

memories of warm and affectionate greeting from the many races of His Majesty's subjects in his great Dominions beyond the seas. (Cheers.) And here, in the capital of our great Empire, I would repeat how profoundly touched and gratified both the Princess and I have been by the loyal affection and enthusiasm which invariably characterised the welcome extended to us throughout our long and memorable tour. It may interest you to know that we travelled over 45,000 miles, 33,000 of which were by sea, and I think it is a matter on which all may feel proud that, with the exception of Port Said, we never set foot on any land where the Union Jack did not fly. (Prolonged cheers.) Leaving England in the middle of March, we first touched at Gibraltar and Malta, where, as a sailor, I was proud to meet our two great Fleets—the Channel and the Mediterranean. Passing through the Suez Canal—that monument of the genius and courage of a gifted son of the great friendly nation across the Channel—(cheers)—we entered at Aden the gateway of the East, and we stayed for a short time to enjoy the unrivalled scenery of Ceylon and that of the Malayan Peninsula, and the gorgeous displays of their native races, and to see in what happy contentment these various peoples live and prosper under British rule. Perhaps there was something still more striking in the fact that the government, and commerce, and every form of enterprise in these countries are under the leadership and direction of but a handful of our countrymen, and we were able to realise the high qualities of the men who have won and who have kept for us that splendid position. (Cheers.) Australia saw the consummation of the great mission, which was the most immediate object of our journey, and you can imagine the feelings of pride with which I presided over the inauguration of the first representative Assembly of the new-born Australian Commonwealth, in whose hands are placed the destinies of

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