TO THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE

The Allied Powers whose Arms were victorious in the late War have entrusted to My Country a Mandate to watch over the interests of Palestine and to ensure to your Country that peaceful and prosperous development which has so long been denied to you.

I recall with pride the large part played by My troops under the command of Field Marshal Lord Allenby in freeing your Country from Turkish rule, and I shall indeed rejoice if I and My people can also be the instruments of bringing within your reach the blessings of a wise and liberal administration.

I desire to assure you of the absolute impartiality with which the duties of the Mandatory Power will be carried out, and of the determination of My Government to respect the rights of every race and every creed represented among you, both for the period which has still to elapse before the terms of the Mandate can be finally approved by the League of Nations, and in the future when the Mandate has become an accomplished fact.

You are well aware that the Allied and Associated Powers have decided that measures shall be adopted to secure the gradual establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish People. These measures will not in any way affect the civil or religious rights or the prosperity of the general population of Palestine.

The High Commissioner whom I have appointed to carry out these principles will, I am confident, do so whole-heartedly and effectively, and will endeavour to promote in every possible way the welfare and unity of all classes and sections among you.

I realise profoundly the solemnity of the trust involved in the government of a Country which is sacred alike to Christian, Mohammedan, and Jew, and shall watch with deep interest and warm sympathy the future progress and development of a State whose history has been of such tremendous import to the World.

GEORGE R. and I.