Translation

Most Eminent Lord,

I am happy to inform your Eminence that the Holy Father, in his desire that catholics throughout the British Empire may more easily participate in the festivities that will mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King, has deigned to dispense them from the law of abstinence on Friday, the 27th June, and from the law of fasting and abstinence on the Saturday following, which is the Vigil of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

But it is the desire of the Holy Father that Catholics should make up for this dispensation by the recital of certain prayers, the choice of which he remits to the judgment of your Eminence.

Your Eminence is also authorized to communicate the above dispensation to the Episcopate, so that it may be duly brought to the knowledge of the faithful.

I readily avail myself of this occasion to repeat the assurance of profound veneration with which, &c., &c.

I am,

Your Eminence's humble and devot 1 servant,

M. Cardinal RAMPOLIA. Rome, 15th April, 1902.