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THE Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this session of Parliament together:—

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF
 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

Since I last had the privilege of addressing you in Parliament assembled His Majesty the King has graciously consented to visit New Zealand. His Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen and by the Princess Margaret, and will remain with us for four weeks in March of next year.

It is the King's wish that he should be enabled to meet the greatest possible number of his people during the visit. This desire will be reflected in the itinerary of the tour. Throughout the land, on this, the first visit of their reigning Sovereign, His Majesty's New Zealand subjects, Maori and pakeha, will be able to express their loyalty to the Crown and share with pride and rejoicing in welcoming the King, the Queen, and the Princess Margaret.

It is my intention to proceed next week on a visit to the Cook Islands, Western Samoa, and the Tokelau Group. Lady Freyberg and I look forward with keen anticipation and pleasure to this opportunity of meeting the peoples of those territories, whose fine qualities have won for them such high regard, and of seeing those islands of the Pacific so justly famed for their natural beauty and the fruitfulness of their soil.