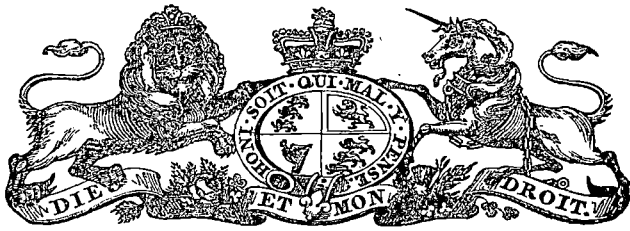


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE
AND AVONDALE :

TELEGRAMS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND
AVONDALE.

TELEGRAMS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

For Ministers.

R. G. C. H.

FOLLOWING telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—"Deeply regret to report death of Duke of Clarence at nine thirty to-day."

[TELEGRAM.]

Adelaide, 15th January, 1892.

THIS Government propose to issue *Gazette Extraordinary* containing proclamation appointing Sunday next as day of mourning for death of Duke of Clarence in token of sympathy with Her Majesty and Prince of Wales, also to fire 21 minute-guns on day of funeral—see South Australian Government *Gazette* of April third, eighteen eighty four, on death of Prince Leopold—are you taking any similar action?

T. PLAYFORD.

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Tasmania.

[TELEGRAM.]

Hobart, 15th January, 1892.

TWENTY-SEVEN minute-guns, the years of the deceased Duke, will be fired on day of funeral, but for an heir presumptive this Government does not consider it advisable to invite a public expression of grief by gazetting a day of mourning. Parliament not being in Session, a message of sympathy will be sent from Executive Council to-morrow.

P. O. FYSH.

*To the Premiers of South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales,
Queensland, and Western Australia.*

[TELEGRAM.]

Melbourne, 16th January, 1892.

THANKS for informing me of intended proceedings in connection with death of Duke of Clarence. The number of guns to be fired here is not yet decided. A day of mourning will be proclaimed, and messages of condolence have been sent.

JAS. MUNRO, *Premier.*

The Hon. the Premier, Hobart.

[TELEGRAM.]

Sydney, 16th January, 1892.

IN reply to your telegram we have issued the following *Extraordinary Gazette* regarding the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale:—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 15th January, 1892.

IN consequence of the demise on the 14th instant of His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, eldest son of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Grandson of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the Governor invites the civil officers of the Government and all other of Her Majesty's Subjects to go into mourning on Sunday, the 17th instant, in token of their sympathy with Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses in their great affliction. Twenty-eight minute-guns will be fired to-morrow at 8 o'clock A.M. Officers of the military and naval forces of the Colony will wear, when in uniform, a band of crape around the left arm for a period of three months. His Excellency further directs that the Royal Standard at Government House and the Union Jack at the Forts be hoisted half-mast high for one week from this date, from 8 o'clock A.M. until sunset.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE R. DIBBS, *Colonial Secretary.*

THE following telegram was yesterday sent by me to His Excellency the Governor, who is at present staying at his country residence; viz.—

“ Will Your Excellency be pleased to convey to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales the following messages:—
(one) ‘ My Ministers desire me to present their humble duty to Your Majesty, and to express their deep sympathy and condolence with Your Majesty in your great affliction.’
(two) ‘ My Ministers desire me to express to Your Royal Highness their deep sympathy and condolence with Your Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales in your great affliction.’ ”

And Lord Jersey has intimated that the messages have been duly forwarded as desired. The Government will move Address of condolence in the Assembly on Monday next.”

GEORGE R. DIBBS, *Colonial Secretary.*

The Hon. the Prime Minister, Tasmania, Hobart.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No. 29.

Chief Secretary's Office, 16th January, 1892.

AT a Special Meeting of the Executive Council, held upon the receipt of the intelligence of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, it was decided to transmit the following Telegraphic Message to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

“ The Governor, Government, and People of Tasmania have received with profound regret the intelligence of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and desire that you will convey their deepest sympathy to Her Majesty and to the Prince and Princess of Wales.”

By His Excellency's Command,

P. O. FYSH.

Telegram for Transmission to the Agent-General for Tasmania, London.

MESSAGE of Condolence from Governor, Executive, and People of Tasmania telegraphed to-day by His Excellency to Secretary of State.

PREMIER.

(JAS. ANDREW, *Secretary to Premier.*)
Hobart, 16th January, 1892.

DEAR MR. FYSH,

19th January, 1891.

I HAVE just received the accompanying telegram, which accords, I think, with what has been ordered as regards guns.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. C. HAMILTON.

“Funeral Duke of Clarence.—Following telegram sent to Imperial garrisons:—Fire thirty minute-guns, terminating at sunset, in concert with Navy. If no ships on station, fire sixty guns. After funeral flags to be hoisted no longer half-mast high. Wear usual mourning until 26th February.”

FOLLOWING telegram received from the Secretary of State:—

“Am desired by Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, to convey thanks for messages received expressing sympathy. Royal Family much affected by universal feeling sympathy and grief at loss sustained. Despatch follows by mail.”

TASMANIA.

No. 3.

Downing-street, 22nd January, 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE laid before the Queen and communicated to the Prince and Princess of Wales your telegram of the 16th instant, expressing the profound regret with which you, the Government, and the people of Tasmania have received the intelligence of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

I have also received and dealt with in the same way your telegram of the 20th instant, forwarding an expression of sympathy from the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Hobart in Council assembled.

I am commanded to request that you will inform your Government and the Mayor of Hobart that Her Majesty and the Royal Family have been greatly touched in the midst of their affliction by the kind sympathy which has been extended to them from Tasmania as from the other Colonies.

I have, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

Governor SIR R. HAMILTON, K.C.B.

Office of the Agent-General for Tasmania, Westminster Chambers,
5, Victoria-street, London, S.W., 22nd January, 1892.

No. 2.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for the information of your Government, copies of the joint letter of condolence addressed by the High Commissioner and Agents-General to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

I have, &c.

E. BRADDON, Agent-General.

The Honorable the Premier, &c., Hobart, Tasmania.

London, 15th January, 1892.

SIR,

As the Representatives in London of the self-governing Colonies, we desire respectfully to express to Your Royal Highness and to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales our deep personal sympathy in the great calamity which Your Royal Highnesses and the Nation have sustained by the fatal termination of the illness of your eldest son.

No words of ours can adequately convey the feeling of sorrow that will prevail among Her Majesty's subjects in the Colonies, most of which the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, owing to the wise forethought of Your Royal Highness, had personally visited. The terrible bereavement that has fallen upon Your Royal Highness has shrouded in gloom the whole Empire, which will mourn with Her Majesty, Your Royal Highnesses, and the rest of the Royal Family the loss of one whose all too brief life justified the highest and brightest hopes being entertained of a brilliant and honourable future career.

With the greatest respect and sympathy,

We remain, &c.

CHARLES TUPPER, *High Commissioner for Canada.*
SAUL SAMUEL, *Agent-General for New South Wales.*
CHARLES MILLS, *Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope.*
E. BRADDON, *Agent-General for Tasmania.*
JAMES F. GARRICK, *Agent-General for Queensland.*
WESTBY B. PERCIVAL, *Agent-General for New Zealand.*
ANDREW CLARKE, *Acting Agent-General for Victoria.*
SAMUEL DEERING, *Acting Agent-General for South Australia.*
R. C. HARE, *Acting Agent-General for Western Australia.*

*Office of the Agent-General for Tasmania, Westminster Chambers,
5, Victoria-street, London, S.W., 12th February, 1892.*

No. 55.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit herewith copy of a note from Sir Francis Knollys conveying the thanks of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Representatives in London of the self-governing Colonies for their Address of condolence on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

I have, &c.

E. BRADDON, *Agent-General.*

The Honorable the Premier, &c. Hobart, Tasmania.

SIR FRANCIS KNOLLYS is desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to thank the Representatives in London of the self-governing Colonies very sincerely for their Address, and to assure them that they deeply appreciate the warm feeling of sympathy which they express for Their Royal Highnesses in their great sorrow.

Osborne, February 6th, 1892.

CIRCULAR.

Downing-street, 1st February, 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Queen expressing Her Majesty's deep sense of the loyalty and affectionate sympathy evinced by Her subjects in every part of Her Empire on the sad occasion of the death of Her Grandson, His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., eldest son of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

I have also the honour to enclose a copy of a telegram, dated Windsor Castle, the 20th of January, in which Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales express to Her Majesty's subjects, whether in the United Kingdom, in the Colonies, or in India, the sense of their deep gratitude for the universal feeling of sympathy manifested towards them on the sad occasion of the loss of their beloved eldest son.

I have no doubt that both these touching documents have been already published in the Colony under your Government, but I have thought it right that they should be communicated to you officially for record in the archives of the Colony.

I have, &c.

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of Tasmania.

Whitehall, January 27th, 1892.

The following letter from The Queen has been received by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department :—

Osborne, January 26th, 1892.

I MUST once again give expression to my deep sense of the loyalty and affectionate sympathy evinced by my subjects in every part of my Empire on an occasion more sad and tragical than any but one which has befallen me and mine, as well as the Nation. The overwhelming misfortune of my dearly loved grandson having been thus suddenly cut off in the flower of his age, full of promise for the future, amiable and gentle, and endearing himself to all, renders it hard for his sorely stricken Parents, his dear young Bride, and his fond grandmother to bow in submission to the inscrutable decrees of Providence.

The sympathy of millions, which has been so touchingly and visibly expressed, is deeply gratifying at such a time, and I wish, both in my own name and that of my children, to express, from my heart, my warm gratitude to *all*.

These testimonies of sympathy with us, and appreciation of my dear Grandson, whom I loved as a Son, and whose devotion to me was as great as that of a Son, will be a help and consolation to me and mine in our affliction.

My bereavements during the last thirty years of my reign have indeed been heavy. Though the labours, anxieties, and responsibilities inseparable from my position have been great, yet it is my earnest prayer that God may continue to give me health and strength to work for the good and happiness of my dear Country and Empire while life lasts.

VICTORIA, R.I.

The following official telegram has been received from Sir Francis Knollys, at Windsor Castle :—

“The Prince and Princess of Wales are anxious to express to Her Majesty’s subjects, whether in the United Kingdom, in the Colonies, or in India, the sense of their deep gratitude for the universal feeling of sympathy manifested towards them at a time when they are overpowered by the terrible calamity which they have sustained in the loss of their beloved eldest son.

“If sympathy at such a moment is of any avail, the remembrance that their grief has been shared by all classes will be a lasting consolation to their sorrowing hearts, and, if possible, will make them more than ever attached to their dear country.”

Windsor Castle, January 20, 1892.