

2. The Chargé d'Affaires is therefore instructed by his Government to ask that His Majesty's Government will convey to you an expression of the sincere and heartfelt gratitude with which the President has received these messages of sympathy.

3. Mr. White further explains, on behalf of his Government, that the pressure of public business attendant upon the death of President McKinley has alone prevented an earlier message of appreciation of these evidences of friendship and deep feeling.

I have, &c.,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G., &c.

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