

King Edward VIII was signed at Accession Council today. Immediately after signature of Proclamation His Majesty was pleased to make the following Declaration, Begins:

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 Parliaments to support me in this heavy task, and I pray that God will guide me to perform it. Ends.

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*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*  
*Dominions Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM C. 2

London, January 21, 1936

Following is text of Proclamation referred to in my telegram Circular B. ( ) and in my telegrams to Newfoundland and Southern Rhodesia of today, Begins:

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late Sovereign Lord, King George the Fifth, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, Ireland, and all other of His late Majesty's Dominions is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince Edward, Albert, Christian, George, Andrew, Patrick, David:

We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with those of His late Majesty's Privy Council, with numbers of other principal Gentlemen of quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of London, do now hereby with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, Publish and Proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince Edward, Albert, Christian, George, Andrew, Patrick, David is now by the death of our late Sovereign, of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord, Edward the Eighth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: