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NEW ZEALAND.

CORONATION OF H.M. KING GEORGE V.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE GOVERNOR OF
NEW ZEALAND.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 2nd August, 1911.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter which His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to address to his people at the conclusion of the ceremonies connected with Their Majesties' coronation.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., &c.

Whitehall, 15th July, 1911.

The following letter from the King was received by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the 29th June, 1911:—

TO MY PEOPLE,—

Buckingham Palace, 29th June, 1911.

Now that the coronation and its attendant ceremonies are over, I desire to assure the people of the British Empire of my grateful sense that their hearts have been with me through it all. I felt this in the beautiful and impressive service in the Abbey—the most solemn experience of my life—and scarcely less in the stirring scenes of the succeeding days, when my people have signified their recognition and their heartfelt welcome of me as their Sovereign. For this has been apparent, not only in the loyal enthusiasm shown in our passage to and from Westminster and in the progresses which we have made in different districts of London, but also in the thousands of messages of good will which have come to me across the seas from every part of the Empire. Such affectionate demonstrations have profoundly touched me, and have filled me afresh with faith and confidence. Believing that this generous and outspoken sympathy with the Queen and myself is, under God, our surest source of strength, I am encouraged to go forward with renewed hope. Whatever perplexities and difficulties may lie before me and my people, we shall all unite in facing them resolutely, calmly, and with public spirit, confident that, under Divine guidance, the ultimate outcome will be to the common good.

GEORGE R.I.

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