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The following messages have been addressed by
His Majesty to—

The Royal Navy:—

On my Accession to the Throne I recall with pride
that as my dear father did before me I received my
early training in the Royal Navy.

It has been my privilege to serve as a Naval Officer
both in peace and in war; at Jutland the greatest
sea battle of modern times I saw for myself in
action the maintenance of those great traditions
which are the inheritance of British Seamen.

It is my intention always to keep the closest
touch with all ranks and ratings of the naval forces
throughout the Empire and with all matters affecting
them. I shall do so in the sure knowledge that
they will be worthy of the implicit trust placed in
them by their fellow countrymen and that in their
hands the honour of the British Navy will be upheld.

GEORGE, R.I.

The Army:—

On my Accession to the Throne I wish to assure
all ranks of the Army that their welfare will be one
of my chief concerns. It was a notable event in
my life four years ago when my father appointed me
a Major-General in the Army and that association
has only served to enhance my admiration for the
courage and efficient manner in which their duties
however onerous they may prove are invariably
undertaken.

The task that lies before me is fraught with
difficulty but I know full well that the heavy burden
of my responsibilities will be lightened by the faith-
ful allegiance of all ranks of the military forces of
the Crown throughout the Empire.

GEORGE, R.I.

The Royal Air Force:—

On my Accession to the Throne, I hasten to assure
the Air Forces at home and overseas that I look
forward to the maintenance of my close connection

with them, which has been such a happy feature of my life ever since I became a Junior Officer in the Service in 1918, and served with the independent Air Force.

As Air Chief Marshal, I have watched with keen appreciation the way in which the Service has proved more than equal to the many tasks which a rapid expansion has imposed upon it.

I know full well that the Air Forces of the Empire will maintain to the full the great traditions that they have already established, combining with the highest efficiency and zeal a fine chivalry of service and a deep and steadfast loyalty.

GEORGE, R.I.

The Civil Service:—

I desire on my Accession to the Throne, to express to all grades of the Civil Service my

appreciation of the ability and devotion with which they have always discharged their varied duties, whether at home or overseas.

The record of the British Civil Service is indeed unique and I recognise with satisfaction the great position which its members have won for themselves in the life of the community. Its great traditions and those of the Dominion Service of India and the Colonial Service, are well known to me, and I am sure I can depend on that spirit of steadfast devotion to duty which has at all times animated them.

Whatever difficulties may lie ahead, I know that I can rely on their lasting loyalty.

GEORGE, R.I.

CORRIGENDUM

Re Official Gazette No. 64, Special Issue, dated December 12, 1936. Text of Proclamation, 4th and 5th lines—for "taken place" read "taken effect".