during the last 25 years and have been welcomed everywhere with enthusiastic loyalty. The proofs of Unity of Empire so unmistakably manifested during the Great War, and followed up in peace time by such events as Imperial Conferences and the Ottawa Conference, will be borne in mind.

“The courageous manner in which the Empire faced most difficult years of depression will be recalled with pride and satisfaction.

“The wonderful results achieved by the conquest of the air during His Majesty's reign will be in our minds since this has brought the different parts of the Empire into infinitely closer communication both for passengers and mails, whilst the advance of science in regard to wireless and telephones has made actual speech between all parts of the Empire possible. The natural effect of all this should be a yet closer knitting together of the Empire, a strengthened unity and a keener sense of comradeship. In sending warmest greetings in this specially significant year, I pray that the difficulties which still confront us may be soon overcome and that, standing together in strength and sympathy, we may keep the Empire that outstanding influence for peace and security that it has been in the past.”

JELlicoe.

LONDON, *May, 1935.*

Port Stanley

May 22nd 1935.

Sir:-

I have been requested by the Chairman Empire Day Movement in connection with the Royal Empire Society to have the enclosed "Empire day Message" posted up in a prominent place on Empire Day, I would be pleased therefore if you will kindly give permission for the same to be put on the Public Notice Board on the aforesaid day

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

B. J. Curran
Hon Cores Secretary

Hon

Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

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27th May, 35.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 27th May, 1935, and to state that the letter was received too late for consideration of your request before Empire Day.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Colonial Secretary.

G. I. Turner, Esq.,
STANLEY.

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14th May,

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Sir,

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I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 20th of March, 1936, together with copy of ^{the} Empire Day Message, which will be published in the local newspaper "Penguin".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Lieut.-Col. Sir William A. Wayland, M.P., J.P.,
17, Carlton House Terrace,
LONDON, S.W.1.

CIRCULAR

Downing Street,



22nd June, 1936.

Sir,

23.5.36

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the necessary action, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee containing a message from the scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London to the children of the Empire on the occasion of Empire Day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Crossley Gove

The Officer Administering
The Government of

Enclosure in Circular despatch dated 22nd June, 1936.

Guildhall,
London, E.C.2.

23rd May, 1936.

Sir,

The meeting of scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London, which assembled in the Guildhall on Friday last for the celebration of Empire Day, unanimously passed a resolution conveying to the children of the Empire overseas a message of cordiality, love and goodwill.

I should be glad, therefore, if you would be good enough to inform the Education Authorities of the Colonies Overseas of the terms of this resolution, in order that the greetings of the children of the City of London may be conveyed to the children overseas.

I have, &c.

EDMUND H. DUTTON

Chairman.
Elementary Education Committee.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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LONDON, W.C.2.

16th March, 1937.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to send you herewith the Empire Day Message of our President, Viscount Bledisloe, who has consented to become President of the Empire Day Movement in succession to the late Earl Beatty. My Committee would be very grateful if you could kindly arrange to have this message posted up in a prominent place and given publicity in the local press on Empire Day.

I can assure you that any help you can give us in the matter will be deeply appreciated by my Committee.

I am taking this opportunity of enclosing a short life of King George VI (Price 1d. 8/- per 100, post free), which we have just published. The booklet is being sold at practically cost price in order to promote its use in schools and other organisations.

I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

W. A. Wayland
Chairman.

KING GEORGE VI

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KING GEORGE VI

"The darkness of an anxious time is over. A new morning has dawned. A new reign has begun. George VI is King."

—The Archbishop of Canterbury,
13th December, 1936.

N December 10th, 1936, eleven short months after his accession as Sovereign of Great Britain and the British Dominions, King Edward VIII in a message to Parliament announced his "final and irrevocable decision to renounce the Throne," and asked that all necessary steps should be taken immediately to secure that "his lawful successor, his brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, should ascend the Throne."

The following day the Declaration of Abdication Bill was passed by both Houses of Parliament, and in the time-honoured phrase of Norman French, *Le Roy le veult*, received the Royal assent. King Edward had put his crown from him, and his sovereignty passed to the Duke of York.

"A King has gone," said the Archbishop of Canterbury. "God be with him. A King has come. God bless him. Keep him, guide him now and ever."

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Second son of a second son, King George VI was born at York Cottage, Sandringham, on December 14th, 1895, and received the names of Albert Frederick Arthur George.

BIRTH Like his father before him, he bore during his early years of manhood the title Duke of York; and only upon his father's death and the succession of his unmarried elder brother became Heir Presumptive. It is not unworthy of remark that they have not been the least successful of our sovereigns whose occupancy of the throne has been only contingent. Those who have trained themselves to take second place have often received the best training.

Little Prince Albert's nursery days were spent with his elder brother and Princess Mary, and he received his first lessons from his mother's governess. Later his studies were directed by a tutor until at the age of 14 he went to the Naval Training College at Osborne. The choice of the Navy as his career was particularly fitting, for, again like his father, he was to prove himself a keen sailor although unhappily his naval service was destined to be cut short by ill-health. During the next seven years he distinguished himself by his steady application to the task of making himself an efficient naval officer, and by his courageous fight against the handicap of recurrent illness.

Prince Albert passed out of Dartmouth in 1912 when just 17, made the customary training cruise in the *Cumberland* in which he saw something of the West Indies, Canada (he was the first of the King's sons to set foot on the soil of that Dominion), and Newfoundland. In August, 1913, he was gazetted midshipman in the

Collingwood and was serving in her when war broke out a year later. He proceeded on active service with the Grand Fleet, but in the autumn of 1914 he was transferred to a hospital ship and landed at Aberdeen for an operation for appendicitis. He rejoined his ship early the following year, but persistent gastric trouble necessitated periods of sick leave. He had, however, resumed duty afloat when the *Collingwood* went into action at the Battle of Jutland, and was mentioned in Admiral Jellicoe's despatch for coolness and courage under fire. In September, 1916, he received promotion to the rank of acting-lieutenant, but the ensuing months showed that his health was unequal to the rigours of sea service. In November, 1917, he underwent an operation for duodenal ulcer, and at the beginning of 1918 he left the Navy for what was then the Royal Naval Air Service, it being King George's wish that one member of his family should be identified with the new arm. The disappointment of being precluded from making the Navy his permanent profession was severe, but he eagerly embraced his new opportunities for service, and hard work won him merited promotion. When the

AIR SERVICE army and naval forces were merged he was graded as Captain in the new Royal Air Force, and when the Armistice came he was serving on the Staff of the Independent Air Force in France. The Prince was for a while in the Air Ministry after the War, qualified for his pilot's certificate in 1919, and was appointed a Squadron-Leader.

In October, 1919, he went with his brother, Prince Henry, to Trinity College, Cambridge, and took a special course in history, economics and civics, subjects which had begun to interest him deeply. His University course finished, it was felt that the time had come for him to take his share of the public duties that fall to the lot of all members of the Royal Family. He had, from time to time, so far as his naval service, his illnesses and his studies had allowed, deputised for the King and the Prince of Wales, but from now on he was to be much more in the public eye. He was 24 years of age. In the Birthday Honours List of 1920 he had been created Duke of York, and had taken his seat in the House of Lords on June 23rd of the same year. He was known as

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a somewhat shy, somewhat serious young man. He was known to have suffered the twin handicaps of bad health and an impediment of speech, and the public watched with admiration his determination to overcome the latter as he had conquered the former disability. He was now to make for himself a special place in the life of the nation by his effective, if unobtrusive, service. He accepted the presidency of the Industrial Welfare Society, and by the active personal interest he took in its work, quickly showed that he had no intention of being a mere figurehead. His

**INDUSTRIAL
WELFARE
WORK**

tours of great industrial centres, far from being occasional ceremonial visits, were a constant round of mills, mines, workshops, and quarries. In 1926, it became known that since assuming the Presidency of the Society he had visited no less than 55 industrial concerns in various parts of the country. Wherever he went, he went with three objects: to understand industrial processes, to grasp the working of the machinery from first to last, and to know all about the working conditions of the employees. The Society's policy of co-operation between employers and employed had his whole-hearted advocacy, and his efforts to promote the spirit of fellowship in industry were unceasing. In addition, all works of public utility and social progress claimed his interest and help. Hospitals passing through times of financial stress found him a tower of strength; he became patron of the Dockland Settlements; and actively supported the work of many organisations such as the National Lifeboat Institution and King George's Fund for Sailors.

Best known, perhaps, of all his activities is the camp, founded by him, where every year public school boys and boys of the working class join together for a holiday under canvas, class distinctions being sunk in a recognition of common ties of citizenship. It may be that the inspiration for the camp came from his recollection of the games he and his brothers had played with the village boys at Sandringham and the sense of comradeship they had engendered. Every year its founder spent two days at the camp, entering with zest into its life, bathing, eating and playing games with his fellow campers.

**DUKE OF
YORK'S
CAMP**

Early in 1923, the announcement of the betrothal of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, was received with unfeigned delight by the whole nation. The Duke's choice of a bride from one of the oldest families of the Scottish aristocracy was universally acclaimed, and the wedding, which took place in Westminster Abbey on April 26th, 1923, was an occasion of national rejoicing. "The Smiling Duchess" as she soon became known, won all hearts by her radiant and unaffected charm. One of the wedding gifts was a cheque for £2,500, and it was typical of the Royal pair's interest in the young that they devoted the money to the entertainment of poor children in London, Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff and York.

When on April 21st, 1926, a daughter, Princess Elizabeth, was born to the duchess, national satisfaction was great. A second child, Princess Margaret Rose, who was born on August 21st, 1930, was the first Princess of the Blood Royal to be born in Scotland since the Union of the Crowns. The careful upbringing of the Royal children has been watched with profound interest and approval, and the devotion of the Duke and Duchess to their little daughters, and the simplicity of their happy home-life, has heightened the regard in which the nation holds them.

**BIRTHS OF
PRINCESSES
ELIZABETH
AND
MARGARET
ROSE**

The Duchess at once entered fully into her husband's official life, accompanying him on nearly all his public engagements. In the summer of 1924 they paid a week's official visit to Northern Ireland, and in every part of Ulster they were cheered to the echo. Warm greetings were accorded to them in Glasgow, where they went later in the year, and their public appearances in English towns were marked by the most cordial demonstrations of welcome.

**VISIT TO
NORTHERN
IRELAND**

In the winter of 1924-5, the Duke and Duchess made an extensive tour of East Africa. Christmas was spent with the Governor of Kenya at Nairobi, the capital, and during his stay the Duke opened the new City Park. On Christmas Day the Duke and Duchess visited a new African church where they were welcomed by 2,000 natives. In February, the royal party left Kenya for Uganda; sailing to Entebbe over Lake Victoria Nyanza, they had an escort of 200 native war canoes. The trip ended with a visit to the Sudan, and the party arrived home in April.

**VISIT TO
EAST
AFRICA**

This informal tour was followed in 1927 by a far more exacting official visit to Australia and New Zealand. Embarking in the battle cruiser *Renown* in January, they first called at Jamaica where the Duke laid the foundation stone of the Port Royal War Memorial. Passing through the Panama Canal, the *Renown* touched at Samoa and Fiji, reaching Auckland on February 22nd. They were promptly mobbed by the enthusiastic and loyal citizens, and during the month that they spent in the Dominion were not left for a minute in doubt as to the popularity of their visit. A triumphal progress was made from town to town. The Duke displayed his mechanical knowledge by driving an engine; he was made a "Digger" by the Returned Soldiers' Association; and by visiting factories, mines and housing settlements showed that his interest in industrial conditions was not confined to the Old Country. Unfortunately, the Duchess developed tonsillitis early in the tour, but New Zealand deeply appreciated the Duke's action in refusing to curtail his programme in spite of a natural desire to stay at his wife's side.

**VISIT TO
AUSTRALIA
AND NEW
ZEALAND**

In Australia, the Duke had an important duty to perform—the inauguration of the new Parliament buildings at Canberra. He was, in this, following in his father's footsteps, for on May 9th, 1901, King George V had opened the first Federal Parliament of Australia. It was on the twenty-sixth anniversary of this day that the Duke of York formally unlocked the doors of the new Parliament House and unveiled a statue of his father in the entrance hall. A crowd of 50,000 had gathered to take part in the demonstrations arranged in connection with this historic ceremony. At Sydney the Duke and Duchess had had a foretaste of the hearty welcome that was to be theirs wherever they went in Australia; at Brisbane the enthusiasm of the crowd literally knew no bounds; at Melbourne they witnessed an impressive march past by 40,000 Anzacs in commemoration of the Gallipoli landing; here and at Adelaide the Duke cheerfully submitted to the ragging of undergraduates. On leaving the shores of Australia the Duke, in a farewell message, said: "We shall always take the keenest interest in the progress of a land we have learned to love so much." On the homeward voyage Mauritius was visited, and after an absence of six months they reached England where a tremendous welcome awaited them.

The years that followed this Imperial embassy saw the Duke and Duchess settling down to a steady routine of public engagements. At home they visited innumerable schools, hospitals, playing fields, exhibitions of work by disabled soldiers; abroad, they represented the King at international events. In 1929, the King appointed the Duke of York as High Commissioner of the General Assembly. His presence marked the first occasion on which a member of the Royal House had attended in an official capacity since King James VI of Scotland became James I of England. Peculiarly the representative of his father in Scotland, the Duke was chosen by the King to represent him at the Scottish celebrations of the Silver Jubilee in 1935.

The death of King George V in January, 1936, marked the turning point in the career of the Duke of York. He became Heir Presumptive, his responsibilities grew, his activities became more and more numerous; but he continued to keep in touch with the industrial welfare work so near his heart, and made a further extensive tour of the industrial Midlands and Tyneside. One by one he took over the duties which had been his brother's as Prince of Wales, until at last it fell to him to assume the final responsibility and take up the burden his brother had laid down.

**HEIR
PRESUMPTIVE**

Sailor and airman, student of affairs, industrial welfare worker, all-round sportsman, happy husband and devoted father—as such was the Duke of York generally known. But King George VI is much more than that. The years he spent as Duke of York were years of self-effacing rather than self-revealing activity, his guiding principle—loyalty to others rather than any idea of establishing himself in popular favour. Now it is only fitting that his people should have a more intimate knowledge and understanding of his personality. Those who have known him all his life tell us that he is a man of deep sincerity and high ideals, frank and unaffected, unwearying in unselfishness and consideration for others, with a capacity for serious and painstaking application to the problems of the State. Physically bearing a closer resemblance to his father than any of his brothers, he possesses to a striking degree the attributes of character and disposition which made King George V so universally beloved and revered. He could have no higher recommendation in the eyes of those he has been called upon to reign over, and who offer him the whole-hearted loyalty they gave to his predecessors, in the sure and certain hope that he will prove worthy of it.

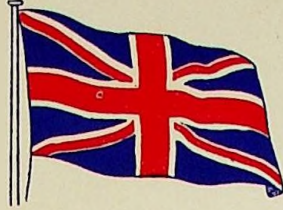
GOD SAVE THE KING !

NOTICE FOR PENGUIN.

His Excellency the Acting Governor directs the publication for general information, of the following Empire Day Message :

EMPIRE DAY

(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



MOVEMENT

and Non-Racial)

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

The Viscount Bledisloe

P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

President of the Empire Day Movement

“**A**S President of the Empire Day Movement in succession to the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, I address you this Empire Day in a spirit of deep thankfulness to God for the blessings vouchsafed to us as members of the great British Commonwealth of Nations during a period of almost unprecedented unrest and uncertainty throughout the world. While many nations have been racked with internal strife and serious economic distress our fraternity of British peoples have remained at peace, and trade and industry have shewn a steadily increasing prosperity with a substantial reduction of unemployment.

“The grave crisis which resulted in the accession to the Throne of our present gracious King was faced by all classes, races, and parties throughout the Empire with a dignity, self-restraint and common sense which have enhanced its prestige among the nations of the world, and cemented its internal solidarity in face of a common trial. It has emerged from it with a sense of greater confidence and conscious strength.

“Our first duty this Empire Day is to acclaim, with loyalty and affection, King George the Sixth and his charming consort, and to wish for the former a long and happy reign over a united prosperous and contented people. We have an Empire spread over a quarter of the surface of the earth, and on it a quarter of the world’s inhabitants. Our influence and responsibility exceed those of all other nations. Upon our wise leadership and the example which we set will depend in large measure the future welfare and progress of mankind. Let each and all of us with a due sense of our individual responsibility see that our influence is exerted, not only in the cause of world peace, but also in promoting all those causes, social, educational, economic and spiritual, that will make the world a happier and better place to live in for all races and classes of the community.

“I send you my warmest greetings and best wishes, in the confident hope that during the coming year the peoples of the British Empire may be knit more closely together in affection, mutual helpfulness and beneficent world influence by ever increasing mutual knowledge and sympathy.”

BLEDISLOE.

LONDON, *May, 1937.*



CIRCULAR (2)

Downing Street,

23rd June, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to my circular despatch of the 22nd of June, 1936, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the necessary action, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Coronation Celebration General Purposes Committee containing a message from the scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London to the children of the Empire on the occasion of the celebration of Their Majesties' Coronation and Empire Day.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Cornsby Gore

The Officer Administering
the Government of

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Enclosure in circular (2) despatch dated 23rd June, 1937

Guildhall,

London, E.C.2.

25th. May, 1937.

Sir,

The scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London, assembled in Guildhall yesterday to celebrate Their Majesties' Coronation and Empire Day, unanimously passed a resolution conveying to the children of the Empire Overseas a message of cordiality, love and goodwill.

I should be glad, therefore, if you would be good enough to inform the Education Authorities of the Colonies Overseas of the terms of this resolution in order that the greetings of the children of the City of London may be conveyed to the children overseas.

I have, &c.,

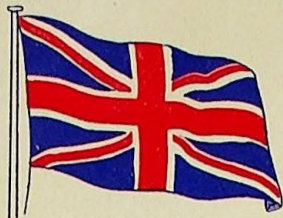


Chairman,
Coronation Celebration General
Purposes Committee.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

EMPIRE DAY

(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



MOVEMENT

and Non-Racial)

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

The Viscount Bledisloe

P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

President of the Empire Day Movement

“ONCE more, as President of the Empire Day Movement, I send you warm greetings, coupled with the earnest hope that the flame of loyalty to the Crown and of patriotic devotion to our world-wide Empire burns as brightly as ever in your hearts and lives.

“The Spirit of Service is, above all, that which should animate to-day all those who belong to our British Commonwealth of Nations and who are proud of its traditions, its ideals and its incomparable mission upon Earth. Such service includes the service of God, the service of the State, and the service of our fellow-men, particularly those of every race, colour and creed who share our Imperial heritage. Our British peoples are generously endowed with the priceless benefits of freedom, just laws and the mutual confidence which flows from unfettered Democracy. But commensurate with our privileges is the greatness of our responsibilities. Upon the courageous shouldering of those responsibilities depend the solidarity and integrity of the British Empire, and with it the future peace and prosperity of the world. Confronted with international enmities and misunderstandings and widespread human tribulation and unrest, let us remain true to our traditions and ideals, prepared to follow, with undaunted courage, the path of duty, wherever it may lead. Never have the various parts of the Empire been more closely linked in fraternal affection, more solid in their sympathies or more mutually trustful than they are to-day, and the whole human family have derived benefit from their friendly co-operation.

“Let us above all hold fast to the anchorage of truth and righteousness. Let us each and all, young and old, this Empire Day, in face of a tendency in many lands to accept a lower standard of faith and conduct than that which has hitherto guided the civilised world, bravely resolve to remain steadfastly loyal to the faith of our fathers and to those high principles upon which the British Empire has been built up, and without which it cannot endure. To be true Imperialists we must maintain unshaken our faith in God, in the Empire and in ourselves.

BLEDISLOE.

LONDON, 24th May, 1939.

CIRCULAR

Downing Street,

6th July, 1938.



Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the necessary action, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee containing a message from the scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London to the children of the Empire on the occasion of Empire Day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Walter M. McDonald

The Officer Administering
the Government of

Enclosure in circular despatch dated 6th July, 1938

Guildhall,
London, E.C.2.

31st May, 1938.

Sir,

The meeting of scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London, which assembled in the Guildhall on Tuesday last for the celebration of Empire Day, unanimously passed a resolution conveying to the children of the Empire overseas a message of cordiality, love and goodwill.

I should be glad, therefore, if you would be good enough to inform the Education Authorities of the Colonies overseas, of the terms of this resolution in order that the greetings of the children of the City of London may be conveyed to the children overseas.

I have, &c.

EDMUND H. DUTTON

Chairman,
Elementary Education Committee.

H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
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THEO. FEILDEN,
Editor-in-Chief

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London, W.C.1.

28th February 1939.

His Excellency Sir H. Henniker-Heaton,
K.C.M.G.,
Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Port Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.



Dear Sir Herbert Henniker-Heaton,

This is to advise you that, as in previous years, a special Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW and Empire Mail will be published on the 24th May.

Having regard to the crisis the heart of the Empire passed through last September, and the menace of the totalitarian States, whose insidious methods of propaganda have tended, and still tend, to undermine British prestige and to annex British trade in every part of the world, it is, you will readily agree, of paramount importance that the whole Empire should at this crucial time exhibit a united front and a spirit of determination to protect and preserve the precious heritage bequeathed to us by our forefathers and which, by pluck, endurance, enterprise, tolerance and sane government, has created the greatest civilising entity in the world.

I am, therefore, writing to the Heads of all the Dominions, Colonies, Dependencies and Mandated Territories requesting a special Message from each for publication in the Empire Day Number, expressing appropriate sentiments of unshakable loyalty to the Crown and the person of His Majesty the King, and the intention of standing four-square together for a common purpose, that being to make every part of our far-flung Empire impregnable strong by united effort in the cause of peace, not only for the progress and prosperity of our own lands and peoples, but for the whole world.

I have the honour to invite you to send me such a Message, at the same time including therein anything you would like to say regarding the territory under your administration. In this connection I propose to publish in the Empire Day Number an article upon the present position of the Falkland Islands and what they have to offer to settlers, investors, tourists, etc. Perhaps you may be able to send me some material on which to base such an article. Would you also send me one of your photographs for reproduction with the Message.

The visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Canada will, of course, be specially featured in this issue, which will give the publication added interest. Many thousands of copies of the Number will be circulated not only in every part of the Empire, but throughout the world for prestige purposes, and I confidently look forward to your co-operation on the lines indicated as, obviously, it is very necessary that this Imperial publication should be fully representative and worthy of the great cause it is being organised to serve.

As I am desirous of having all material in my hands as quickly as possible, I would ask you to be so good as to send me your Message, and the matter referred to, at your very earliest convenience.

I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Theo. Feilden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

TF/GN/IR.



Administration Offices of
The
IMPERIAL REVIEW

THEO FEILDEN,
Editor-in-Chief.



212, High Holborn,
London, W.C.1.

23rd March, 1939.

His Excellency Sir H. Henniker-Heaton,
K.C.M.G.,
Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Port Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

URGENT

Your Excellency,

You will ere this have received a letter from our Editor-in-Chief inviting you to send a Message for publication in the special annual Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW, to which doubtless your Excellency will have accorded your courteous attention.

I am now writing on behalf of the business propaganda side of our organisation to suggest to your Excellency that, in view of the exceptional importance of this year's Empire Day Number, and the unity of purpose it will serve, it would be very appropriate, and of particular value to the territory under your administration, if you would authorise an official advertisement in the issue.

Two or three weeks ago a copy of a previous Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW was sent you in order that you could visualise the special character of this publication. Each year, apart from the authoritative articles upon the various territories of the Empire and the accompanying loyal Messages from the Heads of the respective States, a subject of outstanding interest is always featured. Last year it was the great Empire Exhibition in Scotland, the year before it was the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen. This year the special feature will be the visit of Their Majesties to Canada, which, indubitably, will arrest world attention.

This is a year, you will readily admit, which is fraught with great consequences for all of us. The peril which assails Britain and the Empire is manifest. Nothing could more eloquently demonstrate to the peoples of every land the solidarity of the Dominions and Colonies with the Mother Country, than the exhibition of unity of purpose which this great Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW will present. If you advertise the resources and the products of the Falkland Islands, and whatever else you have to offer as a contribution to British Empire stability and progress, you will not merely be well serving the interests of your part of the Empire, but will be assisting the cause of Imperial consolidation.

For these weighty reasons I confidently feel that you will accord your practical co-operation and support to this big Empire enterprise which our organisation is engaged upon. The Dominions and a number of the Colonies have in previous years been represented by official advertisements in the Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW. This year, in view of the conditions prevailing, it is of supreme importance that the representation of the British Empire in this National and Imperial compilation should be as complete as possible.

And here I would emphasise that the Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW is the leading publication of the year on British Empire affairs issued from Britain. It has the interest of His Majesty the King and of the British Government, leading Members of which contribute Messages to its pages, and its value as a great prestige propaganda document in the joint cause of unity and trade

is acknowledged throughout the Empire.

I need say no more, I am sure, in favour of its claims upon your consideration and support. The charge for advertising space has been fixed at a moderate figure, as The IMPERIAL REVIEW is not being run for private profit, but as an Empire service. A full page is £25, half page £14. I trust that you will elect to have the larger space which will, of course, give a more impressive display. But whether you take a full or a half page, it will be well worth while.

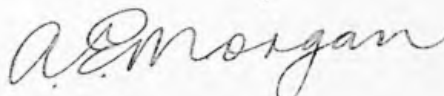
I just wish to add that I have the authority of the Editor-in-Chief for saying that whether you advertise or not, the Message he has invited you to send will, of course, be included among the others from the Heads of the various Empire States in the Empire Day Number, plus an editorial article upon the Falkland Islands from such data as we may be supplied with. As a high-grade paper no advertising considerations enter into our editorial policy, and I am only advocating an official advertisement as a valuable reinforcement and business-producing element, and as a contribution to a National and Imperial institution which is being run at great cost by a body of patriotic men who have only one interest to serve, viz. that of our great Empire.

In conclusion I would mention that the Empire Day Number of The IMPERIAL REVIEW will be published by the Imperial Trade Organisation under the auspices of the EMPIRE UNITY LEAGUE.

I await, with confidence, your instructions, which, in view of time limitations, I would ask you please to let me have at the earliest possible moment.

I beg to remain,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



PUBLICITY DIRECTOR.

163/31.

24th April,

39.

Sir,

Reds 37, 38.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 28th February and the 23rd March, 1939, which were received on the 20th instant.

2. I am to transmit the accompanying copy of the last Annual Report of the Colony from which you will understand that there is no material for advertising in wool the only product of the Colony.

3. The following message from His Excellency Sir Henniker Heaton, K.C.M.G., will be forwarded at an early date :

"The Falkland Islands inhabited almost exclusively by people of British descent do not need to emphasize whole hearted loyalty to King and Motherland and preparedness to defend heritage. I wish all success to the Imperial Review and its Empire Day Number."

HENNIKER HEATON.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Editor-in-Chief,
The Imperial Review,
212, High Holborn,
LONDON, W.C. 1.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Sir Henniker Heaton, K.C.M.G.,

To The Editor-in-Chief, Imperial Review, London.

Despatched: 1st May, 19 39. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

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HENNIKER HEATON.

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LONDON, W.C.2

7th June, 1939.

M. Craigie-Halkett, Esq., O.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of 21st April,
from which I am very happy to learn that arrangements were
made to publish our President's Empire Day Message in your
local newspaper. I should be grateful if you would
kindly convey to His Excellency the Governor our appreciation
of his valuable support.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

W. A. Wayland
Chairman.

Red 36

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CIRCULAR



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Downing Street,

16th June, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the necessary action, a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Elementary Education Committee of the Corporation of the City of London containing a message from the scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London to the children of the Empire on the occasion of Empire Day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Malcolm Macdonald

The Officer Administering
the Government of

*Ref: read
(32)*

26.5.39

Enclosure in circular despatch dated 16th June, 1939

Guildhall,
London, E.C.2.

26th May, 1939.

Sir,

The meeting of scholars of the Elementary Schools of the City of London, which assembled in the Guildhall on Wednesday last, for the celebration of Empire Day, unanimously passed a resolution conveying to the children of the Empire overseas a message of cordiality, love and goodwill.

I should be glad, therefore, if you would be good enough to inform the Education Authorities of the Colonies overseas, of the terms of this resolution in order that the greetings of the children of the City of London may be conveyed to the children overseas.

I have, &c.,

EDMUND H. DUTTON.

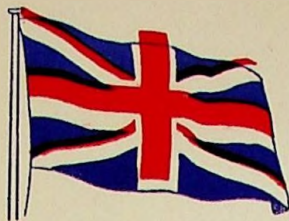
Chairman,

Elementary Education Committee.

H.M. Secretary of State for the
Colonies,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

EMPIRE DAY

(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



MOVEMENT

and Non-Racial)

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

The Viscount Bledisloe

P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

President of the Empire Day Movement

THE Empire is at war, not only with Germany, but through Germany, with those evil forces of ruthless brutality, oppression of the weak, falsehood and injustice, against which the British race has throughout the centuries proved itself to be the champion of humanity. In the course of last year we strove hard, long, and earnestly, for Peace. To our sorrow we failed, but through no fault of our Empire statesmen and still less through any doubt as to the righteousness of our cause. Upon the issue of this war rest the future happiness, contentment and prosperity of the peoples of the world, of every nation, race, colour and class. These blessings can only flow from freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of self-determination without dictation from foreign aggressors, and, above all, freedom to worship God, to whatever religious community we may belong. This freedom, so dear to the heart of all His Majesty's subjects, is in grave peril to-day. In face of savage cruelty to helpless nations and defenceless human beings, of lying slander, of derision at our alleged weakness and of the violent threats of self-seeking Dictators, the British Empire has stood firm as a rock, trusting in Providence and with quiet confidence in her cause and in her vast inherent resources, at the same time demonstrating in the air, on the sea and on land that, amid the perils of modern warfare, her gallant sons have lost none of the courage, fearlessness and skill which distinguished their forefathers. The remarkable solidarity of the Empire is its main bulwark against defeat.

“Under these conditions, as President of the Empire Day Movement, I greet you warmly on the birthday of the great and good Queen Victoria, chosen by its founder to remind us all of the true meaning, the privileges and the obligations of Empire citizenship, and I would earnestly ask you to remember the inspiring words which our present gracious Sovereign quoted in his broadcast to his people last Christmas, ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.’ Thus guided, we shall press forward with the grim task which lies before us, confidently assured of victory for our arms and also for those noble ideals upon which the British Empire has been built up. Let our battle cry be: ‘For God, the Empire and justice between nation and nation and between man and man,’ and all that is best and truest in mankind will re-echo to it.”

BLDISLOE.

LONDON, 24th May, 1940.

EMPIRE DAY

(Non-Party, Non-Sectarian)



MOVEMENT

and Non-Racial)

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from

The Viscount Bledisloe

P.C., G.C.M.G., K.B.E.

President of the Empire Day Movement

LET us this year celebrate Empire Day as never before. For the British Empire, aided by her valiant Allies and buttressed by the practical sympathy of the United States of America, is standing out as the stronghold of humanity against cruelty, injustice, tyranny and falsehood—an impregnable fortress based not upon hatred and selfish ambition but upon humanity and righteousness.

It is against the Powers of Darkness that we are fighting, and the fate of the Empire, and with it that of civilisation, are at stake. We must all courageously play our part, however humble, in achieving victory, "lest freedom should perish from the Earth."

Those who planned the downfall of the British Empire recked not of the unquenchable spirit of the British Race, the staunch loyalty of peoples of different races and colours owing allegiance to the British Crown and the unshakeable solidarity of the British Empire. It is above all this unity of the British peoples in the hour of crisis which has brought confident hope to all lovers of freedom and growing dismay to our enemies. Let us remember with pride the great exploits of our seamen, soldiers and airmen drawn from every part of the British Commonwealth, as well as the steadfastness and courage of the civilian population in Great Britain, the heart of the Empire. False to the gibes of her enemies and faithful to her own glorious traditions, she has demonstrated that the metal of her sons and daughters is as true as in days of yore.

But the war is not yet over and unflagging effort, self-sacrifice and endurance are still demanded of us in repelling the assault upon all that makes the life of a free people worth living.

The British Empire is fighting not for aggrandisement or for material gain, but for its own soul and that of mankind. Its struggle will have been in vain, unless we are determined that when victory comes we will to the best of our power strive to remedy those inherent defects and social injustices which provoke strife both among nations and between their fellow-citizens. Thus the peoples of the world, led by those of the Empire, will enjoy hereafter that tranquillity and confident security whose only sure foundation is fair dealing between nation and nation and between man and man.

I appeal especially to the young people of the Empire who, when the present upheaval is past, will be called upon to fashion a new world. Yours will be the task of winning the peace. Do your bit, be it great or small, to ensure that the Empire shall ever be the symbol and example of all that makes for human happiness, peace and progress. Steel your hearts and minds to the brave resolve that never again shall ruthless ambition and the cruel lust of power destroy the freedom of mankind, the peace of the home and the happiness and safety of its children.

We have no need to be ashamed of the story of the Empire, but its greatest chapter has yet to be written, and it is for the youth of the Empire, with their boundless opportunities, buoyant hope and unshaken faith in God to write it, for the benefit of the whole human race.

The British Empire never had a graver responsibility thrust upon it than it has to-day. But never have there been grander opportunities for displaying those outstanding qualities which built it up and which alone can maintain it.

Let us remember that it is neither wealth nor might, but Character, which has ever been the deciding factor in our hour of destiny, and make it crystal clear that it illumines and strengthens all our lives."

BLEDISLOE.

EMPIRE DAY, 1941.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd May, 1941. *Time* : 1730.

Received : 24th May, 1941. *Time* : 1030.

Circular No. 132. Following for publication May 24th begins. I cannot let Empire Day pass without sending you a message of greeting. I should like all peoples of Colonies protectorates and Mandated territories to know what a real source encouragement it has been to us to be assured of their goodwill and support

It has not been given to everybody to take as active a part in the war as they would wish; those African Middle East territories which have participated in African campaign may be counted as fortunate; Malta too a shining example to us all, has shown by her bearing that she is proud to be in the front line. But all overseas territories have played their part and all from the moment war began have made us in this country feel we have true friends all over. War has given a new strength and meaning to Empire unity. We have been through dark and terrible days together; the road may be a long and hard one but we can all feel steady confidence at the end it is victory.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 24th May, 1941. *Time* : ...

Received : 19 ... *Time* : ...

No. 68. Many thanks for your message we only wish we could do more to help stop greetings.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

26th May,

41.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the ⁸~~5th~~ of March, 1941, together with a copy of the Empire Day Message and to inform you that the Message was broadcast to the people of the Colony over the local broadcast on the 24th of May.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman
Empire Day Movement,
The Royal Empire Society,
Northumberland Avenue,
LONDON, W.C.2.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th May, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegram received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 24th of May, 1941.

By Command,

G. J. Stewart.

for Colonial Secretary.

"I cannot let Empire Day pass without sending you a
"message of greeting. I should like all peoples of
"Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated territories to
"know what a real source encouragement it has been to
"us to be assured of their goodwill and support.
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DECODE.TELEGRAM.No. 349. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.*To* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.*Despatched:* 18th May, 19 42. *Time:* 2210.*Received:* 19th May, 19 42. *Time:* 1030 $\frac{1}{2}$

Circular No. 80. Empire Day. Empire Day 1942 will be observed by Empire Day movements on Sunday May 24th. Schools in this country observing it on either Friday 22nd or Monday 25th. You may choose any day between the 22nd and 25th at your discretion for local celebrations. I send you the following message for publication on the day chosen begins. The year that has passed since Empire Day 1941 has seen many dangers and some grievous losses. But it has also seen great exertion and a steady mounting of the power and resources of the Allied Nations; and it has brought us to a stage where we can not only face the future with unshaken confidence - but can discern perhaps as yet only faintly and in the distance the promise of victory to come.

In this wholehearted effort the people of the Colonial Empire have shared and are sharing in full measure.

Their devotion and their services have not only been of great material help to the cause which we are fighting but are an unfailing source of inspiration and encouragement to all of us here. To those people which are this day facing the enemy in the front line of his aggression the heroic example of Malta must be a shining lamp and we all share the pride of that great little Island in the award of the George Cross with which His Majesty the King has honoured its people and its garrison. To all of you I send from Britain an Empire Day message of good wishes and high confidence. Ends.

G. T. C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
23rd May, 1942.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the occasion of Empire Day, 24th May, 1942 :

By Command,

A.H.P.
For Colonial Secretary.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor.

"The year that has passed since Empire Day, 1941, has seen many dangers and some grievous losses. But it has also seen great exertion and a steady mounting of the power and resources of the Allied Nations; and it has brought us to a stage where we can not only face the future with unshaken confidence - but can discern perhaps as yet only faintly and in the distance the promise of victory to come.

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From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"Your message for Empire Day greatly appreciated. On this occasion we should like to record our intense admiration of the heroism of our fellow subjects throughout the Empire and a hope that if occasion arise we shall prove worthy of our relationship to them."

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 84. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 20th May, 19 42. Time : 20.20.

Received : 21st May, 19 42. Time : 10.30.

Important.

Red 58.

No. 92. My Circular No. 80 Empire Day.

Grateful for report by Friday morning if possible of chief features of the programme of the celebrations of Empire Day in the Falkland Islands including particular organization taking part.

Information required for Press purposes here and should state date of celebrations.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 21st May, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 60.

No. 102. With reference to your telegram No. 92 owing to winter conditions and evacuation of school children no programme has been arranged.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 23rd May, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 58.

No. 105. With reference to your telegram Circular No. 80 your message for Empire Day greatly appreciated. On this occasion we should like to record our intense admiration of the heroism of our fellow subjects throughout the Empire and a hope that if occasion arise we shall prove worthy of our relationship to them.

G. T. C.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 24th May, 19 43. *Time* : ...

Received : 19 ... *Time* : ...

Red 68

Unnumbered. Your Empire Day Message greatly appreciated by the people of this Colony on whose behalf I send you an assurance that until the day of Victory there will be no relaxation in the determination of every person in the Falkland Islands to contribute all he can to the defence of th that freedom on which the might of our Empire is so surely founded.

G.T.C.

GOVERNOR.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
24th May, 1943.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the occasion of Empire Day, 24th May, 1943 :

By Command,

Kenneth Bradley
Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No. 163/31.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor.

"I send you on this Empire Day a message of confidence and good cheer. This year has had its hardships of which the people of the Colonial Empire have had their share.

"But it has also brought a steady improvement in our fortune and prospects. We have just won a great battle in Africa. We have still to pass through many dangers and the end will not be yet, but we can now see more clearly the road to victory. Just as we have fought together and as we together made the sacrifices demanded of us, so we shall rejoice together when the day of victory comes, a victory, which, though it has still to be fought for, cannot in the end be denied us".

From His Excellency the Governor to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"Your Empire Day message greatly appreciated by the people of this Colony on whose behalf I send you an assurance that until the day of victory there will be no relaxation in the determination of every person in the Falkland Islands to contribute all he can to the defence of that freedom on which the might of our Empire is so surely founded".

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Empire Day Movement,
18 Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2.

24th February, 1944.

Your Excellency,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of our President's
EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE for 1944.

With the increasingly important responsibilities that the
British peoples will be called upon to assume in world affairs during the
coming years and to ensure a continued strengthening of that unity within
our Empire and Commonwealth which has been so manifest during the present
war, my Committee would be grateful if you will do everything in your
power to stimulate interest locally in Empire affairs. As a contribution
to this end I hope you can arrange for this message to be given as wide
publicity as possible, through the Press and being read or distributed at
gatherings held to celebrate Empire Day.

We should be happy to receive any news you can forward to us of
your Empire Day Celebrations and also any suggestions you may care to
make which you think would be of assistance to us in making the work of
this organisation as effective as possible.

With all good wishes on behalf of my Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. A. WAYLAND.

Chairman.

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~~Airgraph~~ copy of letter sent by mail.

His Excellency Sir Allan Cardinall, K.B.E., C.M.G.,
Governor & Commander-in-Chief Falkland Islands,
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Empire Day Movement,
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EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE.

On this notable Empire Day our hearts must be full of profound thankfulness to our fighting men, drawn from every part of the world-wide British Commonwealth, whose valour, endurance, and heroic sacrifices have brought victory in sight and saved the world from slavery and the Empire from disruption. Let us prove ourselves worthy of their great achievements by pursuing with sincerity and vision, within our own sphere of influence and endeavour - be it great or small - the cause of human welfare, contentment and happiness in days to come.

The steadfast solidarity and comradeship of British peoples throughout this War have not only saved the Empire - they have saved the world. This solidarity and mutual confidence will be more than ever needed in the task of establishing on a sure foundation an enduring Peace. Just as in 1940, all freedom-loving nations looked to us for salvation and leadership and did not look in vain, so will they look to us again in the hour of victory. Empire Day reminds us that our Empire citizenship involves responsibilities commensurate with its abounding privileges. These we must shoulder resolutely with a supreme confidence in the future greatness of the British Commonwealth and Empire and a full realisation of the immeasurable service which it can render not only to its own peoples but to all mankind.

Boys and Girls of the Empire, you are living in stirring times. Many changes will take place both in your own country and in the wide world beyond. Air transport and radio communication will bring the Earth's scattered territories ever nearer to you. What concerns their inhabitants will concern you too and affect your daily life. Develop, therefore, a well-informed interest in world affairs and especially in those of the British Empire which is your own special heritage and will become one of your great responsibilities in the adventure of life upon which you are embarking.

There is opening up before us all the vista of a brighter, nobler and more righteous world beyond the clouds of War - a world where selfishness, oppression, injustice and want will be buried in a new-found liberty, based upon the foundations of a living faith. Let us all earnestly strive, with stout hearts and unsullied ideals, to aid in the building of that better world, firmly refusing to allow the present unparalleled unity of the British Commonwealth and its brave Allies to be shaken in putting our hands to the God sent task of perpetuating Peace upon Earth and promoting Goodwill among Men.

Airgraph copy of 1944 Message sent by mail.

BLEDISLOE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
5th June, 1944.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication for public information, of the following message received from His Majesty the King on the occasion of Empire Day, 24th May, 1944 :

By Command,

Kenneth Bradley
Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No. 163/31.

"Today in these eventful times we celebrate the 5th Empire Day of the war. We are in good heart for we can justly say that whatever danger may still threaten the Commonwealth and Empire we have at this moment to our hand the men the weapons, resources and mastery of the situation which make the final issue certain.

"Throughout this bitter and terrible conflict I have never doubted that the response of my Colonial peoples to all calls made upon them would be swift whole hearted and complete. It is a wonderful thing for me to reflect that promises of loyalty and support which so many of you sent to me in the darkest days of our history have been redeemed many times over.

"My Colonial troops, side by side with their comrades from all parts of the Empire have fought and are fighting with their traditional bravery. Success crowned their arms in Africa as I know it will in other theatres of the war. But fighting in battle is only one part of the total war. The organisation of large and small communities and their resources on a war footing, the carrying out of urgent war measures and the planning and execution of programmes of war production have thrown a heavy burden upon my Colonial Governments and Legislatures. They have, I know, been helped in their task by the outstanding and loyal co-operation of the people.

"I wish to pay especial tribute to the men and women of my Colonial Service. Many of them in the Far East are now in the hands of the enemy. They are always in our thoughts. Others have left their civil duties for military service where their expert knowledge and experience have been of the greatest value. This with the urgent and always increasing demands of war has made still harder and more exacting the task of those who had to stay at their posts. They have sustained this heavier burden, often under difficult conditions deprived of the companionship of their wives and families through long periods anxious for their safety and well being.

"None have spared themselves. To all I send this expression of my appreciation of their devoted work and hope that with God's help we shall come through the perils and sufferings to happier times."

DECODE.

No. 14.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 22nd May, 19 45. *Time :* 2110.

Received : 23rd May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 69. In view of the number of messages issued recently including my own on the occasion of V.E. Day, I have decided not (repeat not) to issue any message to Colonial Empire on Empire Day this year.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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The following telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies is published for general information:-

"On this Empire Day, 1947, I send my greetings and good wishes to every one of you. It is very right and proper that there should be set aside a special day each year on which all of us in the British Commonwealth and Empire can celebrate our membership of the worlds greatest family of peoples. The demonstration we give that it is possible for so many peoples to live together in harmony and so mutual benefit is of the utmost significance to the world at large and is something in which we are justified in taking pride. In our British family as in any individual family there are times when we feel impatient with one another when the older members feel that the younger ones are too precocious when the younger ones complain that they are unduly restricted and hampered in their aspirations. That kind of impatience is natural and healthy and out of it comes wise compromise and wise progress. Today we are seeing many advances in the Colonies in the march towards self-government and in economic and social development. We have clear aims and a determination to achieve them in the shortest possible time. But it is no use pretending to ourselves that the way is going to be easy or that we shall reach our objective without a good deal of hard work. If we are willing to share that hard work in a truly family spirit then I think we have good reason despite the difficulties of our times in looking with optimism to the future."

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
25th May, 1947.