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Armistice, 11th November 1920

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The following telegrams from the Secretary of State for the Colonies are published for general information:-

"November 2nd: It has been decided that, on Thursday 11th November, it being the second anniversary of the Armistice, the Cenotaph in Whitehall shall be unveiled by His Majesty the King, and that, as part of the ceremony on that day, there shall be buried in Westminister Abbey, an unknown British warrior whose body shall be taken from amongst those buried in France. Every precaution will be taken to prevent his identity being known. The coffin will be brought to the Cenotaph where it will be met by the King attended by Representatives of the whole of the Empire. There will be a short service at the Cenotaph consisting of the singing of the hymn 'O God our help in ages past' and 'The Lord's Prayer'. This service will be so timed that the unveiling of the Cenotaph takes place at 11 a.m. exactly, after which there will be two minutes silence followed by the 'Last Post'. Wreaths will then be laid by His Majesty, the Prime Minister, and Representatives of the Empire. The funeral procession will then proceed to the Abbey where the funeral service will take place on the body being buried in a grave in the nave of the Abbey. It is proposed, just as last year, there should be during the two minutes silence complete suspension of all normal business, work, and locomotion

locomotion throughout the United Kingdom that the thoughts of all may be concentrated in reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

"November 6th; with reference to my telegram of 2nd November, His Majesty The King has expressed the wish that on Armistice Day 11th November, there should be a complete suspension of all normal business, work and locomotion throughout the British Empire during the two minutes silence commencing at 11a.m.".

It is hoped that all will unite in giving effect to the wish expressed by His Majesty The King at the appointed hour, viz 11 a.m.on Thursday, the 11th instant.

For the Town of Stanley the following arrangements will be made to mark the hour:-

The Cathedral Bell will be rung from 10.55.a.m. to 11a.m. precisely; after which two guns will be fired in rapid succession from Victory Green. On the firing of these guns there will be cessation of all work and other activities for a period of two minutes, at the end of which time one gun will be fired.