

The Balfour Declaration may be **the most extraordinary document produced by any Government in world history.**

It took the form of a letter from the Government of His Britannic Majesty King George the Fifth, the Government of the largest empire the world has even known, on which -- once upon a time -- the sun never set; a letter to an international financier of the banking house of Rothschild who had been made a peer of the realm.

Arthur Koestler wrote that in the letter "**one nation solemnly promised to a second nation the country of a third.**

" More than that, the country was still part of the Empire of a fourth, namely Turkey.

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