

Omukama's City



TWEKOBE,
MENGO,
LUBIRI.

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by

His Highness the Kabaka of Buganda

on the occasion of

The Commemoration of Empire Day

24th May, 1932.

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Your Excellency, My Lords Bishop, Ministers, Ladies, ~~and~~
Gentlemen and Chiefs:

Both for myself personally and for my Chiefs and people, it is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome Your Excellency to the Lukiko of Buganda on this first occasion on which you have visited us as the Governor of the Uganda Protectorate. We regard Your Excellency's presence here to-day as an indication of your interest in the welfare of my people and my country, and I take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude both to you personally and through you to all members of the Protectorate Government.

Not only, Your Excellency, do we welcome you personally, nor only as our Governor, but most especially do we welcome you on this Empire Day, as the representative of his Most Gracious Majesty King George V, and I take this opportunity to request Your Excellency to convey to His Majesty the King an expression both of my loyalty and that of my people to His Majesty and His Government.

To-day being Empire Day, it is meant that we should remember and review the glorious history of the British Empire, and to express our thankfulness for the countless benefits, that have been rendered available by the civilisation-that has always followed the increase of the British Empire. We have a signal example of these benefits here in my Kingdom which, during the past year, has become a link in this Empire, that is Cape - Cairo - London Air Service. This is a benefit that will create an increase in the trade and importance of my country, and it is my sincerest hope that nothing may happen that may cause Uganda to be eliminated from the air route.

At the same time we cannot review the British Empire to-day-nor can we consider the future without regarding the present world-wide depression. To combat this successfully demands the closest possible co-operation of every individual member of the British Commonwealth of Nations together with a common loyalty to and confidence in His Majesty the King.

In conclusion I must express my thankfulness to Almighty God for the prosperity of the British Empire and for ordaining that my Kingdom should be a member of that glorious Commonwealth of Nations, and also my hope and prayer that the Empire, and Buganda with it, may continue to prosper and progress in every way.

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