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The following telegram was addressed by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

“I desire to express to HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING and the ROYAL FAMILY the profound sorrow of all races and sections of the community in the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya at the death of HIS LATE MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V and to profess their loyalty and humble duty to HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII with their prayer that HIS MAJESTY may long be spared to reign over them in peace and prosperity.”

The following telegrams, dated 22nd January, 1936, have been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and are notified for general information:—

“**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 with I hope I may say the whole world 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 26 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 Parliament to support Me in this heavy task and I pray God will guide Me to perform it.’

“HIS MAJESTY was publicly proclaimed here this morning.”

“**HIS** MAJESTY has commanded that the Court shall wear mourning until July 21st and half mourning from July 21st until October 21st, and has expressed the desire that the public will wear suitable mourning until after HIS LATE MAJESTY’S funeral, which will take place on Tuesday, January 28th.

“It is HIS MAJESTY’S wish that all officers of HIS MAJESTY’S FORCES shall wear crape on the left arm when in uniform and also when wearing greatcoats until July 20th, and that until after the funeral of HIS LATE MAJESTY drums shall be covered with black and black crape shall be hung from the tops of the colour staffs of the Infantry and from the standards of the staffs and trumpets of the Cavalry.”