



PRIME MINISTER

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THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

Throughout his long life the Duke of Gloucester showed a sense of duty worthy of his high station and royal position. He had close links with Australia over the last half-century. He represented his father, King George V, at the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of Melbourne. In 1945, Prime Minister Curtin sought and secured the appointment of the Duke of Gloucester as Governor-General of Australia. He remained with us for two years. His last visit to Australia was to represent his family at the 50th Anniversary of Anzac.

On behalf of the Australian people I have sent a message of our deepest sympathy to the Queen on the death of her uncle.

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