

In January, 1887, Sir Charles Tupper resigned the High Commissionership, having accepted the position of Minister of Finance, which office he resigned in May, 1888, on being re-appointed High Commissioner. In January, 1896, Sir Charles Tupper resigned the position, having become Secretary of State, but continued to administer the office without the salary attached till the appointment of his successor.

A list is given below of the Sovereigns and Rulers of the principal countries of the world, together with the area, population and density of population :—

AREA AND POPULATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

| COLONIES. | Sovereigns. | Year of Census or Estimate. | Area in square miles. | Population. | Persons to the Square Mile. |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Europe— | | | | | |
| United Kingdom..... | Victoria.... | 1898 | 120,979 | 40,188,927 | 3.32 |
| Gibraltar..... | ..... | 1897 | 2 | *26,203 | 13,101 |
| Malta and Gozo..... | ..... | 1897 | 117 | 177,745 | 1,519 |
| Total, European..... | ..... | ..... | 121,098 | 40,392,875 | 334 |
| India— | | | | | |
| British India..... | Victoria.... | 1891 | 1,068,314 | 221,172,952 | 207 |
| Feudatory States..... | ..... | 1891 | 731,944 | 66,050,479 | 90 |
| Total Indian..... | ..... | ..... | 1,800,258 | 287,223,431 | 160 |
| Asia— | | | | | |
| Aden and Perim..... | Victoria.... | 1891 | 80 | 41,910 | 524 |
| Borneo..... | ..... | ..... | 31,106 | 175,000 | 6 |
| Cyprus..... | ..... | 1891 | 3,584 | 209,286 | 56 |
| Ceylon..... | ..... | 1897 | 25,333 | *3,391,443 | 134 |
| Hong Kong..... | ..... | 1898 | 30 | 248,710 | 8,290 |
| Labuan..... | ..... | 1891 | 30 | 5,853 | 195 |
| Straits Settlement..... | ..... | 1897 | 1,472 | 580,563 | 394 |
| Total Asian..... | ..... | ..... | 61,635 | 4,652,765 | 75 |
| Africa— | | | | | |
| Ascension.. | Victoria.... | 1898 | 35 | 430 | 12 |
| Basutoland..... | ..... | 1895 | 10,293 | 250,000 | 24 |
| Cape Colony..... | ..... | 1891 | 276,800 | 1,766,100 | 6 |
| Mauritius..... | ..... | 1897 | 705 | 377,856 | 536 |
| Natal..... | ..... | 1898 | 34,700 | 828,500 | 24 |
| St. Helena..... | ..... | 1891 | 47 | 4,116 | 88 |
| West African Colonies— | | | | | |
| Gambia..... | ..... | 1894 | 2,700 | 50,000 | 19 |
| Gold Coast..... | ..... | 1891 | 40,000 | 1,473,882 | 37 |
| Lagos..... | ..... | ..... | 1,500 | 100,000 | 66 |
| Sierra Leone..... | ..... | ..... | 30,000 | 250,000 | 8 |
| Total African..... | ..... | ..... | 396,780 | 5,100,884 | 13 |
| America— | | | | | |
| Bermudas..... | Victoria.... | 1897 | 20 | 16,098 | 805 |
| Canada..... | ..... | 1898 | 3,653,946 | 5,248,315 | 1.4 |
| Falkland Islands and South Georgia..... | ..... | 1897 | 7,500 | 2,050 | 0.3 |
| British Guiana..... | ..... | 1897 | 109,000 | 285,315 | 3 |

* Including military population.