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Prime Minister's Office,
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THE Government has received from His Majesty KING EDWARD THE EIGHTH the message appended hereto notifying that he has executed an instrument of abdication in the terms set forth in that message.

M. J. SAVAGE, Prime Minister.

Message dated 10th December, 1936, from His Majesty King Edward the Eighth to His Majesty's Government in New Zealand notifying that His Majesty has executed an instrument of abdication.

AFTER long and anxious consideration, I have determined to renounce the Throne to which I succeeded on the death of my father, and am now communicating this, my final and irrevocable decision. Realizing as I do the gravity of this step, I can only hope I shall have the understanding of my peoples in the decision I have taken and the reasons which have led me to take it. I will not enter now into my private feelings, but I would beg that it should be remembered that the burden which constantly rests upon the shoulders of a Sovereign is so heavy that it can only be borne in circumstances different from those in which I now find myself. I conceive I am not overlooking the duty that rests on me to place in the forefront the public interest, when I declare I am conscious that I can no longer discharge this heavy task with efficiency or with satisfaction to myself.