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The following Proclamation issued by His Majesty the King is published by His Excellency the Governor-General for the information of the Public.

By THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to bring to a close the late wide—spread and sanguinary war in which we were engaged against Germany and her Allies, we, therefore, adoring the Divine Goodness and duly considering that the great and general blessings of peace do call for public and solemn ackowledgment, have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation hereby appointing and commanding that a general thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His manifold and great mercies be observed throughout our Dominions on Sunday, the sixth day of July, and for the better and more devout solemnization of the same we have given directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England to compose a form of prayer suitable to this occasion to be used in all churches and chapels, and to take care for the timely dispersing of the same throughout their respective dioceses; and to the same end we do further advertise and exhort the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and all spiritual authorities and Ministers of religion in their respective churches and other places of public worship throughout our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and in all quarters of our Dominions beyond the seas, to take part as it may properly behave them to do in this great and common act of worship; and we do strictly charge and command that the said public day of thanksgiving be religiously observed by all as they tender the favour of Almighty God and have the sense of His benefits.

Given at our Court at Buckingham Palace, this first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the tenth year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Government House, Wellington, 3rd July, 1919.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

By his Deputy, ROBERT STOUT.

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