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By command,

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 291.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated the 28th June, 1919:—

“Peace Treaty with Germany was signed by representatives of Allied and Associated Powers and by representatives of Germany to-day at four o'clock. Concluding article of the Treaty provides that the first Procés Verbal of deposit of ratification will be drawn up as soon as the Treaty has been ratified by Germany on the one hand and by three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers on the other hand. That from the date of this first Procés Verbal Treaty will come into force between the High Contracting Parties who have ratified it. That for determination of all periods of time provided for in the Treaty this date will be date of coming into force of the Treaty and that in all other respects the Treaty will enter into force for each Power on the date of the deposit of its ratification. Date of the ratification, *i.e.*, of coming into force of the Peace Treaty cannot be stated yet.”

The following gracious message from His Majesty the KING has also been received:—

“The signing of the Treaty of Peace will be received with deep thankfulness throughout the British Empire. This formal act brings to its concluding stages the terrible war which has devastated Europe and distracted the world. It manifests the victory of the ideals of freedom and liberty for which we have made untold sacrifices. I share my people’s joy and and thanksgiving and earnestly pray that the coming years of peace may bring to them ever increasing happiness and prosperity.”

An announcement will be made to both Houses of Parliament to-day regarding the Peace celebrations. It is proposed to hold the celebrations in the United Kingdom on Saturday the 2nd August and the three following days; Saturday to be devoted to a military pageant; Sunday to special religious services; Monday to a Naval display on the Thames in special recognition of the services of the Navy and the Mercantile Marine; Tuesday to be a children’s or a general rejoicing day.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

30th June, 1919.