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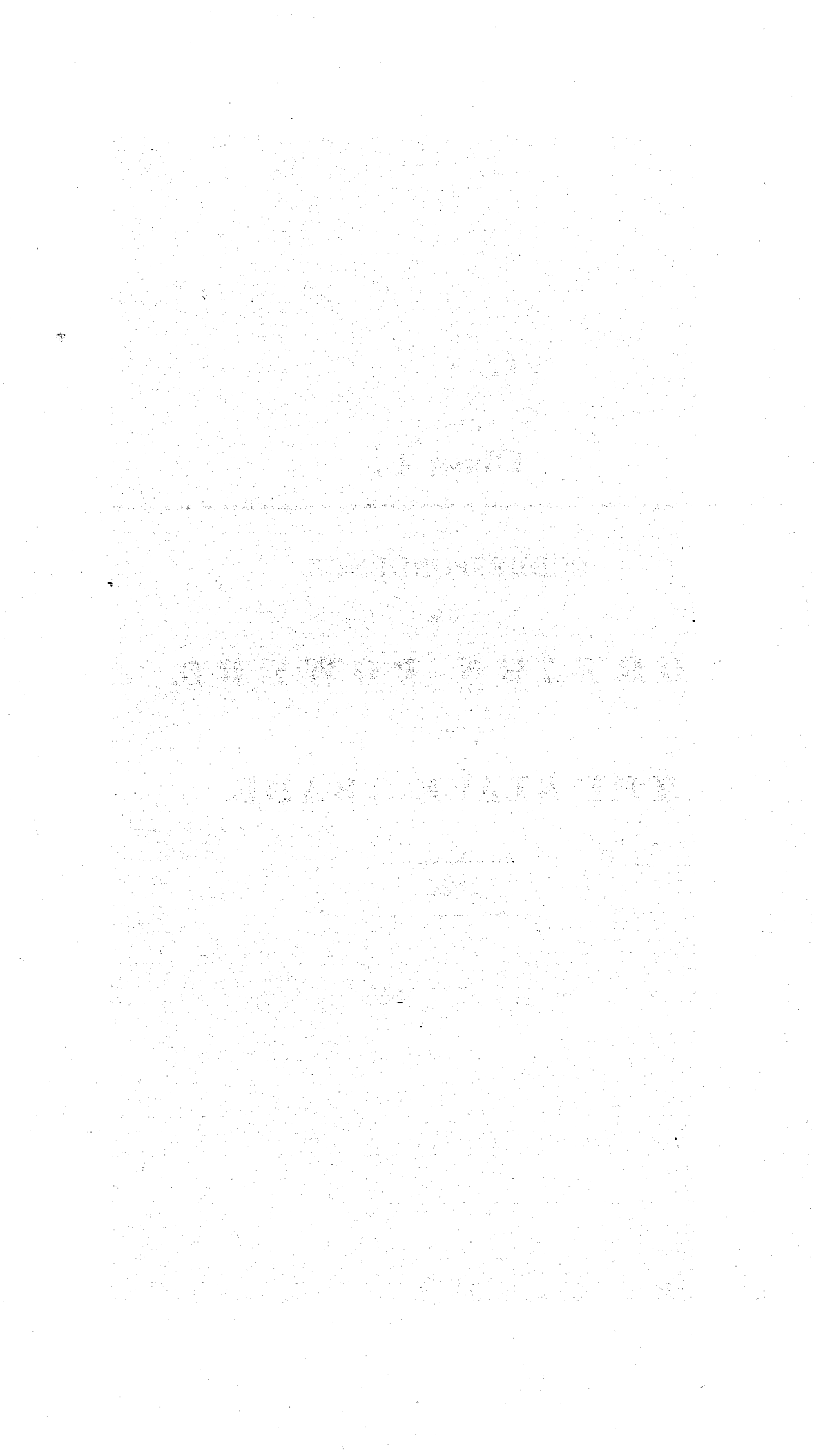
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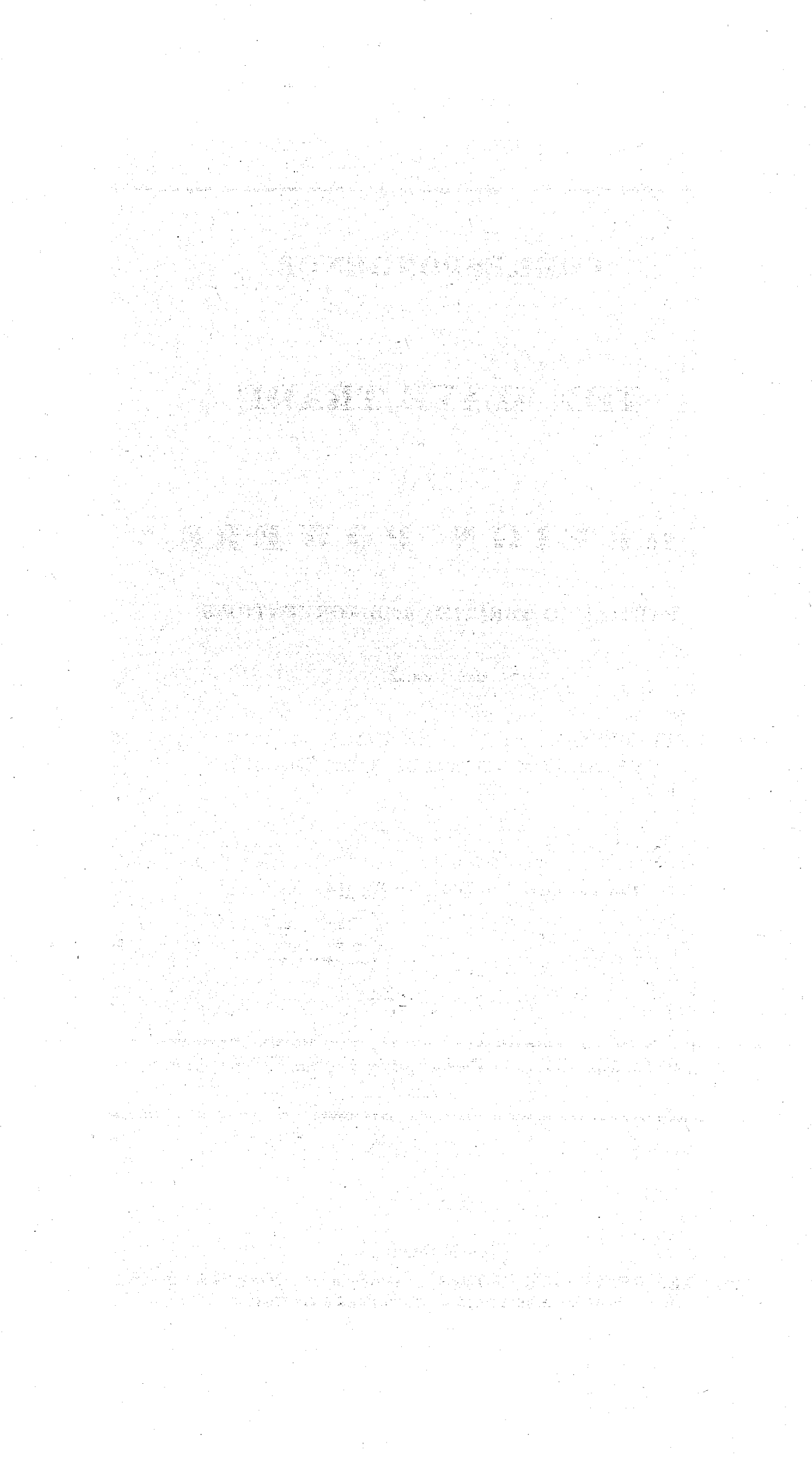
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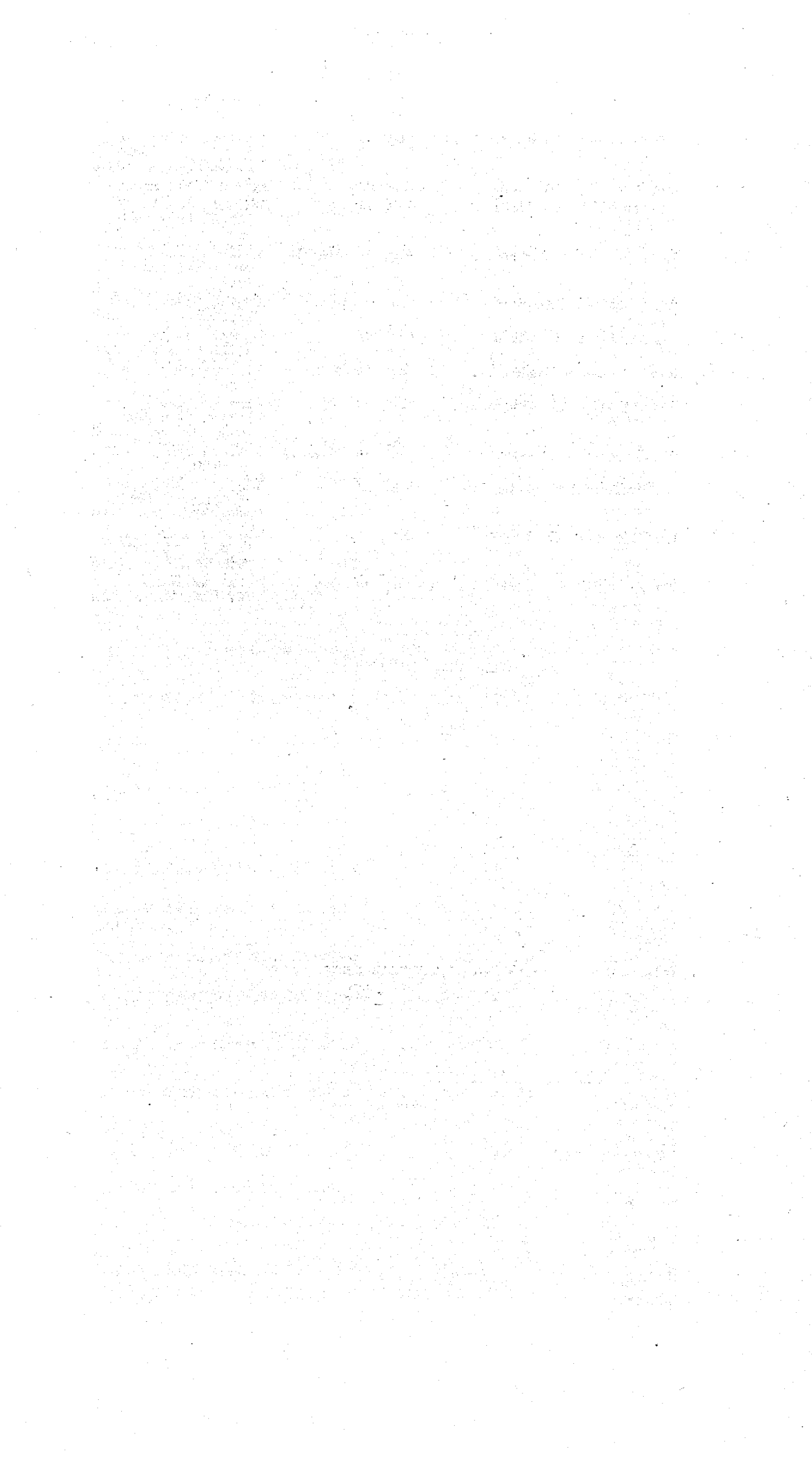
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No. 1.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 6, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin.

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No. 2.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Baron de Neumann.*

*Foreign Office, January 13, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. has the honour to transmit to the Baron de Neumann, &c. &c. for communication to his Court, the accompanying copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Tunis, and the original document enclosed in it, together with a translation of the latter.

Baron de Neumann will perceive that the last-mentioned paper is a report made to his Highness the Bey of Tunis respecting the four Georgian slaves who had been brought to Tunis on board the Austrian brig "Febo," as stated in the note addressed to the Undersigned by the Baron de Neumann on the 8th of July last.

The Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Baron de Neumann,*  
&c. &c.

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*Sir Thomas Reade to the Earl of Aberdeen, November 21, 1843.*

(See Class D. No. 35.)

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No. 3.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 24, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency for your information, copies of correspondence with the Prussian Minister at this Court, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Admiralty by one of the Under Secretaries of State for this Department, upon the subject of the interpretation to be given to the 10th Article of the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

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*Viscount Canning to the Secretary to the Admiralty.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 13, 1844.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to transmit to you the accompanying copies of correspondence which has passed between his Lordship and the Prussian Minister, respecting the construction to be put on the 10th Article of the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia.

You will perceive that at present the Court of Prussia has not signified its assent to the construction put upon that Article by Her Majesty's Government. But Lord Aberdeen is not aware that it is necessary on this account to issue any further special instructions to Her Majesty's cruizers upon the point.

It will, however, be necessary that the Commanders of Her Majesty's cruizers should know what is required by Prussian law to entitle a vessel to claim the protection of the flag of Prussia as its national flag.

I am to request, therefore, that you will lay the accompanying papers before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and suggest to their Lordships to direct a communication to be made to the Commanders of Her Majesty's cruizers, according to the tenor of the latter part of Baron Bunsen's note of the 5th instant.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

CANNING.

*The Secretary to the Admiralty,*  
&c. &c.

No. 4.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act

under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin.

No. 5.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency a copy of a note which I addressed to the Austrian, Prussian, and Russian Ministers at this Court, on the 16th December last,\* transmitting to them, for communication to their Courts, copies of signals which the Admiralty propose to be used exclusively by the cruizers invested with the right of search, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia.

I have to desire that you will request the Austrian Government, in case they should not have any objection thereto, to cause their acquiescence in this proposal to be notified to Her Majesty's Government, as it is desirable that the signals should be furnished to the Commanders of cruizers without further delay.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

\* See Class C. 1843, No. 17, page 11.

No. 6.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Vienna, February 16, 1844.*  
(Received February 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE at length received the warrants which I have from time to time been instructed by your Lordship to require from the Austrian Government, enabling the Commanders of Her Majesty's vessels to act upon their respective stations under the Treaty for the suppression of Slave Trade, and I have now the honour to transmit the same (48 in number) to your Lordship's office.

In handing to me the above documents, the Austrian Minister has requested to be informed what steps will be taken by Her Majesty's Government to secure the restitution of them to the Austrian authorities after the expiration of the terms of service of the British officers to whom they are specially addressed, and upon this point I beg to apply to your Lordship for instructions as to the answer to be given to the Chancellor of State.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 6.

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| Spider . . .    | „ R. E. Pym . . .               | Ditto . . .              | „                 |
| Cleopatra . . . | Captain C. Wyvill . . .         | Cape of Good Hope . . .  | „                 |
| Isis . . .      | „ Sir J. Marshall . . .         | Ditto . . .              | „                 |
| Ferret . . .    | Commander Josiah Oake . . .     | W. Coast of Africa . . . | „                 |
| Daphne . . .    | Captain J. J. Onslow . . .      | Brazil . . .             | „                 |
| Arrow . . .     | Lieutenant W. Robinson . . .    | Cape of Good Hope . . .  | „                 |

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| Pickle . . .        | Lieutenant J. A. Bainbridge . . . | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Volage . . .        | Captain Sir W. Dickson . . .      | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Alfred . . .        | Commodore Purvis . . .            | Brazil . . . . .             | „                 |
| Frolic . . .        | Commander W. A. Willis . . .      | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Penelope . . .      | Captain W. Jones . . .            | W. Coast of Africa . . .     | „                 |
| Scylla . . .        | Commander B. Sharpe . . .         | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Ringdove . . .      | „ Sir W. Daniel . . .             | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Growler . . .       | „ C. H. M. Buckle . . .           | Brazil . . . . .             | „                 |
| Curacoa . . .       | Captain Sir T. Pasley . . .       | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Sappho . . .        | Commander Hon. George Hope . . .  | Cape of Good Hope . . .      | „                 |
| Gorgon . . .        | Captain C. Hotham . . .           | Brazil . . . . .             | „                 |
| Ardent . . .        | Commander J. Russell . . .        | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Spy . . .           | Lieutenant S. O. Wooldridge . . . | W. Coast of Africa . . .     | „                 |
| Albert . . .        | „ Daniel Woodruffe . . .          | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Pique . . .         | Captain Hon. M. Stopford . . .    | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Spartan . . .       | „ Hon. C. G. J. B. Elliot . . .   | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Inconstant . . .    | „ C. H. Freemantle . . .          | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Sealark . . .       | Commander Thomas L. Gooch . . .   | Coast of Africa . . .        | „                 |
| Griffon . . .       | Lieutenant C. Jenkin . . .        | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Rose . . .          | „ J. R. Stuart . . .              | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Illustrious . . .   | Captain J. E. Erskine . . .       | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Racer . . .         | Commander A. Reed . . .           | Brazil . . . . .             | „                 |
| Helena . . .        | „ Sir C. Ricketts, Bart. . . .    | Coast of Africa . . .        | „                 |
| Rapid . . .         | Lieutenant E. C. Earle . . .      | W. Coast of Africa . . .     | „                 |
| Bittern . . .       | Commander E. Peel . . .           | Cape of Good Hope . . .      | „                 |
| Conway . . .        | Captain Robert Fair . . .         | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Fair Rosamond . . . | Lieutenant A. G. Bulman . . .     | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Hyacinth . . .      | Commander F. Scott . . .          | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Star . . .          | „ R. J. W. Dunlop . . .           | Coast of Africa . . .        | „                 |
| Eurydice . . .      | Captain George Elliot . . .       | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Electra . . .       | Commander A. Darley . . .         | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Hydra . . .         | „ H. B. Young . . .               | W. Coast of Africa . . .     | „                 |
| Alert . . .         | „ C. J. Bosanquet . . .           | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Albatross . . .     | „ R. Yorke . . .                  | N. America & W. Indies . . . | „                 |
| Hermes . . .        | Lieutenant W. Carr . . .          | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Wasp . . .          | Commander Henry Bagot . . .       | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Hornet . . .        | Lieutenant R. B. Miller . . .     | Ditto . . . . .              | „                 |
| Espoir . . .        | Commander A. Morrell . . .        | W. Coast of Africa . . .     | „                 |
| Thunderbolt . . .   | „ G. N. Broke . . .               | Cape of Good Hope . . .      | „                 |

## No. 7.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 27, 1844.*

In accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue warrants to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's steam-vessels therein also named, on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 7.

1. Commander John Russell (B), Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Ardent."
2. Lieutenant W. J. G. Pasco, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus."
3. Commander C. H. M. Buckle, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Growler."
4. Captain Charles Hotham, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Gorgon."

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin.

No. 8.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, February 19, 1844.  
(Received February 28.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit the warrant from the Austrian Government for the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," which I had been directed by your Lordship to apply for, according to the terms of the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
 &c.                    &c.                    &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 8.

"Satellite," Commander H. B. Rowley, Brazil station, February 16, 1844.

No. 9.

*Baron Neumann to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Mars 14, 1844.  
(Received March 14.)*

LE SOUSSIGNÉ, &c. &c., n'a pas manqué de porter à la connaissance de son Gouvernement le contenu de la note confidentielle que son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c., lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser, en date du 16 Décembre dernier, et à laquelle se trouvaient joints deux exemplaires des signaux devant servir aux croiseurs Anglais, Autrichiens, Prussiens, et Russes, investis du droit de visite, en vertu de l'Article IV. du Traité du 20 Décembre, 1841, pour l'abolition de la traite des nègres.

En suite de l'ordre qu'il vient de recevoir, le Soussigné s'empresse d'avoir l'honneur de porter à la connaissance du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique, que celui d'Autriche a approuvé et accepté les signaux en question, qui ont déjà été communiqués aux autorités compétentes, et saisit cette occasion pour renouveler, &c.

(Signé)

NEUMANN.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
 &c.                    &c.                    &c.

No. 10.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 30, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
 &c.                    &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin.

No. 11.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, March 23, 1844.  
(Received March 31.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith warrants from the Austrian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels, whose names are marked in the margin, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

With regard to three of these vessels, viz. the "Ardent," the "Growler," and the "Gorgon," I have to call your Lordship's attention to the fact, that warrants for them have already been made out by the Austrian Government, and forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 16th ultimo, differing only with regard to the station to which the vessels are stated to be about to proceed, and I have been, in consequence, requested by the Imperial Chancery of Court and State to suggest, that should the warrants as before transmitted have become superfluous, they may be returned through the Austrian Envoy in London.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 11.

|                  |                           |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| "Ardent" . .     | Com. J. Russell, . .      | West Coast of Africa, March 18, 1844. |
| "Prometheus" . . | Lieut. Pasco . . . .      | " "                                   |
| "Growler" . .    | Com. C. H. M. Buckler . . | " "                                   |
| "Gorgon" . .     | Capt. C. Hotham . . . .   | " "                                   |

No. 12.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, April 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Austrian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 12.

"Prometheus," Lieut. Pasco, West Coast of Africa, March 18, 1844.

No. 13.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, April 20, 1844.  
(Received April 28.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship herewith, the warrant from the Austrian Government, to enable Commander Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841, for the suppres-

sion of the Slave Trade, which I applied for in pursuance of the instruction contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th of March.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 13.

'Larne,' Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, West Coast of Africa, April 18, 1844.

No. 14.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described at the foot of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Austrian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 14.

|             |                      |                           |               |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| "Gorgon"    | Capt. Hotham         | Brazil station            | Feb. 8, 1844. |
| "Ardent"    | Com. Russell         | "                         | "             |
| "Growler"   | Com. Buckle          | "                         | "             |
| "Albatross" | Com. Yorke           | N. Amer. and W. Indies    | "             |
| "Wasp"      | Com. Bagot           | "                         | "             |
| "Ringdove"  | Com. Sir W. Daniell  | "                         | "             |
| "Volage"    | Capt. Sir W. Dickson | "                         | "             |
| "Spy"       | Lieut. Wooldridge    | West Coast of Africa      | "             |
| "Frolic"    | Com. Willis          | Brazil station            | "             |
| "Daphne"    | Capt. Onslow         | "                         | "             |
| "Arrow,"    | Lieut. Robinson      | Cape of Good Hope station | "             |

No. 15.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander C. B. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at St. Petersburg and Berlin.



No. 16.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue warrants to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's sloops therein also named, on the Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 16.

Com. Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp."  
Com. Sir William Daniell, of Her Majesty's sloop "Ringdove."  
Com. Reginald Yorke, of Her Majesty's sloop "Albatross."

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin.

No. 17.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at St. Petersburg and Berlin.

No. 18.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 17, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Commander John Hay, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at St. Petersburg and Berlin.

No. 19.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Vienna, June 13, 1844.

(Received June 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit the warrants granted by the Imperial Government for the Commanders of Her Majesty's sloops mentioned in the margin, to enable them to act under the Treaty of 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, which I applied for in pursuance of the instructions in your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 19.

|             |                           |                  |               |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| "Ringdove"  | Com. Sir William Daniell, | Coast of Africa, | June 4, 1844. |
| "Albatross" | Com. Reginald Yorke       | "                | "             |
| "Wasp"      | Com. Henry Bagot          | "                | "             |
| "Frolic"    | Com. C. B. Hamilton       | Brazil           | "             |

No. 20.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.

I HAVE received your Excellency's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 13th instant.

I herewith return to you the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Austrian Government on the 4th instant, to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Austrian Government in order that it may be cancelled; and that you will, at the same time, request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp," in the room of Commander Bagot.

I am &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 21.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, July 8, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Austrian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 21.

|                 |                |                              |               |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| "Fair Rosamond" | Lieut. Bulman, | N. Amer. & W. India station, | Feb. 8, 1844. |
| "Hornet"        | Lieut. Miller  | "                            | "             |

No. 22.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, July 6, 1844.**(Received July 15.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the warrants marked in the margin, which I applied for in pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 15th June.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 22.

"Cygnet" Com. Layton, Coast of Africa, July 2, 1844.

"Prometheus" Com. Hay . . . . . "

No. 23.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, July 27, 1844.**(Received August 4.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant to enable Commander Sydney H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, which I applied for in pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th of June.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 23.

"Wasp," Com. S. H. Ussher, Coast of Africa, July 24, 1844.

No. 24.

*Baron Neumann to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Septembre 4, 1844.**(Received September 4.)*

LE Soussigné, &c. &c., en suite de la note qu'il a eu l'honneur d'adresser à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c., en date du 8 Décembre, 1843, au sujet de l'accusation dirigée contre le Sieur Nicolas Zar, Capitaine du navire Autrichien le "Febo," d'avoir transporté à bord de son bâtiment quatre femmes esclaves de Constantinople à Tunis, a l'honneur, d'ordre de sa Cour, de faire connaître à son Excellence que le Tribunal Criminel de Rovigno en Dalmatie, qui avait été chargé d'instruire le procès relatif à cette affaire, a rendu, le 28 Mai dernier, son jugement, qui absout le Capitaine Nicolas Zar de l'accusation portée contre lui, et déclare en même tems qu'ayant pris en considération les circonstances qui ont accompagné le transport dont il s'agit, n'y avoir trouvé aucun indice d'une action criminelle.

En priant son Excellence de porter le jugement précité à la connaissance du Consul-Général de Sa Majesté Britannique à Tunis, le Soussigné a l'honneur de restituer ci-joint à son Excellence le document original relatif à cette affaire qu'elle avait bien voulu communiquer à cette Ambassade Impériale et Royale par sa note du 13 Janvier dernier, et saisit, &c.

(Signé)

NEUMANN.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 25.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, September 10, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N. B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Minister at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin.

No. 26.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 26, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Commander Walter G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin.

No. 27.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Vienna, October 17, 1844.*  
(Received October 26.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant, to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841, for the suppression of Slave Trade, which I applied for in pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 10th of September, 1844.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 27.

"Conway," Capt. William Kelly, Cape of Good Hope station, October 7, 1844.

No. 28.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Vienna, November 19, 1844.

(Received November 27.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant, to enable Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, for which I applied in pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 26th of October, 1844.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 28.

"Eclair," Com. Estcourt, West Coast of Africa, November 14, 1844.

No. 29.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 28, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Austrian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 29.

"Conway," Capt. Fair, Cape of Good Hope station, February 8, 1844.

No. 30.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Austrian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 30.

"Griffon," Lieut. Jenkin, N. America and W. India station, February 8, 1844.

## No. 31.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 19, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop 'Espoir,' about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

P. S.—The former Commander of the "Espoir" has been appointed to another ship, and the warrants supplied to him will be returned to be cancelled.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin, and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, at St. Petersburg.

## No. 32.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 21, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable Commander Richard W. Pelley of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Sir Robert Gordon, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

P. S.—Commander Sturt, of the "Rose," has been promoted, and the warrants addressed to him which have been issued will be returned to be cancelled.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Minister at Berlin, and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at St. Petersburg.



AUSTRIA. (*Consular*)—*Trieste.*

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No. 33.

*Mr. Sorell to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Trieste, February 8, 1844*  
*(Received March 8.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, of the 31st December last, marked Slave Trade, accompanied by two copies of the Act 6 & 7 Vict., cap. 98, to the instructions contained in which due attention will be paid. I am happy to be able to express my belief that the commerce of Trieste is free from all concern in the traffic which these regulations have been framed to repress.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) THOMAS S. SORELL.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c

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## P R U S S I A.

No. 34.

*Chevalier Bunsen to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Londres, Janvier 5, 1844.

(Received January 6.)

PAR sa note du 27 Novembre, son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c., a bien voulu exprimer au Soussigné, &c. &c., de quelle manière la question de savoir, si les bâtimens qui, en vertu du Traité conclu le 20 Décembre, 1841, entre la Prusse, la Grande Bretagne, l'Autriche, et la Russie, seront arrêtés par des croiseurs dûment autorisés comme suspects de trafic d'esclaves, devront être transportés à un port de la nation à qui ils appartiennent en vérité, ou bien s'il faudra les conduire à un port de la nation dont ils portent le pavillon quelle que soit leur nationalité véritable, est envisagée par la Grande Bretagne. Selon cette communication, le Gouvernement Britannique croit que les termes de l'Article X. du Traité décident de la question ci-dessus émise en faveur de la *première* alternative, de manière que ce ne serait que la *nationalité véritable*, et non pas le pavillon déployé par le bâtiment arrêté, qui devrait décider du port où ce dernier sera transporté.

Le Soussigné a reçu l'ordre d'avertir son Excellence que pour le moment le Gouvernement du Roi ne peut pas encore adopter cette interpretation donnée par le Gouvernement Britannique à l'Article précité du Traité, et qu'il croit devoir s'abstenir d'une discussion ultérieure de la question, jusqu'à ce qu'il ait appris de quelle manière elle est jugée par les Gouvernemens co-signataires du Traité de 1841.

Le Gouvernement Britannique, attribuant, selon la note du 27 Novembre, aux croiseurs respectifs le droit de soumettre les bâtimens arrêtés à une recherche de leur nationalité, le Soussigné s'empresse de communiquer ci-dessous à son Excellence les conditions dont les lois de Prusse font dépendre la preuve de la nationalité d'un bâtiment, et de la prier de faire munir les croiseurs Britanniques d'instructions analogues qui les puissent mettre à même de juger de la nationalité des navires Prussiens.

Pour reconnaître à un vaisseau la nationalité Prussienne, la législation Prussienne demande—

1°. Que le vaisseau en question soit propriété d'un sujet Prussien ;

2°. Qu'il soit muni des certificats Prussiens prescrits par la loi, et dont voici les plus essentiels :

*a.* Le certificat de construction, constatant le lieu où le bâtiment a été construit, et la manière de sa construction ; le nom du bâtiment et du propriétaire, le titre d'acquisition, et la preuve de la nationalité Prussienne de ce dernier ;

*b.* Le document de mesurage indiquant le tonnage du vaisseau ;

*c.* Le rôle d'équipage, contenant le nombre, les noms, et la nationalité des personnes qui se trouvent à bord :

Tout navire qui est porteur de ces documens, délivrés par une autorité Prussienne, doit être considéré comme bâtiment Prussien.

En portant, d'ordre de sa Cour, ces données à la connaissance de son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, le Soussigné saisit, &c.

(Signé)

BUNSEN.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 35.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, January 6, 1844.

(Received January 16.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the warrant with which his Excellency Baron Bulow has furnished me, authorizing Commander Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, Bart., of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 35.

"Helena," Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, Bart. (no station mentioned) January 6, 1844.

No. 36.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, January 24, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship for your information, copies of correspondence with the Prussian Minister at this Court, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Admiralty by one of the Under Secretaries of State for this Department, upon the subject of the interpretation to be given to the 10th Article of the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

For Enclosures in No. 36,

(See Enclosures in No. 3.)

No. 37.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, January 17, 1844.

(Received January 23.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 6th instant, instructing me to procure from the Prussian Government a warrant, to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," to act under the Treaty for the suppression of the Slave Trade, of December 20, 1841; and I have to state in reply, that I have already written to Baron Bulow, requesting him to send me the warrant which your Lordship requires, and which I will transmit to your Lordship immediately on its receipt.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 38.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, January 22, 1844.

(Received January 30.)

MY LORD,

THE enclosed is the warrant which Baron Bulow has transmitted to me, in compliance with the desire conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 6th instant, to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 38.

"Hyacinth," Com. Francis Scott (no station mentioned) January 19, 1844.

No. 39.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, February 7, 1844.

(Received February 14.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 24th ultimo.

I communicated to Baron Bulow my having received this last-named Despatch, together with its Enclosures, comprising the letter from Lord Canning to the Lords of the Admiralty. Baron Bulow felt that the tenor of that letter would entirely satisfy the object of Prussia, in as far as it would prevent any misconstruction as to what was a *bonâ fide* Prussian vessel; but that upon the construction of the Treaty as to whether a vessel should be carried for adjudication to the Courts of that nation whose flag it hoisted, or to those of the country to which, in the judgment of the *officer detaining it*, it really belonged, he must wait, before he came to any decision, for the answers of Russia and of Austria, to both of which it had been referred. The object affecting Prussia was this:—As the legislation now stood, if a British or American slave vessel hoisted a Prussian flag, and was consequently brought for adjudication before a Prussian Court, the Englishman or foreigner, whoever he might be, would declare his nationality, and escape all punishment, as not being amenable to Prussian law. If, therefore, the interpretation of the Treaty requires it, an addition must be made to the Prussian law, in order to enable it to meet this case.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 40.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, February 16, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship a copy of a note\* which I addressed to the Austrian, Prussian, and Russian Ministers at this Court on the 16th December last, transmitting to them, for communication to their Courts, copies of signals which the Admiralty proposed to be used exclusively by the cruisers invested with the right of search under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia.

\* See Class C. 1843, Nos. 10—17, and 30.

I have to desire that you will request the Prussian Government, in case they should not have any objection thereto, to cause their acquiescence in this proposal to be notified to Her Majesty's Government, as it is desirable that the signals should be furnished to the Commanders of cruizers without further delay

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

No. 41.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Berlin, February 18, 1844.*

(Received February 24.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st ultimo, I have the honour to enclose the warrant which I have received from Baron Bulow, on the part of the Prussian Government, to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 41.

"Satellite," Com. R. H. B. Rowley (no station mentioned) February 16, 1844.

No. 42.

*Chevalier Bunsen to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Mars 7, 1844.*

(Received March 8.)

SON Excellence, Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c., ayant fait part au Soussigné, &c. &c., par sa note du 16 Décembre, 1843, des signaux proposés pour l'usage de croiseurs des puissances signataires du Traité du 20 Décembre, 1841, concernant la suppression de la traite des noirs, le Soussigné n'a pas manqué d'accuser à son Excellence, sous la date du 18 Décembre, la réception de cette obligeante communication. Dans ses conversations particulières avec son Excellence, il a pu ajouter de vive voix, que le Gouvernement du Roi n'avait rien à objecter contre l'adoption de ces signaux et que l'usage en serait prescrit aux croiseurs que la Prusse pût être dans le cas de faire armer en vertu de la convention précitée.

Si le Soussigné n'a pas jugé nécessaire de réitérer cette assurance confidentielle et verbale par une réponse ultérieure et officielle à la note de son Excellence, il vient à présent de recevoir, par suite d'une question adressée au Cabinet du Roi par la Légation de Sa Majesté Britannique à Berlin, l'ordre d'ajouter cette déclaration formelle à ses communications antérieures, et de répéter à son Excellence que la Prusse ne voit aucune difficulté à agréer les signaux ci-dessus mentionnés, et qu'elle se réserve de sa propre part d'en faire usage le cas arrivant.

En s'acquittant de cet ordre de son Gouvernement, le Soussigné profite de l'occasion présente pour exprimer à son Excellence que le Gouvernement Prussien a aimé à prendre acte de la communication de la Legation Britannique à Berlin, selon laquelle les mesures nécessaires ont été prises pour que les croiseurs Anglais soient informés des principes, d'après lesquels la nationalité de vaisseaux est jugée par la législation Prussienne.

Le Soussigné, &c.

(Signé) BUNSEN.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 43.

*[The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, March 13, 1844.

(Received March 18.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith the warrants which I have received from his Excellency Baron Bulow, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels "Ardent," "Prometheus," "Growler," and "Gorgon," to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 43.

|              |                          |                 |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| "Ardent"     | Com. J. Russell (B.)     | March 10, 1844. |
| "Prometheus" | Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco | "               |
| "Growler"    | Com. C. H. M. Buckle     | "               |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. C. Hotham          | "               |

No stations mentioned in the above.

No. 44.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, March 14, 1844.

(Received March 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship herewith a copy of the answer which I have received from Baron Bulow, and which has no doubt been communicated some time ago to your Lordship by the Chevalier Bunsen, to the application I addressed to his Excellency in consequence of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 16th ultimo, upon the subject of the signals proposed by the Admiralty to be used by the cruizers invested with the right of search under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Enclosure in No. 44.

*Baron Bulow to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

Berlin, Février 27, 1844.

JE m'empresse de vous informer, en reponse à la lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'adresser en date du 21 du courant, que le Ministre du Roi à Londres a déjà été chargé, le 5 du mois passé, de déclarer à Lord Aberdeen, sur sa note du 16 Décembre dernier, " que le Gouvernement Prussien n'avait rien à objecter à l'introduction des signaux proposés par l'Amirauté Anglaise pour l'usage exclusif des croiseurs qui auront à exercer le droit de visite, conformément aux stipulations du Traité, conclu le 20 Décembre, 1841, entre la Prusse, la Grande Bretagne, l'Autriche, et la Russie, pour la répression de la traite des noirs ;" et que le Ministère du Roi se réservait, pour le cas où plus tard Sa Majesté armerait des croiseurs à en munir les commandants des instructions nécessaires à l'emploi à faire des signaux."

En vous faisant part aujourd'hui de cette déclaration, Monsieur le Comte, j'ai

l'honneur de vous prévenir, que Monsieur Bunsen vient d'être invité à nous faire connaître les raisons, qui l'ont empêché jusqu'ici à la faire de son coté.

Agrééz, &c.

Monsieur le Comte de Westmorland, G.C.B.  
&c.

(Signé)

BULOW.

No. 45.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, April 21, 1844.

(Received April 30.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith the warrant which I have received from his Excellency Baron Bulow, to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 45.

"Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane (no station mentioned) April 20, 1844.

No. 46.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Prussian Government under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Prussian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

Warrants returned in No. 46.

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|--------------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| "Prometheus" | Lieut. Pasco         | . . . | (station not mentioned) | . . . | March 10, 1844. |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. Hotham         | . . . | Brazil station          | . . . | Nov. 16, 1843.  |
| "Ardent"     | Com. Russell         | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Growler"    | Com. Buckle          | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Albatross"  | Com. Yorke           | . . . | N. Amer. and W. India.  | . . . | "               |
| "Wasp"       | Com. Bagot           | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Ringdove"   | Com. Sir W. Daniell  | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Volage"     | Capt. Sir W. Dickson | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Spy"        | Lieut. Wooldridge    | . . . | West Coast of Africa    | . . . | "               |
| "Frolic"     | Com. Willis          | . . . | Brazil station          | . . . | "               |
| "Daphne"     | Capt. Onslow         | . . . | "                       | . . . | "               |
| "Arrow"      | Lieut. Robinson      | . . . | Cape of Good Hope       | . . . | "               |

No. 47.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Berlin, May 22, 1844.  
(Received May 27.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th instant, and I have returned to Baron Bulow the warrants therein enclosed, delivered by the Prussian Government under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but no longer required for Her Majesty's ships for which they were issued.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 48.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Berlin, June 17, 1844.  
(Received June 24.)

MY LORD,

THE enclosed are the warrants for the Commanders of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," "Wasp," "Ringdove," and "Albatross," which I have received from Baron Bulow, in compliance with the application I addressed to his Excellency upon the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 22nd ultimo.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 48.

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|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| "Frolic"    | Com. C. B. Hamilton      | (no station mentioned) | June 11, 1844. |
| "Wasp"      | Com. Henry Bagot         | "                      | "              |
| "Ringdove"  | Com. Sir William Daniell | "                      | "              |
| "Albatross" | Com. Reginald Yorke      | "                      | "              |

No. 49.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.

I HAVE received your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 17th instant.

I herewith return to you the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Prussian Government on the 11th instant, to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act on the African station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Prussian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; and that you will, at the same time, request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp" in the room of Commander Bagot.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.



No. 50.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, July 8, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Prussian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Prussian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 50.

"Fair Rosamond" Lieut. Bulman N. Amer. & W. India station Nov. 16, 1843.  
 "Hornet" . . . Lieut. Miller . . . " . . . "

No. 51.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, June 29, 1844.

(Received July 8.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 15th and 17th instant, I have the honour of transmitting herewith the warrants which I have received from the Prussian Government to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet" and Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus" to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 51.

"Prometheus" . . . Com. Hay (no station mentioned) June 28, 1844.  
 "Cygnet" . . . Com. Layton . . . " . . . "

No. 52.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Berlin, July 7, 1844.

(Received July 16.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have returned to Baron Bulow the warrant he had delivered for Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," and requested His Excellency to be so good as to furnish me with a new warrant for Commander Sidney Ussher, appointed in his room to the command of that vessel.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 53.

*Sir George Hamilton to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Berlin, July 15, 1844.  
(Received July 22.)*

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, addressed to the Earl of Westmorland, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose the warrant which I have received from his Excellency Baron Bulow, on the part of the Prussian Government, to enable Commander S. H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) GEORGE B. HAMILTON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 53.

"Wasp," Com. Ussher (no station mentioned) July 11, 1844.

No. 54.

*Sir George Hamilton to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Berlin, July 15, 1844.  
(Received July 22.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 8th instant, addressed to the Earl of Westmorland, and I have returned to his Excellency Baron Bulow the warrants therein enclosed, delivered by the Prussian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but no longer required for Her Majesty's ships for which they were given.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) GEORGE B. HAMILTON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 55.

*Sir George Hamilton to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Berlin, August 14, 1844.  
(Received August 21.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade Circular, of the 6th instant, together with its Enclosures, two copies of the instructions recently issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade, one of which I have transmitted to Baron Bulow, and the other I have placed in the archives of Her Majesty's Mission at Berlin, according to your Lordship's directions.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) GEORGE B. HAMILTON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 56.

*Sir George Hamilton to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Berlin, September 24, 1844.  
(Received September 30.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the warrant with which his Excellency Baron Bulow has furnished me, authorizing Captain William Kelly,

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of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE B. HAMILTON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 56.

"Conway," Capt. W. Kelly, (no station mentioned) September 21, 1844.

No. 57.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen*

*Berlin, November 13, 1844.*

*(Received November 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the warrant with which his Excellency Baron Bulow has furnished me, authorizing Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 57.

"Eclair," Com. Estcourt (no station mentioned) November 12, 1844.

No. 58.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 28, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Prussian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Prussian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*

&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 58.

"Conway," Capt. Fair, Cape of Good Hope station, November 16, 1843.

No. 59.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Prussian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for

which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Prussian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

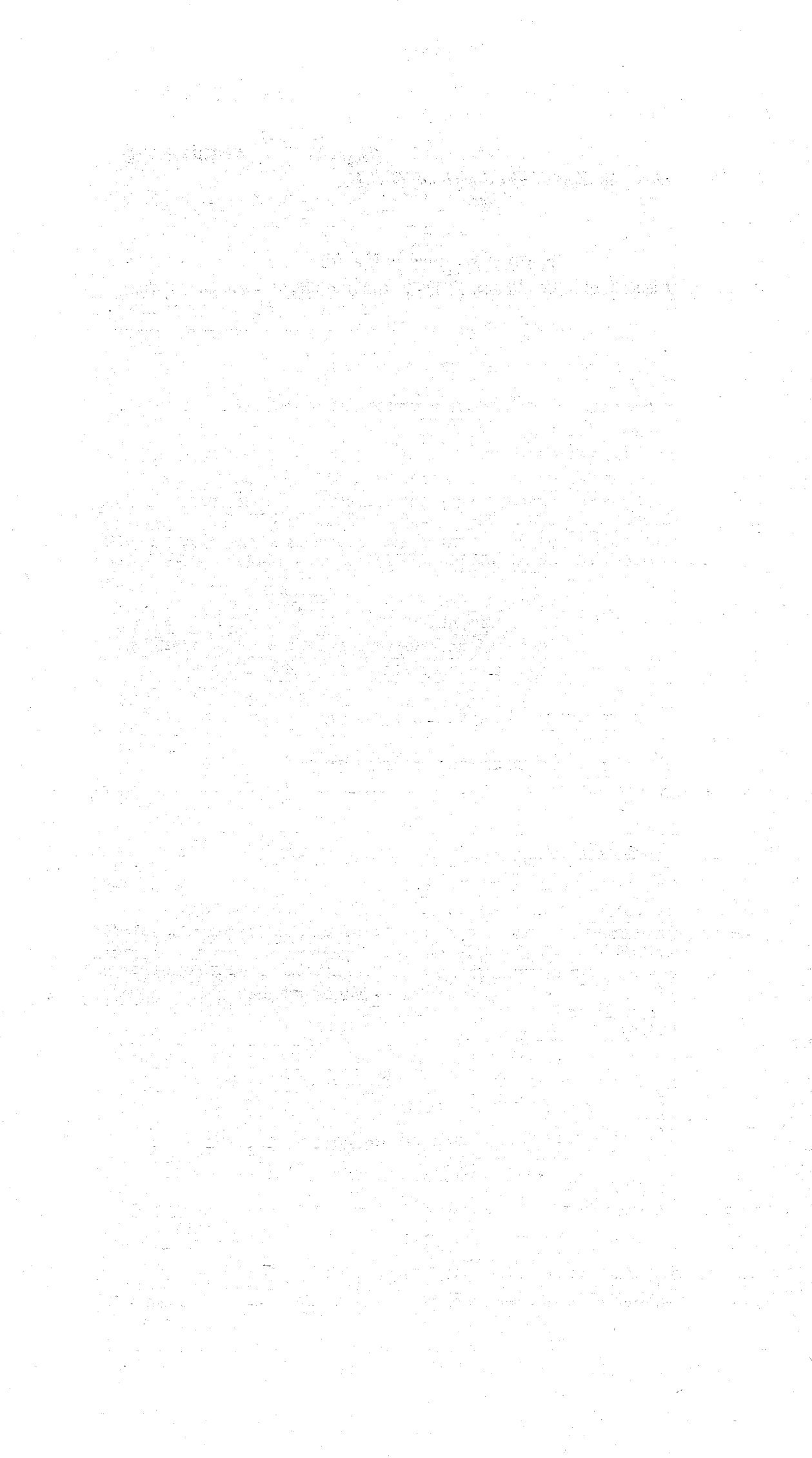
*The Right Hon. the Earl of Westmorland, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 59.

“Griffon,” Lieut. Jenkin, N. America and W. India station, November 16, 1843.

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RUSSIA.

No. 60.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Stuart de Rothesay.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

WITH reference to your Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of December 7th, respecting the duplicate warrant issued by the Russian Government to Her Majesty's ship "Illustrious," I herewith transmit to your Excellency the warrant in question; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Russian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

*The Right Hon. Lord Stuart de Rothesay,* (Signed) ABERDEEN.  
&c. &c.

No. 61.

*Lord Stuart de Rothesay to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*St. Petersburg, January 9, 1844.  
(Received January 23.)*

IN conformity with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 29th of December, I have obtained from the Russian Government a warrant to enable Commander Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, Bart., of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and I have the honour to transmit the same herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STUART DE ROTHESAY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, KT.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 61.

"Helena," Sir C. Ricketts, Bart. (no station mentioned) December 28, 1843.

No. 62.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Stuart de Rothesay.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 24, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency for your information, copies of correspondence with the Prussian Minister at this Court, and a copy of a letter addressed to the Admiralty by one of the Under Secretaries of State for this Department, upon the subject of the interpretation to be given to the 10th Article of the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

*The Right Hon. Lord Stuart de Rothesay,* (Signed) ABERDEEN.  
&c. &c.

Enclosures in No. 62.  
(See Enclosures in No. 3.)

No. 63.

*Lord Stuart de Rothesay to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, January 23, 1844.  
(Received February 6.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, to that of the 8th instant inclusive; and herewith transmit a warrant, which I have obtained from the Russian Government, to enable Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth" to act under the Treaty for suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) STUART DE ROTHESAY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 63.

"Hyacinth," Com. F. Scott (no station mentioned,) January 10, 1844.

No. 64.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Stuart de Rothesay.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, February 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency a copy of a note\* which I addressed to the Austrian, Prussian, and Russian Ministers at this Court, on the 16th of December last, transmitting to them, for communication to their Courts, copies of signals which the Admiralty propose to be used exclusively by the cruizers invested with the right of search, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia.

I have to desire, that you will request the Russian Government, in case they should not have any objection thereto, to cause their acquiescence in this proposal to be notified to Her Majesty's Government, as it is desirable that the signals should be furnished to the Commanders of cruizers without further delay.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Right Hon. Lord Stuart de Rothesay,* (Signed) ABERDEEN.  
&c.                                      &c.

\* See Class C. 1843, No. 30.

No. 65.

*Lord Stuart de Rothesay to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, February 20, 1844.  
(Received March 5.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, to that of the 31st of January inclusive, and herewith transmit a warrant, which has been issued by the Russian Government, to enable Commander R. H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," to act under the Treaty for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) STUART DE ROTHESAY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c.                                      &c.                                      &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 65.

"Satellite," Com. R. H. B. Rowley (no station mentioned) February 7, 1844.

No. 66.

*Lord Stuart de Rothesay to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, February 29, 1844.**(Received March 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 16th of February, enclosing the copy of a note which your Lordship had addressed to Baron Brunow, on the 16th of December last, transmitting to that Minister copies of signals which the Admiralty propose to be used exclusively by the cruisers invested with the right of search, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841.

I have enquired of Count Nesselrode if he had directed Baron Brunow to answer the above-mentioned note. His Excellency replied, that when the wishes of Her Majesty's Government on this subject were known, he had immediately communicated them to Prince Menschikoff, the Minister of Marine, and that the delay in answering was owing to the silence of the Naval Department, which he said arose probably from the impression that as there could be no objection to adopting the proposed flags no answer was required. His Excellency added, however, that there should be no further delay in forwarding an instruction on the subject to Baron Brunow, and he requested me in the meantime to assure your Lordship of the acquiescence of the Russian Government in our proposal.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) STUART DE ROTHESAY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 67.

*Lord Stuart de Rothesay to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, March 14, 1844.**(Received April 2.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 27th ultimo, and herewith transmit a warrant which has been delivered to me by Count Nesselrode, to enable Lieutenant W. M. J. G. Pasco, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

The warrants for Commander John Russell, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Ardent," Commander C. H. M. Buckle, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Growler," and Captain C. Hotham, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Gorgon," having been already forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatch of the 20th of October last, I have not made any application on the subject to the Russian Government.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) STUART DE ROTHESAY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 67.

*"Prometheus," Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco (no station mentioned) March 1, 1844.*

No. 68.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, April 20, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in this Despatch, issued by the Russian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for



which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Russian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. J. A. D. Bloomfield.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 68.

"Prometheus," Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco (no station mentioned) March 1, 1844.

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No. 69.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, April 15, 1844.*  
(Received April 30.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instruction contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th March, addressed to Lord Stuart de Rothesay, I have obtained from the Russian Government a warrant to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and transmit the same herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 69.

"Larne," Commander J. W. D. Brisbane (no station mentioned) April 3, 1844.

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No. 70.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Russian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued ; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Russian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. J. A. D. Bloomfield.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 70.

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| "Volage," | Capt. Sir W. Dickson, | October 8, 1843. |
| "Spy"     | Lieut. Wooldridge     | "                |
| "Frolic"  | Com. Willis           | "                |
| "Daphne"  | Capt. Onslow          | "                |
| "Arrow"   | Lieut. Robinson       | "                |

No stations mentioned in the above.

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No. 71.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, May 29, 1844.*  
(Received June 10.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 20th April and 11th instant ; and, in conformity with your

Lordship's instructions, I have returned the warrants therein enclosed to the Russian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 72.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, June 15, 1844.*

*(Received June 24.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 22nd May, I have obtained from the Russian Government a warrant to enable Commander C. B. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and transmit the same herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 72.

"Frolic," Com. C. B. Hamilton (no station mentioned) May 25, 1844.

No. 73.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, June 29, 1844.*

*(Received July 8.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, of the 15th and 17th instant, I applied to the Russian Government for warrants to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," and Commander John Hay, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and have the honour to transmit the same herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 73.

"Cygnet" . Com. Layton, June 16, 1844.

"Prometheus" Com. Hay . . .

No stations mentioned in the above.

No. 74.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Russian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for  
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which they were issued ; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Russian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. J. A. D. Bloomfield,*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 74.

“ Fair Rosamond,” Lieut. Bulman, October 8, 1843.

“ Hornet” . . . Lieut. Miller . . . ”

No stations mentioned in the above.

No. 75.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH return to you the warrant issued on the 8th of October, 1843, by the Russian Government, to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop “ Wasp,” to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade ; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Russian Government, in order that it may be cancelled ; and that you will, at the same time, request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the “ Wasp,” in the room of Commander Bagot.

*The Hon. J. A. D. Bloomfield,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 76.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, July 29, 1844.*  
(Received August 12.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 8th of July. In obedience to the instructions therein contained I have returned to the Russian Government the warrants which they had issued for Her Majesty's sloop “ Fair Rosamond,” Lieutenant Bulman, Her Majesty's sloop “ Hornet,” Lieutenant Miller, and Her Majesty's sloop “ Wasp,” lately commanded by Commander H. Bagot, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade ; and herewith forward to your Lordship a new warrant for Commander Ussher, appointed to the “ Wasp.”

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 76.

“ Wasp,” Com. Sidney H. Ussher (no station mentioned) July 18, 1844.

No. 77.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, August 24, 1844.*  
(Received September 29.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 6th instant, transmitting two copies of instructions which have been issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed

in the suppression of the Slave Trade; and, in obedience to your orders, I have delivered to Count Woronzow Daschkaw one copy of these instructions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 78.

*Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, September 21, 1844.*  
(Received September 30.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instruction contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 10th of September, I have obtained from the Russian Government a warrant to enable Captain Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and transmit the same herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 78.

"Conway," Capt. W. Kelly, Cape of Good Hope, September 20, 1844.

No. 79.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, November 12, 1844.*  
(Received November 24.)

MY LORD,

IN conformity with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch to Mr. Bloomfield, of the 26th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Imperial Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship, a Russian warrant, authorizing Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Convention of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 79.

"Eclair," Com. Estcourt (no station mentioned) October 30, 1844.

No. 80.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 28, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Russian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for

which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Russian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Andrew Buchanan, Esq.*  
 &c. &c.

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 80.

“Conway,” Capt. Fair (no station mentioned) October 8, 1843.

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No. 81.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Russian Government, under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Russian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Andrew Buchanan, Esq.*  
 &c. &c.

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 81.

“Griffon,” Lieut. Jenkin (no station mentioned) October 8, 1843.

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RUSSIA. (*Consular*)—*St. Petersburg.*

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No. 82.

*Sir E. Baynes to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*St. Petersburg, March 17, 1844.*

*(Received April 15.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 31st December last, marked Slave Trade, enclosing two copies of the Act 6 & 7 Vict., cap. 98, entitled, "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," with relative explanations and instructions, to which I shall give my best attention.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDWARD S. BAYNES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

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&c.

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RUSSIA. (*Consular*)—*Warsaw.*

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No. 83.

*Colonel du Plat to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Warsaw, February 14, 1844.*

*(Received February 26.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st December last.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GUSTAVUS DU PLAT,

*Her Majesty's Consul in Poland.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

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No. 84.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 6, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

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No. 85.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that your Excellency will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

Warrant returned in No. 85.

"Bonetta," Lieut. E. E. Gray, Africa station, March 19, 1842.

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No. 86.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844,*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. has the honour to acquaint his Excellency Count St. Aulaire, &c. &c. that it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to send forthwith Mr. Henry Cadogan Rothery to Cayenne, to conduct further proceedings in the case of the "Marabout" on the part of the captors of that vessel.

The Undersigned begs that his Excellency will communicate this intention to the Government of the King of the French, in order that it may be made known to the authorities at Cayenne, together with a request that every facility may be

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afforded to Mr. Rothery in the conduct of the case, and that no unnecessary delay may take place in the prosecution of the suit to its termination.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

No. 87,

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Janvier 8, 1844.*

*(Received January 9.)*

MY LORD,

J'AI reçu et transmis immédiatement à mon Gouvernement la note par laquelle votre Excellence veut bien m'annoncer l'envoi à Cayenne d'un agent Anglais chargé d'y suivre l'appel du jugement rendu par le tribunal de cette ville en faveur de l'armateur du "*Marabout.*" Votre Excellence m'ayant fait l'honneur de me dire que des jurisconsultes Français consultés sur ce point lui avaient donné l'assurance que l'appel pouvait encore être suivi utilement, il ne m'appartient d'élever à cet égard aucun doute: je me bornerai donc à vous rappeler, my Lord, ce que déjà plusieurs fois depuis l'origine de cette affaire j'ai eu l'honneur de vous répéter, savoir: que de certains délais sont fixés par notre législation pour la validité des appels à interjeter, et que ces délais sont de rigueur.

Veillez recevoir, &c.

(Signé) S<sup>TE</sup> AULAIRE.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

(See) No. 89.

No. 88.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Janvier 11, 1844.*

*(Received January 11.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint un mandat délivré par le Gouvernement Anglais en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, et qui a cessé d'être utile par suite du retour du bâtiment dont le Commandant en était porteur.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 88.

"*Malouine,*" Africa station, February 10, 1837.

No. 89.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Janvier 15, 1844.*

*(Received January 17.)*

MY LORD,

J'AI l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint une lettre pour M. le Gouverneur de la Guyane Française. Cette lettre est destinée à réclamer pour M. Rothery, au nom de mon Gouvernement, toutes les facilités nécessaires pour l'accomplissement de sa mission à Cayenne.

Veillez recevoir, &c.

(Signé) S<sup>TE</sup> AULAIRE.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 90.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that your Excellency will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 90.

"Wasp," Andrew Drew, N. America and W. India station, December 14, 1842.

No. 91.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Janvier 18, 1844.**(Received January 20.)*

CONFORMEMENT AUX dispositions de l'Article III. de la Convention signée à Paris, Novembre 30, 1831, pour la répression plus efficace de la traite des noirs, le Soussigné, &c. &c., a l'honneur d'annoncer à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c., que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français a l'intention d'affecter, dans le cours de l'année 1844, 45 bâtimens à l'exercice du droit de visite, dans les parages où ce droit est autorisé par l'Article I. de la dite Convention.

Le Soussigné aura l'honneur de communiquer ultérieurement à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen une liste nominative des bâtimens du Roi employés à ce service, avec l'indication exacte de leur répartition sur les quatre stations stipulées dans les Traités de 1831 et 1833.

Le Soussigné, &amp;c.

(Signé) S<sup>TE</sup> AULAIRE.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 92.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, January 22, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c., in compliance with 3rd Article of the Convention concluded on November 30, 1831, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, which prescribes that the number of vessels to be invested each year with the right of mutual search shall be fixed by special agreement, has the honour to acquaint his Excellency Count St. Aulaire, &c. &c., that Her Majesty's Government propose that during the current year 49 of Her Majesty's ships shall be employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade, under the above-named Convention, and that of March 22, 1833. The Undersigned will shortly have the honour to apprise Count St. Aulaire of the mode in which it is proposed to distribute this force amongst the different stations on the coasts of Africa and America.

The Undersigned, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

No. 93.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Janvier 25, 1844.  
(Received January 27.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer le mandat délivré par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, à M. Jacques Toussaint, Commandant du "*Styx*," le mandat ayant cessé d'être utile, par suite du changement de cet officier.

D'après les ordres de son Gouvernement, l'Ambassadeur de France a l'honneur de demander à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen un mandat qui autorise le nouveau Commandant du "*Styx*" (bâtiment à vapeur), M. Bianchi, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais, dans la station des Indes Occidentales.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c.      &c.      &c.

Warrant returned in No. 93.

"*Styx*," Lieut. Jacques Toussaint, West India station, July 29, 1843.

No. 94.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, January 27, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c, has had the honour to receive the note which his Excellency the Count St. Aulaire, &c. &c., addressed to him on the 18th instant, stating the number of cruizers which the Government of His Majesty the King of the French propose to employ during the current year, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

The Undersigned, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c.      &c.

No. 95.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Satellite*," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c.      &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 96.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, February 6, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 25th

ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant enabling Lieutenant Bianchi, the Commander of the French steam-vessel of war the "*Styx*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

No. 97.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, February 2, 1844.*  
(Received February 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship the accompanying warrant to enable Commander Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Helena*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 97.

"*Helena*," Sir C. Ricketts, Cape of Good Hope station, January 12, 1844.

No. 98.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, February 9, 1844.*  
(Received February 11.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Hyacinth*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 98.

"*Hyacinth*," Com. Francis Scott, N. Amer. and W. India station, Jan. 26, 1844.

No. 99.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, February 27, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue warrants, to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's steam-vessels therein also named, on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants requested in No. 99.

Com. John Russell (B), Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Ardent."  
 Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus."  
 Com. C. H. M. Buckle, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Growler."  
 Capt. C. Hotham, Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Gorgon."

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 100.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, February 27, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency a copy of a letter and of its Enclosures, from the Admiralty, stating that Slave Trade is carried on with impunity under the French flag, on that part of the west coast of Africa which lies to the southward of 10° south latitude.

It is much to be regretted that Commander Matson was not able to ascertain the name of the vessel under French colours which he describes as having left Benguela with a cargo of slaves in the month of March last. Nevertheless, in communicating these papers to M. Guizot, you will express the confidence of Her Majesty's Government that the Government of the King of the French will cause every possible enquiry to be made into the circumstance, as well as into the general abuse of the French flag, which Commander Matson reports to be prevalent on that part of the coast, and that the proper steps will be taken to prevent the continuance of such abuse.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 100.

*The Secretary to the Admiralty to Viscount Canning,*

MY LORD,

*Admiralty, February 14, 1844.*

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, copies of two letters, dated the 7th and 10th instant, from Commander H. J. Matson, relative to the Slave Trade carried on under the French flag on that part of the west coast of Africa situated to the southward of 10° south latitude.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BARROW.

*The Viscount Canning,*

&c.

&c.

Sub-Enclosure 1 in Enclosure in No. 100.

*Commander Matson to the Secretary to the Admiralty.*

SIR,

*25, Westbourne Place, February 7, 1844.*

I do not believe that Her Majesty's Government is aware that the Slave Trade has lately been carried on with comparative impunity under the French flag on that part of the west coast of Africa to the southward of 10° south latitude, the mutual right of search not being permitted to the southward of that parallel.

On or about the 30th March, 1843, a brig, under French colours, arrived at Benguela, and in 48 hours afterwards sailed with a cargo of more than 500 slaves. A boat belonging to Her Majesty's brig "Waterwitch" was then watching the port; but the officer in charge having received orders from me not to board a vessel under the French flag, unless he had received positive information that it was

fraudulently assumed, he did not attempt to interfere with her either on her arrival or departure.

I learned by subsequent enquiries that this brig came direct from Rio de Janeiro fully equipped for the Slave Trade, that she had regular French papers, and that her Master and several of her crew were Frenchmen.

There is no other part of the coast of Africa where the Slave Trade is more successfully carried on than to the southward of 10° south.

Not any French vessels of war visited that part of the coast during the four years that I was stationed there; nor could I learn that any one had done so since the Slave Trade was abolished.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. J. MATSON, *Commander.*

*The Secretary to the Admiralty,*  
&c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure 2 in Enclosure in No. 100.

*Commander Matson to the Secretary to the Admiralty.*

SIR,

25, *Westbourne Place, February 10, 1844.*

IN answer to your letter of yesterday's date, I beg leave to state, that I am not aware of the name of the brig that was reported to have taken slaves from Benguela in March last. The officer in charge of my boat (Mr. Burstall) reported that she entered the port under French colours, and had them flying during her stay there; a few days afterwards (3rd April, 1843) he captured a vessel coming out of Benguela with 390 slaves on board, whose Master informed him that the French brig had taken off more than 500.

This information was subsequently confirmed by a person at St. Paul de Loanda, who had been constantly in the habit of giving me information respecting slave vessels. I had not an opportunity of visiting Benguela after this or I should have made an official application to the authorities for the name, and other particulars, of the brig that entered the port on or about the 30th of March, 1843.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. J. MATSON, *Commander.*

*The Secretary to the Admiralty,*  
&c. &c.

No. 101.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, February 26, 1844.*

*(Received February 29.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant to enable Commander R. H. B. Bowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 101.

"Satellite," Com. R. H. B. Rowley, Brazil station, February 16, 1844.

No. 102.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, March 7, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. begs to refer his Excellency the Count de St. Aulaire, &c. &c., to the note which his Excellency addressed to the Undersigned on the 12th of December last, and to the note which, in acknowledgment thereof, the Undersigned addressed to his Excellency on the 22nd of the same month, respecting the complaint preferred by Pierre Sardon, a native of Guadaloupe, against the conduct of Captain Blount, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Pluto," at the mouth of the river Solima, in the month of March, 1842.



The Undersigned has now the honour to acquaint his Excellency, that Her Majesty's Government have received answers to the enquiries which they instituted into this case.

Unfortunately the death of Commander Blount has precluded them from obtaining from that officer an answer to the charges made against him; and it appears that only one of these officers who accompanied him on the occasion referred to is now alive. The enquiries instituted have, therefore, necessarily been confined to that one, and to the senior officer who directed Commander Blount to proceed on the service in question, and to whom Commander Blount had made his report upon the circumstances attending the performance of that service,

The statements made by Pierre Sardon appear to be, that Commander Blount proceeded to his factory and demanded 19 slaves, who were said to be confined there for exportation, and that not finding them, Commander Blount stated to the natives that he would give them the pillage of Pierre Sardon's magazine if they would deliver to him the slaves in question, the natives accordingly brought to him 13 slaves, of whom Pierre Sardon declares that he knew not where they were found, that they did not belong to him, and that he did not know them; and that he declared this upon his honour to Captain Blount. He adds, that Captain Blount did not believe his assurances, but took the slaves, and gave to the natives some spirituous liquors belonging to Pierre Sardon, thus setting them the example of pillage, and giving them that which was likely to excite them to it; and that accordingly, after the departure of Commander Blount the natives, under this excitement, destroyed his magazines, amounting in value to 45,000 piastres.

In confirmation of this statement, Pierre Sardon produces the signature or mark of persons whom he styles chiefs of the country; and Captain Baudin, commanding a French vessel of war on that station, has added to the statement a note, purporting that the persons whose names are subjoined to the statement as attesting the truth of it, and many other chiefs besides, had repeated verbally the same account to him.

The account of the senior officer who received Commander Blount's report of this service, and the statement of the officer who accompanied Captain Blount, is more full than that of Pierre Sardon, and varies in many particulars from it.

They state, that Commander Blount having been informed that Pierre Sardon, a person of colour, at the mouth of Gallinas river, had concealed on his premises 19 children intended for the Slave Trade, proceeded thither; they observed, that there was no French flag flying on the factory, and that Commander Blount was not made aware that Pierre Sardon was under French protection; they state, that his barracoon was ready for the reception of slaves, and that many slave-irons were in it ready for use; that Commander Blount demanded the slaves, and that the natives of the village found 13 of them actually on the premises of the said Pierre Sardon; these slaves are said to have been in an emaciated and starving condition, and one of them died shortly afterwards from exhaustion; Captain Blount ordered them to be fed and taken care of; the remaining six were not recovered, as they had been driven into the bush.

The officers add, that the natives complained much to Commander Blount of the conduct of Pierre Sardon, averring that he was exceedingly cruel to his slaves, and faithless in his dealings with the natives; but that Commander Blount explicitly replied to these representations that he could not interfere.

The statement of the officers agrees with that of Pierre Sardon in the fact, that the natives, exasperated against that person, set fire to his factories and consumed them. At the same time it will be observed, that all the accounts bear witness that the natives did not have recourse to this act of violence until after Commander Blount had left the place.

The presumption is, therefore, that the natives committed this act upon Pierre Sardon from hostile feelings of their own, rather than on the ground of any promise from Captain Blount that he would give the factories over to destruction.

With regard to the attestation of the persons said to be chiefs of the country, the senior officer states, that he knows every one of the chiefs on that part of the coast where Pierre Sardon had his factory, and that none of these persons are chiefs.

The Undersigned transmits to Count St. Aulaire the whole of the statements which have been forwarded to Her Majesty's Government regarding this affair, and he believes, that so far as the facts can be ascertained there is nothing in them

which gives to Pierre Sardon any claim for compensation from Her Majesty's Government, or any title to the consideration of that of France.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 102.

*Commander Hall to Sir John Barrow.*

SIR,

*Stoke, Devonport, January 6, 1844.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, with the Enclosures, containing a charge from Pierre Sardon, a petty trader and slave dealer at Sudima, a village on the river Pairley (Gallinas), made against Commander Blount, late in command of Her Majesty's ship "Pluto."

In reply thereto I have to acquaint you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that having directed Commander Blount, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Pluto," as stated in my letter of the 9th of April, 1842, to proceed with the boats under his command to the river Pairley (Gallinas), and to take and destroy the slave barracoons there, and to root out and destroy the Spanish piratical slave dealers settled on the banks of that river, on approaching them, a fire of round and grape, with musketry, was opened on the boats from an armed barracoon, mounting seven guns, but showing no flag, which was taken possession of, with two other barracoons, and which were subsequently destroyed.

Commander Blount reported to me, that two days after he had taken possession of the barracoons, in one of which he took up his quarters, that he was informed that a person named Pierre Sardon, related to and connected with the slave dealers, had 19 slave children concealed in his premises at Sudima, a village about two miles lower down the river, and that he (Commander Blount) demanded the 19 slaves, of which 13 were found by the natives of the village on the premises of the said Pierre Sardon, and were brought to him in an emaciated and starving condition; after liberating them, Commander Blount ordered them to be fed and taken care of, one of whom died shortly after from exhaustion; but the remaining six slave children were not recovered, as they had been driven into the bush to perish.

The natives had before this stated to Commander Blount, that this Pierre Sardon had domineered over them, charged them exorbitantly for his goods; and he had exhibited such bad and faithless conduct on all occasions towards them, that some time after Commander Blount had left Sudima for his quarters the natives became so much exasperated against Sardon from his former conduct to them that they set fire to his premises, which were destroyed.

I do not think that credence is to be given to the verbal statement of Pierre Sardon, that Commander Blount at all excited the natives to destroy his premises; and the names of the pretended chiefs by whom this unfounded report is attested are certainly not the real chiefs of that neighbourhood, all of whom I personally know; and I am well assured that these witnesses, on whom no reliance can be placed, are all slave dealers at the Gallinas, and where no other trade of any description is carried.

I have, &c.

*Sir John Barrow, Bart.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed)

CHAS. HALL,  
*Commander, R.N.*

Second Enclosure in No. 102.

*Lieutenant Marriott to Sir John Barrow.*

SIR,

*"St. Vincent," Portsmouth, January 24, 1844.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, directing me to give any information in my power relative to a complaint

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made by Mr. Pierre Sardon against the late Commander Blount, whilst in command of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Pluto," for having excited some African natives to destroy an establishment at Sudima belonging to the said Mr. Pierre Sardon; in answer to which I beg leave to state, that at the time referred to I was in the sick list, but volunteered to accompany Commander Blount in charge of the cutter belonging to Her Majesty's brig "Rolla;" and after taking possession, I returned on board the "Rolla," therefore have no knowledge of the arrangements made by Commander Blount.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE MARRIOTT,  
Lieutenant.

Sir John Barrow, Bart.  
&c. &c.

Third Enclosure in No. 102.

Mr. Burney to Sir John Barrow.

SIR,

Stonehouse, February 14, 1844.

IN reply to your letter of the 29th of January I have the honour to state, for my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty's information, that I was in command of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Pluto's" boats, in March 1842, while up the river Gallinas. I remember Commander Blount going to a place about two miles from the place we were staying, and getting 30 slave children from the factory which was kept by a creole named Pierre Sardon, who treated the natives with every cruelty, and robbed them of their slaves; so when Commander Blount landed, the people of the town made a complaint to him of the cruelty they received from this Pierre Sardon, to which he replied, he could not interfere with them; but when we took the slaves from the factory, the natives in the evening destroyed and set fire to his barracoons and storehouses. Commander Blount treated the natives with every kindness. Pierre Sardon practised great cruelty on his slaves. One of his practices was his marking the slave children with a red hot bowl of a tobacco pipe on the side. I have further to state, that we did not know he was under French protection, not having any colours flying; nor were there any in the river except the English colours. His barracoons were ready for the reception of slaves, and many slave-irons were in it ready for use. The assertions contained in Pierre Sardon's letter are totally unfounded.

The river Gallinas is well known on the coast of Africa as a noted place for slave dealers, and to the best of my knowledge no other trade is carried on but slave dealing at the place above-named.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. D. BURNEY,  
Late Acting-Master, R.N.

Sir John Barrow, Bart.  
&c. &c.

No. 103.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency for your information, copies of correspondence which has passed between Count St. Aulaire and myself, on the subject of the destruction of the factory belonging to Pierre Sardon, a native of Guadaloupe, at Sudima, on the west coast of Africa.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.  
His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.  
&c. &c.

Enclosures in No. 103.

1. Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen, December 12, 1843.
2. The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire, " 27, "  
(See Class C. 1843. Nos. 181 and 182.)
3. The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire, March 7, 1844.  
(See No. 102.)

No. 104.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Paris, March 22, 1844.

(Received March 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 15th instant.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 105.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Londres, Mars 26, 1844.

(Received March 29.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints, quatre mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais aux Commandants de la "*Baucis*," de la "*Turquoise*," de "*L'Euryale*," et de la "*Lionne*;" les mandats ayant cessé d'être utile par le retour de ces bâtimens.

L'Ambassadeur de France profite de cette occasion pour demander à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, la délivrance de six mandats autorisant les Commandants de "*L'Africaine*," frégate, Commandant M. Durand, Capitaine de Vaisseau; "*La Coquette*," corvette, Commandant M. Larrieu, Capitaine de Corvette; "*Le D'Assas*," brick, Commandant M. Depauis, Capitaine de Corvette, pour la station du Brésil; et des bâtimens à vapeur "*L'Erède*," commandé par M. l'Enseigne de vaisseau Castagné, pour la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique; et du bâtiment à vapeur le "*Crocodile*," commandé par M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Robin, la corvette le "*Berceau*," commandé par M. le Capitaine de vaisseau Romaine Desfossés, à exercer le visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais; ces deux derniers dans la station de Madagascar.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 105.

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| " <i>Baucis</i> "    | . Lieut. de V. B. de Penvelé, West India station, | Sept. 2, 1843.  |
| " <i>Turquoise</i> " | . Capt. de Legritz . . . . .                      | May 20, 1842.   |
| " <i>Euryale</i> "   | . Capt. Allegré . . . . .                         | Sept. 19, 1842. |
| " <i>Lionne</i> "    | . Lieut. de V. Protel. . Bourbon station          | May 4, 1843.    |

No. 106.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, March 30, 1844.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Larne*," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

N.B. A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 107.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, April 6, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 26th ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to him six warrants, enabling the Commanders of the French vessels of war named in the margin\* to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
 &c. &c.

\* "Afraine," "Coquette," "D'Assas," "Eribe," "Crocodile," "Berceau."

No. 108.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Avril 5, 1844.**(Received April 6.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints les mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à l'exécution de la Traité, à MM. les officiers commandant la "Comète" et "L'Alouette," dans les station du Mexique et de la côte d'Afrique; ces mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du changement des commandants de ces bâtiments.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
 &c. &c. &c.

## Warrants returned in No. 108.

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| "Comète" .   | Capt. W. de Wailly . | Mexico station .  | Sept. 19, 1842. |
| "Alouette" . | (no name) .          | Coast of Africa . | Sept. 25, 1841. |

No. 109.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Avril 19, 1844.**(Received April 20.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints les mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais aux Commandants de la "Blonde," la "Colombe," et "L'Héroïne"; ces mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces bâtimens.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
 &c. &c. &c.

## Warrants returned in No. 109.

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| "Blonde" .  | M. Barbot de la Trésorière, Bourbon & Madagas. st. | Feb. 1, 1843.                        |
| "Colombe" . | Capt. Cournet . . .                                | West India station . May 20, 1842.   |
| "Héroïne" . | M. Favin Lévêque . . .                             | Isle of Bourbon station, June 30, .. |

No. 110.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, April 19, 1844.  
(Received April 22.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant, to enable Commander John W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's brig "Larne," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 110.

"Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, W. Coast of Africa station, April 12, 1844.

No. 111.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, May 6, 1844.  
(Received May 8.)*

MY LORD,

A PETITION, addressed to the Chamber of Deputies in favour of the abolition of slavery in the French colonies gave rise to a discussion in that Assembly, in the course of which M. Guizot delivered his sentiments, which were to the following effect:—

That the Government recognised the principle that slavery should cease in the colonies, but that they were of opinion that it would be highly imprudent to abolish it at once by a vote. The Minister for Foreign Affairs announced that the Government proposed to arrive at the result gradually, and by measures calculated to prevent any injurious consequences to the colonies.

In these opinions the Chamber concurred, and approved of the mode of proceeding proposed by the Minister.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 112.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, May 6, 1844.  
(Received May 8.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying four warrants, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 112.

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| "Prometheus" | Lieut. Pasco     | . W. Coast of Africa, | April 26, 1844. |
| "Ardent"     | Com. J. Russell, | "                     | "               |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. Hotham     | "                     | "               |
| "Growler"    | Com. Buckle      | "                     | "               |

No. 113.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 113.

"Pantaloan," Lieut. Lapidge, N. America and W. India station, March 19, 1842.

No. 114.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the French Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 114.

"Ringdove," Com. Daniel, N. America and W. India station . July 2, 1842.

"Prometheus," Lieut. Pasco, West Coast of Africa station . . April 26, 1844.

No. 115.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Londres, Mai 21, 1844.

(Received May 22.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur, d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement, et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance de deux mandats qui autorisent les Commandants des bâtimens ci-après désignés à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais :—

"*L'Andromède*," frégate, commandé par M. le Capitaine de vaisseau Danthon, (station des Antilles et du Golfe du Mexique);

"*Le Voltigeur*," brick, commandé par M. le Capitaine de corvette Baudais, (station de Madagascar).

Ces deux bâtimens sont destinés à remplacer, dans les mêmes stations, la

frégate la "*Néréide*," et la gabarre la "*Sarcelle*." Les mandats de ces deux derniers bâtiments seront renvoyés dès qu'ils seront de retour en France.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 116.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander C. B. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Frolic*," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 117.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, May 28, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to the Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 21st instant, has the honour to transmit herewith to him warrants enabling the Commanders of the French vessels of war "*Andromède*" and "*Voltigeur*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

No. 118.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Hertford House, Mai 31, 1844.*  
(Received June 3.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur, d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement, et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance de quatre mandats qui autorisent les Commandants des bâtiments ci-dessous indiqués à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais :—

- 1°. "*L'Eridan*," bâtiment à vapeur, commandé par M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau d'Alteyrac. Station du Brésil (en remplacement du "*Courrier*," rappelé.)
- 2°. "*L'Aube*," corvette de charge, commandé par M. le Capitaine de corvette Masson (François Xavier.) Station des Antilles.



3°. Le "*La Pérouse*," brick, commandé par M. Dubreuil, Capitaine de corvette. Station des Antilles (en remplacement de la corvette la "*Brillante*," rappelé.)

4°. Le "*Hussard*," brick, commandé par M. le Capitaine de corvette Garnier (Hippolyte.) Station des Antilles (en remplacement du brick aviso le "*Papillon*," rappelé.)

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 119.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, June 11, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count St. Aulaire, and, in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 31st ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to him, warrants enabling the Commanders of the French vessels of war, "*L'Eridan*," "*L'Aube*," "*La Pérouse*," and "*Le Hussard*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

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No. 120.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnat*," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

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No. 121.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c., with reference to the note which he addressed, on the 22nd January, to Count St. Aulaire, &c. &c., notifying to his Excellency the number of ships of the Royal navy to be employed during the current year in the suppression of the Slave Trade, under the Conventions of November 30, 1831, and the 22nd March, 1833, has now the honour to transmit to his Excellency, for communication to the French Government, a list, giving the names, force, and other particulars of the ships in question.

The Undersigned has to acquaint Count St. Aulaire, that if any of the vessels therein named should cease to be employed on this service, the warrants supplied to them will be recalled to be cancelled, and other warrants will be applied for, for the vessels intended to replace them, if necessary.

The Undersigned has also the honour to transmit to the Count St. Aulaire a list of Her Majesty's ships supplied with French warrants, the number of which appears to be 49 : of these 49 five have been ordered home, and the warrants of eight others have been recalled ; but application has been made for five new warrants, and three of these have lately been received, and will be applied towards replacing those recalled. If the French Government are aware of any warrants not enumerated in the accompanying list, and remaining unaccounted for, the Lords of the Admiralty, on being apprized of the names of the vessels for which they were granted, will cause enquiry to be made for them.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

## First Enclosure in No. 121.

List of Her Majesty's ships to be employed for the suppression of Slave Trade during the year 1844, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, with France.

| Name of Ship. | Class.       | No. of Guns. | Name of Commanding Officer.      | Station.                      | Date of Despatch Transmitting French Warrant. | Remarks.                           |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Pique         | 5th rate     | 36           | Captain Hon. M. Stopford         | North America and West Indies | February 7, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Inconstant    | 5th rate     | 36           | " C. H. Freemantle               | "                             | October 27, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Eurydice      | 6th rate     | 26           | " George Elliot                  | "                             | December 23, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Spartan       | 6th rate     | 26           | Hon. C. G. J. B. Elliot          | "                             | April 4, 1842.                                |                                    |
| Electra       | Sloop        | 18           | Commander A. Darley              | "                             | April 4, 1842.                                | Warrant about to be forwarded.     |
| Hyacynth      | Ditto        | 16           | " Francis Scott                  | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Scylla        | Ditto        | 16           | " Robert Sharpe                  | "                             | August 8, 1842.                               |                                    |
| Rose          | Ditto        | 16           | " H. R. Sturt                    | "                             | September 1, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Griffon       | Brig         | 3            | Lieutenant Charles Jenkin        | "                             | February 7, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Pickle        | Schooner     | 3            | " J. A. Bainbridge               | "                             | April 11, 1843.                               |                                    |
| Hornet        | Ditto        | 6            | " R. B. Miller                   | "                             | September 28, 1842.                           |                                    |
| Hermes        | Steam-vessel | 4            | " Washington Carr.               | "                             | September 16, 1843.                           |                                    |
| Winchester    | 4th rate     | 50           | Captain Charles Eden             | Cape of Good Hope             | August 8, 1842.                               |                                    |
| Isis          | 5th rate     | 44           | " Sir John Marshall              | "                             | April 4, 1842.                                |                                    |
| Cleopatra     | 6th rate     | 26           | " Christopher Wywill             | "                             | August 8, 1842.                               |                                    |
| Conway        | 6th rate     | 26           | " Robert Fair                    | "                             | September 20, 1843.                           |                                    |
| Helena        | Sloop        | 16           | Commander Sir C. Ricketts, Bart. | "                             | February 29, 1844.                            |                                    |
| Bittern       | Ditto        | 16           | " Edmund Peel                    | "                             | September 2, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Sappho        | Ditto        | 16           | " Geo. N. Broke                  | "                             | September 1, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Thunderbolt.  | Steam-vessel | 6            | Captain Sir T. S. Pasley, Bart.  | "                             | April 29, 1843.                               | Warrant applied for May 4, 1844.   |
| Caracoa       | 6th rate     | 24           | Commander C. B. Hamilton         | Brazil                        | September 1, 1843.                            | Warrant applied for July 26, 1843. |
| Frolic        | Sloop        | 16           | "                                | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Racer         | Ditto        | 16           | "                                | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Satellite     | Ditto        | 16           | " Archibald Reed                 | "                             | March 28, 1844.                               |                                    |
| Dolphin       | Ditto        | 16           | " R. H. B. Rowley                | "                             | October 27, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Viper         | Brigantine   | 3            | Lieutenant W. O. B. Hoaré        | "                             | April 4, 1842.                                |                                    |
| Penelope      | Brig         | 6            | " James Carter                   | Coast of Africa               | January 20, 1844.                             |                                    |
| Gorgon        | Steam-vessel | 22           | Captain W. Jones                 | "                             | May 17, 1844.                                 | Warrant will be applied for.       |
| Cyclops       | Ditto        | 6            | " Charles Hotham                 | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Hydra         | Ditto        | 8            | " W. F. Lapidge                  | "                             | October 18, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Growler       | Ditto        | 4            | Commander C. H. M. Buckle        | "                             | May 17, 1844.                                 |                                    |
| Ardent        | Ditto        | 5            | " John Russell (B)               | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Hecate        | Ditto        | 4            | " James P. Bower                 | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Sromboli      | Ditto        | 5            | " Hon. Edward Plunkett           | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Prometheus    | Ditto        | 6            | " John Hay                       | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Flamer        | Ditto        | 3            | Lieutenant Charles J. Postle     | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Albert        | Ditto        | 2            | " Daniel Woodruffe               | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Albatross     | Sloop        | 16           | Commander Reginald Yorke         | "                             | September 1, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Ringdove      | Ditto        | 16           | " Sir William Daniell            | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Wasp          | Ditto        | 16           | " Henry Bagot                    | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Ferret        | Ditto        | 6            | " Josiah Oake                    | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Espoir        | Ditto        | 8            | " Arthur Morrell                 | "                             | April 4, 1842.                                |                                    |
| Alert         | Ditto        | 8            | " C. J. Bosanquet.               | "                             | September 1, 1843.                            |                                    |
| Star          | Ditto        | 8            | " R. J. W. Dunlop                | "                             | September 20, 1843.                           |                                    |
| Sealark       | Ditto        | 8            | " Thomas S. Gooch                | "                             | December 6, 1843.                             |                                    |
| Larne         | Ditto        | 16           | " J. W. D. Brisbane              | "                             | December 11, 1843.                            | Warrant about to be forwarded      |
| Rapid         | Brig         | 8            | Lieutenant E. C. Earle           | "                             | "   |                                    |
| Name unknown  | Sloop        | 8            | "                                | "                             | January 12, 1843.                             | Warrant will be applied for.       |
| Cygnets       | Ditto        | 6            | Commander Henry Layton           | "                             | "   | Warrant will be applied for.       |

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## Second Enclosure in No. 121.

LIST of Her Majesty's ships supplied with warrants under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

| Ships' Name.            | Station.                    | Remarks.   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Pique . . . . .         | N. America and West Indies. |  |
| Inconstant . . . . .    | "                           |  |
| Eurydice . . . . .      | "                           |  |
| Spartan . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Electra . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Scylla . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Rose . . . . .          | "                           |  |
| Griffon . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Pickle . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Hornet . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Hermes . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Hyacinth . . . . .      | "                           |  |
| Albatross . . . . .     | "                           | } Warrants recalled, having been<br>} ordered to Coast of Africa.<br>Ordered home. |
| Wasp . . . . .          | "                           |  |
| Fair Rosamond . . . . . | "                           |  |
| Penelope . . . . .      | Coast of Africa.            |  |
| Ferret . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Espoir . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Alert . . . . .         | "                           |  |
| Star . . . . .          | "                           |  |
| Sealark . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Larne . . . . .         | "                           |  |
| Rapid . . . . .         | "                           |  |
| Hydra . . . . .         | "                           |  |
| Albert . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Spy . . . . .           | "                           | Ordered home.  |
| Madagascar . . . . .    | "                           | Ordered home.  |
| Alfred . . . . .        | Brazil.                     | Will be recalled.  |
| Curacoa . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Dolphin . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Viper . . . . .         | "                           |  |
| Spider . . . . .        | "                           | Will be recalled.  |
| Satellite . . . . .     | "                           |  |
| Gorgon . . . . .        | "                           | } Warrants recalled, having been<br>} ordered to the Coast of Africa.              |
| Growler . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Ardent . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Daphne . . . . .        | "                           | Warrant recalled, ordered to Pacific.  |
| Frolic . . . . .        | "                           | Ditto. Com. officer changed.   |
| Pearl . . . . .         | "                           | Ordered home.  |
| Winchester . . . . .    | Cape of Good Hope.          |  |
| Isis . . . . .          | "                           |  |
| Cleopatra . . . . .     | "                           |  |
| Conway . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Bittern . . . . .       | "                           |  |
| Sappho . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Thunderbolt . . . . .   | "                           |  |
| Helena . . . . .        | "                           |  |
| Arrow . . . . .         | "                           | Ordered home.  |
| Fawn . . . . .          | "                           | } Warrant recalled, vessel put out of<br>} commission.                             |

N.B.—Total, 49 warrants; of which, from the above, it will be perceived, that 13 are now useless, namely, those for the "Albatross," "Wasp," "Fair Rosamond," "Spy," "Madagascar," "Gorgon," "Growler," "Ardent," "Daphne," "Frolic," "Pearl," "Arrow," and "Fawn," and the said 13 warrants will be returned to the Foreign Office, for transmission to the French Government, to be cancelled.

## Third Enclosure in No. 121.

LIST of Her Majesty's ships for which warrants, under the Treaties of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade, have been applied, to replace others recalled, but which have not yet been supplied.

*Admiralty, May 16, 1844.*

| Ships' Name.      | Station.        | Date of application to Foreign Office for Warrant. |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Racer . . . . .   | Brazil.         | July 26, 1843.                                     |
| Gorgon . . . . .  | Coast of Africa | February 14, 1844.                                 |
| Growler . . . . . | "               | February 14, 1844.                                 |
| Ardent . . . . .  | "               | February 14, 1844.                                 |
| Frolic . . . . .  | Brazil.         | May 4, 1844.                                       |

N.B.—May 21. The warrants for "Gorgon," "Growler," and "Ardent," have now been received.

No. 122.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue warrants to enable Commander Reginald Yorke, of Her Majesty's sloop "Albatross," 16, Commander Sir William Daniell, of Her Majesty's sloop "Ringdove," 16, and Commander Sidney H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," 16, to act on the Coast of Africa, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

No. 123.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, June 17, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander John Hay, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d' Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 124.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Paris, June 14, 1844.**(Received June 17.)*

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant issued by the French Government, to enable Commander Charles H. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," to act under the Conventions between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 124.

"Frolic," Com. C. H. Hamilton, Brazil station, June 7, 1844

No. 125.

*M. Desages to Count St. Aulaire.**London, June 17, 1844.*

COUNT St. Aulaire communicates the following instruction from M. Desages :—

Monsieur le Comte,

*Paris, Mai 28, 1844.*

J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre, conformément au vœu qui m'en a été exprimé par M. le Ministre de la Marine, 1°. L'extrait d'un rapport de mer, adressé le 26 Mars, 1844, à l'Administration Maritime de Marseille, par M. Pallier, Capitaine du navire le "*Picard*," de St. Malo, au retour d'un voyage fait à Bourbon et à Madagascar en 1842 et 1843; 2°. Les interrogatoires subis à Marseille par les hommes de l'équipage du "*Picard*" au sujet des faits énoncés dans ce rapport. Il résulte de ces pièces, qu'à la côte orientale de Madagascar quelques navires Anglais emploieraient non seulement la ruse, mais même la force pour se procurer des noirs, soit libres soit esclaves, pour les transporter à Maurice; et que ces actes auraient été poussés si loin, que le Gouvernement Ova, dans le but d'y mettre un terme, aurait interdit à tous les Malgaches, libres ou esclaves, de mettre le pied dans une embarcation, et à tout Capitaine de navire étranger de coucher plus de quatre nuits à bord.\*

Ces faits, s'ils sont exacts, offrent de la gravité, surtout après l'affaire du navire le "*Samson*," dont le Capitaine et le Subrécargue subirent en 9<sup>bre</sup> 1843, des interrogatoires au sujet de 125 noirs Mozambiques et autres que ce bâtiment avait pris à Anjouan. Vous voudrez bien, en conséquence, communiquer ces pièces à Lord Aberdeen, et m'en faire le renvoi dès qu'ils auront cessé de vous être utiles.

Agrérez, &amp;c.

Pour le Ministre, et par autorisation,

(Signé)

E. DESAGES,

*Le Conseiller d'Etat, Directeur.**Monsieur le Comte de St. Aulaire,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Enclosure in No. 125.

*Extrait d'un Rapport de Mer, adressé, le 26 Mars, 1844, à l'Administration Maritime de Marseille, par M. Pallier, Capitaine du navire le "Picard," de St. Malo, au retour d'un voyage fait à Bourbon et à Madagascar en 1842 et 1843.*

JE suis parti le 15 Août, 1843, de Bourbon, pour me rendre à Mahéla (côte est de Madagascar), où j'ai débarqué une partie de ma cargaison. Le 26 je suis parti pour me rendre à Tamatave (où je suis arrivé le 28), pour y débarquer le reste de mon chargement, et y prendre une cargaison de bœufs.

Jusqu'au 11 Septembre, je n'ai éprouvé aucune entrave dans mes opérations; mais ce jour les officiers Ovas empêchèrent les naturels d'embarquer dans les embarcations, et un ordre du Commandant engagea tous les étrangers à se rendre, le 12, à 8 heures du matin, chez le grand juge Philibert, pour être informés des nouvelles lois de la Reine.

Par cette loi, il était défendu à tous Malgaches, libres ou esclaves, de mettre le pied dans une embarcation: cette loi défendait, en outre, à tous les étrangers nouvellement arrivés de rester plus de quatre jours dans le pays, et à tous Capitaines de navires de coucher plus de quatre nuits à terre; après ces quatre jours expirés, les Capitaines et passagers devraient se rendre tous les soirs, au coucher du soleil, à bord des navires, et ne descendre le lendemain qu'au lever du soleil pour faire leurs affaires.

La Reine a fait dire qu'elle était forcée d'en venir à cette extrémité pour mettre un frein à l'audace des Anglais, qui, malgré les défenses sévères, ne craignaient pas d'enlever clandestinement, non seulement les sujets libres, mais encore les esclaves de ses sujets, et ceux des étrangers qui habitent Madagascar.

Il est positivement certain que la traite des noirs s'est fait, et se fait encore journellement de Madagascar à Maurice par bâtiments Anglais.

\* Query—"à terre."

Les Capitaines étant à Madagascar pour y traiter des bœufs ou autres marchandises, débauchent autant de Malgaches qu'ils peuvent en trouver, et vont même jusqu'à enlever les esclaves des personnes qui les reçoivent chez elles, en violant les droits de propriété.

Tous ces faits se sont passés sous mes yeux. Etant arrivés à Maurice, ils font une déclaration à la police du nombre d'hommes y introduits ; le Gouvernement s'assure de l'exactitude de cette déclaration, et accorde une prime de 20 à 30 piastres par tête, sans s'inquiéter si ces hommes sont libres ou esclaves, et s'ils sont expédiés légalement ou non. L'introducteur, après avoir reçu la prime, les vend pour un temps limité à celui qui lui en donne un plus haut prix.

Toutes ces raisons ont été cause que j'ai éprouvé de grandes entraves dans mes opérations ; car le Gouvernement Ovas ne fait aucune distinction entre Français et Anglais, tous les étrangers y étant reçus également, et traités de la même manière.

(Signé) PALLIER.

*Examination of the Crew of the "Picard."*

*Marine Royale, Port de Marseille,  
Cejourd'hui, Mars 30, 1844.*

Nous, d'Heureux, Commissaire de l'Inscription Maritime à Marseille, ayant reçu du Sieur Pallier, Capitaine du trois mâts de St. Malo le "*Picard*," un rapport de mer sur les circonstances de sa navigation et de son séjour à Bourbon et à Madagascar, lequel rapport contenait divers renseignements sur la nature des engagements contractés entre les Malgaches et les Capitaines de navires Anglais, avons mandé auprès de nous l'équipage du dit navire le "*Picard*," auquel nous avons fait subir l'interrogatoire suivant, pour arriver à la connaissance aussi parfaite que possible des faits avancés par le Capitaine Pallier.

Interrogatoire du Sieur Nelet (Louis Marie), inscrit à St. Malo, fo. No. 292, 1,165, embarqué sur le rôle en qualité de Second Capitaine.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que la Reine de Madagascar ait interdit à tout Malgache de mettre le pied dans une embarcation ?

*R.* Oui, Monsieur.

*D.* A quel motif attribuez-vous cette mesure ?

*R.* C'est, m'a-t-on dit, à la crainte de les voir enlever par les Anglais.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que les Capitaines Anglais tâchent d'entraîner les Malgaches par ruse ou par subornation ?

*R.* C'est le bruit public qui court à Madagascar.

*D.* Savez-vous s'il est vrai que le Gouvernement de Maurice accorde une prime pour chaque Malgache amené à Maurice par bâtiments Anglais ?

*R.* Cela m'a été dit par des hommes qui font eux-mêmes ce trafic.

En foi de quoi le susnommé a signé avec nous la présente déclaration.

(Signé) D'HEUREUX.  
L. NELET.

Interrogatoire du N<sup>e</sup> du Buisson (L. Alfred Théod.), inscrit à St. Malo, fo. 1,331, No. 194, matelot à bord.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que la Reine de Madagascar ait interdit à tout Malgache de mettre le pied dans une embarcation ?

*R.* Oui, Monsieur.

*D.* A quel motif attribuez-vous cette mesure ?

*R.* A la crainte de les voir enlever par les Anglais.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que les Capitaines Anglais tâchent d'entraîner les Malgaches par ruse ou par subornation ?

*R.* C'est le bruit public à Madagascar.

*D.* Savez-vous s'il est vrai que le Gouvernement de Maurice accorde une prime pour chaque Malgache amené à Maurice par bâtiments Anglais ?

*R.* Oui, Monsieur, cela m'a été dit.

En foi de quoi le susnommé a signé avec nous la présente déclaration.

(Signé) D'HEUREUX.  
L. DU BUISSON.

Interrogatoire du N<sup>e</sup> Merdrignac (Louis), inscrit à St. Malo, fo. 2,370, No. 198, Lieutenant à bord.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que la Reine de Madagascar ait interdit à tout Malgache de mettre le pied dans une embarcation ?

*R.* Oui, Monsieur.

*D.* A quel motif attribuez-vous cette mesure ?

*R.* A la crainte de les voir enlever par les Anglais.

*D.* Est-il à votre connaissance que les Capitaines Anglais tâchent d'entraîner les Malgaches par ruse ou par subornation ?

*R.* C'est le bruit public à Madagascar.

*D.* Savez-vous s'il est vrai que le Gouvernement de Maurice accorde une prime pour chaque Malgache amené dans cette colonie par navire Anglais ?

*R.* Cela m'a été dit par des hommes qui font eux-mêmes ce trafic ?

En foi de quoi, le susnommé a signé avec nous la présente déclaration.

(Signé)

D'HEUREUX.

L. MERDRIGNAC.

Interrogatoire des N<sup>es</sup>,

|   |                |                          |                |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Louet, J <sup>h</sup> Lucien . . .                            | St. Malo . . . | Fo. 280, No. 1,118 . . . | Matelot à bord |
| Laurent, Max. Servan . . .                                    | N. T. . .      | .. ..                    | Cuisinier ..   |
| Halna, F <sup>ois</sup> Senior . . .                          | St. Malo . . . | 2,428, . . . 313 . . .   | Matelot ..     |
| Lessilleur, J <sup>ques</sup> Julien . . .                    | .. ..          | 735, . . . 950 . . .     | .. ..          |
| Giraud, Ed. Charles . . .                                     | .. ..          | 1,152, . . . 627 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Gilbert, J <sup>h</sup> J <sup>me</sup> . . .                 | .. ..          | 1,239, . . . 976 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Gallié, J <sup>h</sup> M <sup>ie</sup> F <sup>ois</sup> . . . | .. ..          | 1,242, . . . 848 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Lefour, M. M <sup>rie</sup> M. . .                            | .. ..          | 746, . . . 1,156 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Brancher, A <sup>te</sup> G. J. . .                           | .. ..          | 1,403, . . . 1,036 . . . | Novice ..      |
| Piquet, F <sup>o</sup> J. M. . .                              | .. ..          | 732, . . . 1,101 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Coudelon, Alph <sup>re</sup> . . .                            | .. ..          | 1,331, . . . 195 . . .   | .. ..          |
| Lordonné, J <sup>ques</sup> . . .                             | .. ..          | 739, . . . 965 . . .     | Matelot ..     |

Les mêmes questions que ci-dessus ayant été adressées aux 12 hommes sus-nommés, ils y ont répondu dans les mêmes termes que les précédents, et ont signé avec nous la présente déclaration pour en confirmer la vérité.

(Signé)

LOUET. COUDELON. PIQUET.  
BRANCHER AUGUSTE.

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Les nommés HALNA, LESSILLEUR, GIRAUD, GILBERT, LEFOUR,  
et LERDONNE, ne sachant signer, ont fait leur croix.

Le Commissaire d'Inscription Maritime,

(Signé)

D'HEUREUX.

*Testimony of M. Lecomte.*

*Marine Royale, Port de Marseille,  
Cejourd'hui, Mars 29, 1844.*

Nous, d'Heureux, Commissaire de l'Inscription Maritime, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, ayant reçu du Sieur Pallier, Capitaine du brig de St. Malo le "*Picard*," un rapport de mer sur les circonstances de sa navigation et de son séjour à Bourbon et à Madagascar, lequel rapport contenait divers renseignements sur la nature des engagements contractés entre les Malgaches et les Capitaines de navires Anglais, avons mandé auprès de nous l'équipage du navire le "*Picard*," auquel nous avons donné connaissance des faits mentionnés dans le rapport de leur Capitaine en ce qui touche l'*engagement* des Malgaches, les marins, au nombre de 14, ont répondu que les renseignements contenus dans cette pièce sont de la plus grande exactitude, autant qu'ils ont pu l'apprécier par les déclarations qu'ils avaient reçues à Madagascar, des hommes du pays et des marins eux-mêmes qui faisaient ce trafic.



Ayant appris qu'il se trouvait également à bord en qualité de passager M. Lecomte (Hippolyte), qui réside depuis 15 années à Madagascar, nous lui avons communiqué également le rapport du Capitaine Pallier, dont il a confirmé en tous points le contenu. Quant au fait particulier de l'*indemnité* accordée à Maurice pour chaque nègre importé dans cette colonie, le dit Sieur Lecomte a déclaré qu'il était parfaitement à sa connaissance. Il a fait la même déclaration au sujet des nègres enlevés de Madagascar par force ou par subornation, et il a ajouté qu'un nègre lui appartenant, avait été enlevé de cette manière par un Capitaine Anglais.

En foi de quoi, nous avons dressé le présent procès-verbal que le dit Sieur Lecomte a bien voulu signer avec nous.

(Signé)

D'HEUREUX.  
H. LECOMTE.

No. 126.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the French Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 126.

"Arrow" Lieut. Robinson Cape of Good Hope and Madagas. station Dec. 30, 1842.  
"Pearl" Com. Stopford. Brazil station . . . . . April 28, 1843.

No. 127.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 137.

"Daphne," Capt. Onslow, Brazil station, Oct. 15, 1842.

No. 128.

*Count de Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Juillet 12, 1844.*  
(Received July 13.)

MILORD,

JE suis chargé par mon Gouvernement de transmettre à votre Excellence en copie le procès-verbal ci-joint dressé le 21 Août dernier, à bord du bâtiment

de commerce Français la "*Fanny*," Capitaine Ytier, et duement affirmé devant le Commissaire de la Marine à Marseille, conformément à l'Article IX. de la Convention du 22 Mars, 1833.

Il résulte de cette pièce, Milord, qu'à la date précitée le droit de visite aurait été exercé sur ce bâtiment par le croiseur de Sa Majesté Britannique "*Frolic*," avec des circonstances qui, si les plaintes du Capitaine Ytier étaient fondées, constitueraient des abus réels aux yeux de mon Gouvernement.

Ces abus consisteraient—1°. En ce que la "*Fanny*" aurait été semoncée, dès l'abord, par un coup de canon dont le boulet aurait passé fort près de ce navire; 2°. En ce que sans nécessité aucune, le navire aurait été fouillé et desarrimé d'une manière vexatoire, et qu'un certain nombre de colis et de barils auraient été ouverts et défoncés.

En soumettant, Milord, à l'appréciation de votre Excellence ces faits tels qu'ils ressortent de la pièce à-dessus désignée, j'ai reçu l'ordre de lui demander de provoquer à ce sujet une enquête, et si les plaintes du Commandant Ytier sont fondées, de réclamer du Gouvernement Anglais des mesures énergiques pour que le droit de visite ne s'exerce point avec des circonstances pareilles.

Je dois ajouter que malgré la correspondance déjà échangée sur ce point, le Gouvernement du Roi persiste à considérer comme irrégulière et contraire aux usages du droit des gens la semonce à *boulet*, lors qu'elle n'est précédée d'aucun avertissement préalable.

Je serais heureux, Milord, de pouvoir prochainement informer mon Gouvernement de la suite que votre Excellence aura cru devoir donner à cette réclamation.

J'ai, &c.  
(Signé) JARNAC.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,  
&c. &c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 128.

*Protest of the Officers of the French Barque "Fanny."*

L'AN 1843 et le 21 du mois l'Août étant par 23° 14' de latitude sud, et par 45° 10' longitude ouest; nous soussignés déclarons, que ce matin à sept heures étant presque en calme en vue de plusieurs navires, avons entendu la détonation d'un coup de canon en même temps le sifflement d'un boulet qui nous a passé fort près de l'avant à nous, ayant reconnu qu'il avait été tiré par un brick Anglais sorti la veille de Rio de Janeiro peu après nous, lequel se trouvait en ce moment à demi portée de canon de notre hanche de babord, nous fîmes de suite hisser notre pavillon et mettre en panne. Deux embarcations qu'il mit à la mer se dirigèrent vers nous; à sept heures quinze minutes, l'officier qui était dans l'une d'elles est monté à bord; il était muni d'une autorisation du Gouvernement Français (datée du mois de Janvier de cette année) qui donnait pouvoir au Commandant du sloop ou brick de Sa Majesté Britannique "*Frolic*" de visiter les navires de commerce de notre nation, qui se trouveraient dans les limites stipulées par les Traités ou Conventions de 1831 et 1833; il avait aussi l'autorisation ou ordre de son Commandant; après avoir reconnu la régularité des papiers du navire, il a demandé à visiter la cale; ne pouvant le lui refuser, il fit de suite ouvrir les écoutilles par les équipages des deux embarcations, lesquels furent bientôt aidés de celui d'une troisième; il fit monter sur le pont toutes les marchandises qui le gênaient pour voir le fond de cale, faisant défoncer caisses et barils, comme bon lui semblait, promettant de remettre le tout dans le même état, chose impossible puisqu'ils n'avaient apporté ni outils ni clous.

A neuf heures la brise s'est établie à O.S.O. bon frais, le brick étant en ce moment très près de nous, le Commandant donna ordre à l'officier qui était à bord de nous faire mettre en panne, et ce ne fut qu'à onze heures quarante-cinq minutes, qu'ayant terminé tant bien que mal de reclouer et d'arrimer les marchandises qu'ils avaient désarrimées et dérangées qu'il nous fut permis de continuer notre route, après nous avoir fait perdre trois heures d'un très bon vent pour nous éloigner d'une côte toujours très dangereuse dans cette saison: sur notre demande, l'officier nous donna le certificat d'usage en pareil cas.

CLASS C.

En foi de quoi avons dressé le présent pour servir au besoin à ce que de droit.

Fait à bord le jour, mois, et an que dessus.

(Signé)

T. YTIER, *Capitaine.*

L. BAUDE, *Second.*

A. YTIER, *Lieutenant.*

*Marseille, Février 28, 1844.*

Monsieur T. d'Heureux, Commissaire de l'Inscription Maritime, avons procédé envers les nommés T. Ytier, L. Baude, et A. Ytier à un interrogatoire d'où il est résulté la confirmation des faits relatés ci-dessus ainsi que la sincérité de leur signature.

(Signé)

D'HEUREUX.

(Pour copie conforme.)

(Signé)

JARNAC.

No. 129.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, July 15, 1844.*

*(Received July 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying five warrants to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships the "Albatross," "Ringdove," "Wasp," "Cygnet," and the "Prometheus," to act under the Convention between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

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Warrants enclosed in No. 129.

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| "Albatross". | Com. Yorke .   | West Coast of Africa, | July 6, 1844. |
| "Ringdove".  | Com. Daniell . | "                     | "             |
| "Wasp"       | Com. Ussher .  | "                     | "             |
| "Cygnet"     | Com. Layton .  | "                     | "             |
| "Prometheus" | Com. Hay .     | "                     | "             |

No. 130.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Juillet 19, 1844.*

*(Received July 20.)*

LE Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Londres présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint le mandat délivré\* par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, à M. Lepeltin Commandant la goëlette la "Biche," dans la station des Indes Occidentales, ce mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment.

\* On the 1st of February, 1843.

No. 131.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and

1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the French Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 131.

“Madagascar” Capt. Foote . Coast of Africa, December 15, 1841.  
“Growler” . Com. Buckle Brazil . . . July 2, 1842.

No. 132.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.*

*Foreign Office, July 31, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. referred to the Colonial Department of Her Majesty's Government the Despatch addressed on the 28th May last, by the French Government to His Excellency the Count St. Aulaire, &c. &c. and communicated by his Excellency to the Undersigned on the 17th ultimo, in which it is alleged that British subjects are in the habit of kidnapping natives from the east coast of Madagascar and carrying them to the Mauritius, and that the importers receive from the Government of Mauritius a premium of from 20 to 30 piastres per head on the natives so imported, and then sell them for a limited period to the highest bidder.

The Undersigned has now the honour to inform Count Jarnac, &c. &c. that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies has replied to the Undersigned that, with the exception of the communication above-mentioned, he has never received, either from the Governor of Mauritius, or from any other party, any intimation of the existence of such an abuse, and that he cannot therefore but hope that the charge may eventually appear to have been exaggerated or unfounded; but that he will lose no time in directing the Governor of the Mauritius immediately to institute the most searching enquiry into the alleged transaction, and, in the event of its being shown that the allegations are well founded, to take the most effectual means for arresting such proceedings in future, and for punishing the parties who have been guilty of them.

The Undersigned has only to assure the Count de Jarnac in addition, that Her Majesty's Government will be most happy to receive any further assistance which it may be in the power of the French Government to afford towards the elucidation of a charge so deeply affecting the character of Her Majesty's subjects in the Mauritius.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Count de Jarnac,*  
&c. &c.

No. 133.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

MY LORD,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 133.

"Spy," Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge, West Coast of Africa station, July 29, 1843.

No. 134.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Londres, Juillet 31, 1844.

(Received August 5.)

MILORD,

JE suis chargé de porter à la connaissance de votre Excellence l'extrait que j'ai l'honneur de lui envoyer ci-joint d'un rapport de M. le Gouverneur du Sénégal à M. le Ministre de la Marine.

Il résulte de cette pièce, Milord, que tandis que la meilleure intelligence ne cesse de régner dans ces parages entre les officiers des Marines Royales respectives, le Capitaine d'un bâtiment de commerce Anglais, dans le but de nuire aux établissemens de la France dans le Golfe de Guinée, a cru devoir s'opposer aux efforts faits par le Commandant Bouet pour amener la suppression des barracons d'esclaves par un des Princes du pays.

J'ai tout lieu d'espérer, Milord, qu'informée de ces faits, votre Excellence pourra faire prendre, par les autorités compétentes, quelques mesures dans le but de prévenir autant que possible de la part des Commandans de la marine marchande Anglaise des menées aussi contraires à l'esprit qui anime nos deux Gouvernemens, et aussi préjudiciables à l'œuvre de civilisation qu'ils poursuivent de concert.

J'ai, &amp;c.

(Signé) JARNAC.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

Enclosure in No. 134.

*Report of the Governor of Senegal to Baron Mackau.*

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

St. Louis, Mai 23, 1844.

DEPUIS quelque temps les officiers de la marine Anglaise ont exercé le droit délicat qui leur est confié à la côte d'Afrique avec toutes les convenances imaginables, et ils ont évité avec une réserve qui fait honneur, soit à leur tact, soit à celui de leur Gouvernement, de s'immiscer en rien dans les prises de possession de nos comptoirs à la côte d'Afrique, mais il n'en est pas ainsi des Capitaines, ou plutôt des Maîtres ou Contre-maîtres, qui commandent les bâtimens de commerce Anglais. Votre Excellence a déjà été instruite qu'à la Côte d'Or, le Maître de "L'African Queen" avait multiplié des tentatives pour y faire échouer nos établissemens. Dans le *Select Committee* il s'est vanté de ses efforts, qui n'ont abouti à aucun résultat comme d'un succès réel.

Au Gabon, c'est "L'Englishman," dont le Master s'est efforcé de soulever l'esprit des populations contre notre occupation, et cela en quelque sorte sous mes yeux, avec une audace singulière. Sa conduite exige donc que j'entre dans quelques détails qui dévoileront à votre Excellence les intrigues dont le dépit de ce marchand lui a donné l'idée.

Ce fut le 28 Mars, c'est à dire la veille de mon arrivée au Gabon, que le Commandant Darricau, et le Capitaine de commerce Amouroux, conclurent un Traité avec le Roi de Glass, pour le ranger sous la souveraineté de la France. Après avoir jeté l'ancre moi-même devant le fort d'Aumale, je fus étonné d'apprendre que le Maître de "L'Englishman," furieux de voir s'accomplir ce dernier acte de la nationalité Française dans le Gabon, travaillait à soulever l'esprit des courtiers contre le Traité signé volontairement par le Roi et les Princes. On s' imagine qu'un des moyens les plus puissants, à l'aide desquels il y parvint, fut de leur assurer qu'incessamment la France allait monopoliser tout le Gabon, et s'en approprier toutes les ressources commerciales. Une espèce d'émeute des sujets contre leurs chefs en fut la conséquence.

Je m'empressai donc à écrire à MM. Darricau et Amouroux, pour leur demander le procès-verbal de la conclusion du Traité du 28 Mars. Il résulte de ce procès-verbal, dont copie est ci-jointe, que nos négociations avaient été conduites au contraire avec une franchise et une loyauté qui me rassurent sur la réalité de nos droits. Je jugeai donc peu nécessaire d'employer la rigueur envers quelques brouillons qu'un maître Anglais avait égarés, et laissai au temps le soin de les calmer.

Mais là ne s'arrêtèrent pas les menées de ce Contre-maître, il retint prisonnier à son bord un noir d'un village bâti sous la volée du fort Français, et m'en fit même prévenir sans doute pour irriter ma susceptibilité. Sans vouloir lui répondre en personne, je lui fit écrire par le Capitaine Darricau, la lettre ci-jointe, sous le No. 2. Il répondit par la mise en liberté de l'homme détenu violemment. Procès-verbal de la détention fut dressé par le chef du comptoir, et j'en envoie une copie ci-jointe à votre Excellence.

Je supposais que là se borneraient au moins les intrigues de ce maître ; il n'en fut rien ; profitant d'une visite que le Roi Denis fit chez le Roi de Glass, il peignit au premier notre occupation sous les plus terribles couleurs, et lui annonça qu'incessamment nous irions porter le fer et la flamme dans les barracons d'esclaves, que ce chef permit encore aux Espagnols de posséder près de son village, qu'il apprendrait ainsi ce qu'il en coutait pour concéder la souveraineté de son territoire à la France.

Ces derniers propos furent, en définitive, ce qu'il y eût de plus grave dans la conduite de ce maître, et votre Excellence va s'en convaincre facilement. Depuis mon arrivée au Gabon, j'avais fait pressentir au Roi Denis que désormais les barracons d'esclaves devraient être proscrits de ses villages ; que sans doute je reconnaissais combien ce trafic criminel donnait de profit aux courtiers de son peuple, mais qu'il était trop éclairé pour rester attaché des derniers à un commerce aussi coupable ; que son abolition, dût-elle coûter des sacrifices à ses sujets, il devrait la provoquer, et les y amener peu à peu. Je fus même jusqu'à renouer des négociations que les croiseurs Anglais avaient tenté vainement de mener à terme avec ce chef, et lui fit briller en récompense la promesse d'une rente annuelle, comme l'Angleterre en accorde aux Rois de Bonnie, de Calebar.

La brutale assertion du Maître Anglais vint tout déranger. Il me fut impossible à partir de ce moment de me faire entendre au Roi Denis, et même de le voir. Epouvanté pour lui et les siens, il parle de s'en fuir dans les bois. Tel est le récit exact des faits.

Votre Excellence décidera s'il y lieu d'en faire l'objet d'une communication à M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, non pour signaler le nom obscur d'un Maître à l'attention du Gouvernement Anglais, mais, peut-être, votre Excellence penserait-elle qu'il est du devoir des Gouvernemens de Sierra Leone et de Cap Coast de faire savoir aux Capitaines des bâtimens de commerce Anglais, qu'ils ne sont pas que je sache des agens politiques choisis par l'Angleterre ; que leurs intrigues ont plus de portée que leur ignorance ne leur fait apercevoir, et qu'en définitive ces menées peuvent amener des conflits regrettables entre eux et les croiseurs Français, qui ne seraient pas capables de la longanimité dont j'ai fait preuve dans ces diverses circonstances.

Je suis, &c.  
(Signé) BOUET.

No. 135.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Août 7, 1844.  
(Received August 8.)*

LE Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Londres présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint les mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais à MM. les Commandants de "L'Aréthuse," la "Gloire," et la "Tactique," exerçant le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais dans la station du Brésil ; ces mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces bâtimens.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants returned in No. 135.

"*Aréthuse*" . (no Commander mentioned) . Brazil station . February 5, 1842.  
 "*Gloire*" . " . " . March 12, 1841.  
 "*Tactique*" . " . " . "

## No. 136.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

Paris, August 9, 1844.  
 (Received August 11.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade Circular, of the 6th instant.\*

I have, &c.  
 (Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
 &c. &c. &c.

\* *Vide* Circular, forming No. 29 of Class B.

## No. 137.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

Paris, August 9, 1844.  
 (Received August 11.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose the answer of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the note which, conformably to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 27th February, marked Slave Trade, I addressed to him on the subject of the Slave Trade being carried on under the French flag on that part of the west coast of Africa situated to the southward of 10° of south latitude.

I have, &c.  
 (Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
 &c. &c. &c.

## Enclosure in No. 137.

*M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.*

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, Août 3, 1844.

J'AI reçu la lettre que votre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'adresser, le 6 Mars dernier, et par laquelle elle me signalait que la traite des noirs se faisait avec impunité, sous pavillon Français, dans la partie de la côte occidentale d'Afrique, située au-delà du 10° de latitude sud, le droit de visite réciproque n'étant pas permis au-dessous de ce point.

Monsieur le Ministre de la Marine, auquel je me suis empressé d'écrire à cet égard, me répond que jusqu'à présent les bâtiments de la station Française des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, ont rarement dépassé l'équateur, et n'ont jamais poussé leurs croisières jusqu'au 10° de latitude sud, attendu qu'ils ne peuvent prendre que pour deux mois et demi ou trois mois de vivres, et que, comme Gorée est le seul lieu de ravitaillement, une fois rendus au Gabon, ou sur tout autre point du Golfe de Guinée, ils sont obligés de faire route presque immédiatement pour revenir au chef-lieu de la station.

Du reste, cet état de choses cessera bientôt par suite du nouveau point de départ et de ravitaillement que nos bâtiments de guerre doivent trouver au Gabon, quand cet établissement sera plus avancé.

Alors le Gouvernement du Roi pourra faire visiter avec suite, dans l'intérêt de la répression de la traite, les parages étendus qui appellent, sous ce rapport, la présence de notre marine.

En attendant, Monsieur le Ministre de la Marine, m'annonce qu'il enverra

incessamment sur la partie des côtes ou ne s'étend pas notre croisière, un bâtiment qui sera spécialement chargé de vérifier la nature des opérations auxquelles notre pavillon marchand y est employé.

J'ai, &c.  
(Signé) GUIZOT.

Son Excellence Lord Cowley,  
&c. &c.

No. 138.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.*

*Foreign Office, August 15, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. has had the honour to receive the note of Count de Jarnac, &c. &c. of the 12th ultimo, enclosing a statement from the Master of the French barque "*Fanny*," of the manner in which, on the 21st of August last, his vessel was searched by an officer of Her Majesty's brig "*Frolic*," off the coast of Brazil.

The Master complains 1st, that the shot fired to bring him to passed very close to the vessel; and 2ndly, that the vessel was examined without any necessity, and in a vexatious manner, and that a number of barrels and casks were opened and broken.

Count de Jarnac therefore asks that an enquiry may be made into these complaints, and that strong measures may be taken by Her Majesty's Government to prevent the right of search from being exercised in the manner above described.

In reply, the Undersigned has the honour to inform Count Jarnac, that in November last Her Majesty's Government received from the Captain of the "*Frolic*" a report of his having caused the "*Fanny*" to be searched, a copy of which the Undersigned herewith encloses to Count Jarnac. As, however, Captain Willis was not aware that the Master of the "*Fanny*" had any complaint to make of the manner in which the search had been conducted, his report does not throw any light upon the charges now brought against the officers of the "*Frolic*;" although it will be evident to Count Jarnac, that the instructions given by Captain Willis to the Lieutenant whom he sent to examine the "*Fanny*" were conceived in the most friendly and conciliatory spirit.

The Undersigned, therefore, will move the Lords of the Admiralty to require from the boarding officer a full statement of all that passed during the search, in order that Her Majesty's Government may be able to judge of the justice of the complaints preferred by the Master of the "*Fanny*;" after which the Undersigned will have the honour of communicating again with Count Jarnac upon the subject.

With respect, however, to the assertion of the Master of the "*Fanny*," that the search was unnecessary, the Undersigned believes that it will be sufficient to state, that the suspicious nature of the cargo which the "*Fanny*" had taken in at Rio de Janeiro had attracted the attention of the British officers of the Mixed Commission before that vessel left the port.

The enclosed Despatch from Her Majesty's Commissioners will show Count Jarnac that this was the case.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Count de Jarnac,  
&c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 138.

*Commander Willis to Captain Sir T. Pasley.*

SIR,

"*Frolic*," Rio de Janeiro, August 24, 1843.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that I followed the barque "*Fanny*," under French colours, some leagues out to sea, on the evening of the 20th instant, having previously received information of her having a cargo on board intended for the supply of vessels engaged in the Slave Trade.



At daylight on the morning of the 21st the barque "*Fanny*" was about a mile to windward of the "*Frolic*," whose ensign and pendant I directed to be hoisted; but as the barque took no notice of this, and the wind being light and a heavy swell, it might have taken many hours to pass within hail, I ordered, about half-an-hour afterwards, a shot to be fired well a-head of her, which was done, and, lowering a gig, I sent a Lieutenant in her towards the barque, who then hove to. Wishing (should my suspicions not be well founded) not to detain the French barque longer than the duty I was charged with rendered *absolutely* necessary, I ordered the Lieutenant, on reaching the French vessel, to desire the Master to make sail on his course; we ran thus together until about half-past 10, A.M., during the search; and many articles of her cargo, particularly the large quantity of farinha and corn, and quantity of spare plank, left little doubt on my mind as to the true object of her voyage to *Benguela* and *Loanda*; but as these articles appeared in her manifest I did not detain her.

The Lieutenant and other officers and men selected for the duty of visiting and searching the French barque were strictly charged by me to show the Master my *authority*, to give the requisite certificate, &c.; also to treat the Master and others on board the French barque (whatever *their* conduct may be) with civility and consideration, the more on account of the two vessels being of two *different* but friendly nations. All these orders were strictly obeyed, notwithstanding the impatient threats of the Master of the "*Fanny*" that he would complain to his Minister, &c., and which very properly my officers did not condescend to notice.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. H. WILLIS, *Commander*.

*Captain Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart.*

&c.

&c.

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Second Enclosure in No. 138.

*The Rio de Janeiro Commissioners to the Earl of Aberdeen, Sept. 2, 1843.*

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No. 139.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Août 20, 1844.*

(Received August 21.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Londres présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint le mandat délivré\* par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, à M. Farre, Commandant de la "*Légère*," dans la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, le mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

\* On the 29th November, 1842.

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No. 140.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Août 22, 1844.*

(Received August 22.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Londres presente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint le mandat délivré\* par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, à M. Mequet, Commandant la "*Fine*," dans la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, ce mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

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Warrant returned in No. 140.

“*Fine*,” Lieut. de W. Mequet, West Coast of Africa station, Sept. 22, 1843.

\* On the 22nd September, 1843.

No. 141.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.*

*Foreign Office, August 27, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. begs to refer the Count de Jarnac &c. &c. to a note addressed to his Excellency the Count de St. Aulaire on the 23rd of June, 1843, in reply to a communication from his Excellency of the 2nd of the same month respecting the proceedings of the Commander of Her Majesty's ship “*Bonetta*” towards the French merchant vessel the “*Luiz d'Albuquerque* ;” and the Undersigned has the honour to transmit to the Count de Jarnac, for communication to his Government, a copy of the sentence of a Court Martial, by which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have thought it right that those proceedings should be investigated. As the conduct of Lieutenant Gray has now been judged by the highest tribunal to which an officer is subject, the Undersigned does not feel called upon to add to that judgment any observations of his own, further than to assure the Count de Jarnac, that in the event of any infraction by a British officer of the Treaties between Great Britain and France, or any abuse of the rights established by those Treaties, Her Majesty's Government will always be ready to take such measures as, according to the circumstances of the case, they may deem most proper and effectual, both to secure an impartial investigation, and, if necessary, to mark the displeasure of Her Majesty's Government at any irregularity which may have been committed.

The Undersigned, &c.

Count de Jarnac,  
&c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 141.

*Sentence of Court Martial on Lieutenant Gray.*

At a Court Martial, held on board Her Majesty's ship “*St. Vincent*,” in Plymouth Sound, on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1844, and by adjournment on the 1st day of August following :

Present—Sir David Milne, G.C.B., Admiral of the White, and First Officer in the command of Her Majesty's ships and vessels at Plymouth, President ; Sir Samuel Pym, K.C.B., Rear-Admiral of the Red ; Captain Richard Freeman Rowley ; Commander Samuel Wriford ; Commander William Fanshawe Glanville ; George Eastlake, Officiating Judge Advocate :

The Court, pursuant to an order from the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated the 20th day of July, 1844, directed to the President, having been duly sworn, proceeded to the trial of Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray, late commanding Her Majesty's brigantine “*Bonetta*,” on the following charges, namely :—

1st. For disobedience of orders (on the 4th day of July, 1842), in causing the French vessel “*Luiz d'Albuquerque*” to be detained and searched, she having at the time displayed her proper colours indicating the nation to which she belonged, and no sufficient cause having existed for suspecting such colours to be false, and the said Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray not possessing the necessary French warrant to authorize his searching and detaining French vessels.

2nd. For neglect of duty in not stopping the search, and ordering the searching party to return immediately to the “*Bonetta*,” on ascertaining the said vessel to be really a French vessel, as indicated by her colours.

3rd. For neglect of duty as Commanding Officer throughout the said transaction, evinced by his permitting a case of wine and other articles to be received into the “*Bonetta*,” from the said French vessel, without having ascertained that due payment had been made for the same ; by not having taken due precaution to prevent the general want of discipline reported to have been shown by the officers and crew

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of the "Bonetta" who had been sent on board the said French vessel; and by not punishing a man belonging to the "Bonetta" who had been detected in taking away cigars from the said French vessel.

And having heard the evidence in support of the charges, as well as what the prisoner has offered in his defence, and very maturely and deliberately weighed and considered the same, the Court is of opinion that the first charge has been proved against the prisoner Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray; that the second charge has not been proved; and that the third charge has been in part proved against the prisoner Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray; and the Court doth in consequence adjudge the said Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray to be severely reprimanded, and admonished to be more careful in giving his orders in future.

And the said Lieutenant Edward Evans Gray is hereby reprimanded and admonished accordingly.

(Signed)

DAVID MILNE.

S. PYM.

S. WRIFORD.

R. F. ROWLEY.

W. F. GLANVILLE.

G. EASTLAKE.

*Officiating Judge Advocate.*

No. 142.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.*

*Foreign Office, September 3, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c. has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note which the Count de Jarnac, &c. &c. addressed to him, on the 31st of July last, enclosing a copy of a report from the Governor of Senegal to the French Minister of Marine, concerning certain transactions which had recently occurred in the river Gaboon, and complaining of the conduct of the Masters of some English merchant vessels, as having endeavoured in various ways to injure the French establishments in the Gulf of Guinea, and having at last gone so far as to oppose the efforts which Captain Bouet was making to induce one of the native chiefs to abandon the Slave Trade. In reply, the Undersigned begs to inform Count de Jarnac, that the only information which has reached Her Majesty's Government respecting this matter, is contained in the enclosed printed copy of a memorial addressed to Her Majesty by the chiefs and inhabitants of King Glass's Town, on the river Gaboon, the original of which was received a few days ago.

According to this document, it would appear that persons representing themselves as acting for the French Government, have recently endeavoured to obtain from the above-mentioned community permission to extend French jurisdiction over their land, but that this has been unequivocally refused. That, under these circumstances, a M. Amouroux, Master of a French merchant vessel, obtained the signatures of four persons, one of them the head chief of that people, to a paper which none of the four could read, and which was represented to them as merely a private letter, expressing feelings of friendship alone, but which after they had signed it turned out to be a cession of territory.

It appears that the chief was deceived by Amouroux, and that, if he had not been deceived, he and the other individuals whose names are attached to the paper, had no authority to transfer the territory to the jurisdiction of the French; that other individuals, whose presence and sanction to such a deed was necessary to make it valid, were not present, and did not give it their sanction; that those persons, and that the chief himself, together with the remaining three persons who had signed the document, protested formally against the validity of it, and against the imposition by which it was obtained; and that every man of importance in the community formally appeals against its worth.

The Undersigned requests that the Count de Jarnac will communicate this paper to the French Government, and will add, that without more authentic information it is not for the Undersigned to say what degree of credit is to be attached to this representation; but the Count de Jarnac will perceive, that the memorial is signed by King Glass himself, the chief of the community; and the Undersigned, agreeing as he does, with what appears from the Enclosure in Count de Jarnac's note to be

the opinions of M. Bouet, that there is great inconvenience in the Masters of merchant vessels assuming to themselves the functions of political agents, cannot forbear observing, that the share which M. Amouroux is reported to have had in the transaction is a strong confirmation of that opinion. The Undersigned is far from supposing that any negotiations with the natives of Africa which the French Government may think proper to entrust to its naval or colonial officers on that coast, will not be conducted with scrupulous good faith towards the natives, and with a due regard to the interests of the legitimate trade which they carry on with Europeans. But it would be a great satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government to be assured, that the negotiations which have passed with the natives of the Gaboon, a people long connected with Great Britain by friendly commercial intercourse, have been conducted throughout by officers of trust and responsibility, and that no unauthorized or interested agents have interfered to mislead or coerce them. The Undersigned has no difficulty in assuring the Count de Jarnac, that Her Majesty's Government on their part will do all in their power to discourage and prevent any such interference by British subjects, as is complained of in Captain Bouet's report; and especially, that any act, by whomsoever committed, which shall in the smallest degree tend to retard the abolition of the Slave Trade upon any part of the coast, will receive the severe condemnation of Her Majesty's Government.

The Undersigned, &c.

Count de Jarnac,  
&c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

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Enclosure in No. 142.

*Memorial of the African Chiefs, &c. to Her Majesty.*

*King Glass's Town, Gaboon River, West Africa,  
April 4, 1844.*

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, the Undersigned, a humble community of native Africans, residing on the Gaboon river, and generally known as "King Glass's People," in a time of great perplexity and distress humbly address your Majesty, and earnestly enreat your interposition.

For the last six or eight months we have been importuned repeatedly and most earnestly by different representatives of the French Government to allow them to extend their jurisdiction over our territory. To these importunate solicitations we have always returned *prompt, unequivocal, and respectful refusals*. We well knew that we were a small, and in some respects a defenceless people, still our liberties were dear to us. It was a boon that had come down to us from our forefathers, and it was but natural that we should wish to transmit it unimpaired to our posterity.

Whilst we steadily declined their proposals, we gave them the most satisfactory assurance that our country should always be open to their commerce, and that their vessels should always trade here on terms of *perfect equality* with those of all other nations. What more could a humble people like ourselves offer?

But the French were not satisfied with this; they insisted that the authority of Louis Philippe should be acknowledged, and that the French flag should be hoisted above that of all other nations in our towns and villages.

Finally, on the night of the 27th ult., they succeeded in obtaining a paper, on which they now found a claim to extend their jurisdiction over us. The manner and circumstances by which this instrument of writing was obtained, and the fairness of the claim they have now set up, may be inferred from the following *Protest and Memorial*, which was signed by King Glass and every man of consequence in the community, two days subsequent to the execution of the paper under consideration.

*Protest.*

*King Glass's House, Gaboon river, March 31, 1844.*

To his Excellency M. Bouet, Captain in the French Royal navy, Governor of Senegal, &c. &c.

We, the Undersigned, submit, with a great deal of respect, the following statements, in relation to an instrument of writing which has probably been con-

veyed to your Excellency, purporting to be a transfer of our territory to the French Crown, and signed by King Glass and three other individuals belonging to this community.

We feel assured, Sir, that when you understand the manner and circumstances by which this paper was obtained, you will denounce it as a transaction unjustifiable in itself, and dishonourable to the French name; and we now appeal to yourself, as a man of honour, and as the representative of a great and generous nation, for suitable redress. Be it known to your Excellency, that this article which purports to have been written and signed on board the cutter "*L'Epaulard*," was signed *only in King Glass's house*. M. Baron Darricau, whose name is attached to this document, was not present when it was signed; and though he brought up his vessel to King Glass's town in the night, he cannot be regarded in this transaction either as a witness or a contracting party for the French Government; and it is not fair, therefore, that his name should be appended to it in any way whatever.

M. Amouroux, Master of the French merchantman "*Ossian*," now in the river, is the individual by whose influence these signatures were obtained. If, therefore, your Excellency will take the trouble to summon him to this place, and meet us in general Council, we promise to prove to you, beyond all doubt, that he obtained those signatures by the most unjustifiable means. He made King Glass a visit on the night of the 27th instant, brought with him a jug of ardent spirits, and professed to come on a *visit of friendship only*; he was not regarded as an agent of the French Government by King Glass or either of the other individuals above-mentioned. He requested the King to make his mark to a paper, which he represented merely as a private letter to His Majesty Louis Philippe, expressing *feelings of friendship alone*, as none of the party could read French, they confided in the veracity of M. Amouroux, and made their marks, not having the most distant idea that anything was said about the cession of territory to the French Crown. Not only are we prepared to establish these charges, but we are ready also to prove to your satisfaction, that Peter Dennie (a native from the opposite side of the river), who acted as M. Amouroux's interpreter, and whose name is attached to this article as a witness, said before he left this place that M. Amouroux read only one paragraph from the paper which had been signed, and therefore was guilty of deceiving King Glass and others. May we not rely upon your honour to investigate this matter? and if it is ascertained that M. Amouroux is guilty of the charges herein contained, render us the justice which we now claim at your hands.

We would state further, that King Glass and the other individuals whose names are attached to this paper *had no authority to transfer our territory to the jurisdiction of the French*, even if they had not been deceived.

Whether the Sovereigns of Europe have any such powers we do not know; with us no such things are allowable: when we have business of importance to transact, it is customary to assemble the people at large, and no measures are adopted without a pretty general concurrence. But such was not the case in relation to the transaction under consideration. Toko, *who is our virtual Minister of Foreign Affairs*, and without whose presence and consent no acts of the kind can be considered valid, *though in the town*, knew nothing of the affair until the next day. Will Glass, who stands next in importance, so far as foreign relations are concerned, was likewise absent. Case Glass, the brother and lawful successor of King Glass,\* Prince Glass, the father and protector of one of our largest towns, James, the protector of another, Peter, the protector of a third, and many others, too numerous to be mentioned, but whose presence was necessary in that transaction, were all absent. Indeed, there were only four persons present (three of them men of but little consideration), whilst the affair was conducted under the cover of night; and with the utmost secrecy. We would further state, that while we entertain for yourself and the Government and people whom you represent the highest respect, and whilst we have ever welcomed the French to our shores, and hope ever to do so, on terms of the utmost cordiality, we nevertheless decline, in the most respectful manner, the exercise of any foreign jurisdiction. *In this we are united to a man*. King Glass, and the other individuals who signed the paper in the first instance, are fully agreed with us in presenting this Protest, as you will infer from their Protest herewith enclosed; and we do hope that your Excellency

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\* Dowè, the son of King Glass, whose name is appended to the above-mentioned paper, is not, as may be supposed, the successor to the throne.

will, without the least hesitation, restore to us the paper which has been so unfairly obtained.

With the information which we have now laid before your Excellency, and which we are ready at any time to prove, we can scarcely think it necessary to say more. May we not ask with becoming respect, how such a transaction would be regarded and treated among civilized nations? What would be the feelings of your own people in similar circumstances? We know that we are a weak and feeble people, but does that annihilate our rights? Is it right that we should be cut off from the sympathies of the world, and have our rights and liberties trampled, because we cannot measure arms with our invaders? Whilst we desire to speak with all deference, it becomes us to be candid. Our hearts can never be won by such proceedings. You may demolish our towns; you may destroy our property; and you may expel us from scenes endeared to us by the associations of childhood, the graves of our fathers, our wives, our children; but you can never make us the willing subjects of a Government which has been forced upon us.

That part of the document in question which confers upon the French authorities the power of regulating our commerce, and which requires the French flag to be raised in our towns above that of all other nations, with our feelings is altogether inadmissible.

The management of our commerce has always been in our own hands. It is a legacy bequeathed to us by our forefathers, and it is but natural that we should wish to retain it.

No one can with justice accuse us with unfairness or partiality in our transactions with foreigners. We are now, as we have ever been, willing to grant the French *perfect equality* in every respect: we cannot willingly grant them *supremacy* over other nations.

It is said, we need protection. But who are to be judges of this? When we feel the need of foreign protection, it will then be time for us to apply for it.

In consequence of this painful affair, we feel compelled to decline your kind invitation to dinner on Monday next. If your Excellency will do us the honour of a visit, and hear our complaints more fully, and especially if he will grant us the favour we justly claim at his hands, it will then afford us the greatest pleasure to testify our friendship and regard both for yourself and the Government and people whom you represent.

The boat that was offered to King Glass has been returned; and so we shall feel constrained to act in relation to any presents which may be construed as an acknowledgment of our subjection to the Government of France.

We hope your Excellency will find nothing disrespectful in this frank exposition of our views and feelings; and may we not cherish the hope that you will readily grant us the request we claim at your hands?

Yours with the greatest respect.

This Protest was accompanied by another from King Glass and the three other individuals who signed the document now in the hands of the French Governor,—it is as follows:—

*Protest of King Glass, his son Dowè, Governor, and Tim.*

To his Excellency M. Bouet, Captain in the Royal French navy, Governor-General of Senegal, &c. &c.

We, the Undersigned, with great respect beg leave to express to your Excellency our surprise and sorrow, on learning that a paper, bearing date March 28th, 1844, to which we affixed our marks in the presence of M. Amouroux, Commander of the French merchant brig "*Ossian*," was a cession of territory to the French Government. We, Sir, were grossly deceived in that affair. No part of that instrument relating to the cession of territory was read or made known to us by M. Amouroux. He came to us as the Commander of a French merchant vessel, and declared that the paper that he wished us to sign was simply an expression to King Louis Philippe, and a wish that French vessels might trade with our people as they have done in time past.

We therefore most earnestly protest against the validity of this instrument, and the gross imposition by which it was obtained. You are probably well aware of the many solicitations with which we, and other individuals in this community, have been repeatedly pressed by the officers of your Government; and you are

probably aware too, that all these solicitations have been promptly and respectfully declined; and the solicitations of M. Amouroux would have been as promptly declined, had we known the contents of the paper to which we affixed our marks.

Did this affair concern ourselves alone we should not feel so deeply injured. But to be made the unconscious and unwilling instruments of betraying our country, gives us sorrow of heart which we cannot express. We therefore appeal to your honour as a gentleman, and your sense of justice as a Governor, to return to us the instrument which has been so unjustly obtained.

Yours with the greatest respect, &c.

It is but justice to the French authorities here to state, that this instrument of writing was re-read to King Glass, and the other individuals who signed it, by M. Baron Dauricau the next morning: But he had the same interpreter that M. Amouroux had; and the individuals acknowledged that they had signed it the night before, but under the same misapprehensions as to its meaning.

The first of these Protests was signed by King Glass, and every man of importance in the community. The second is the Protest of the four individuals who signed the paper ceding our country to the French Government.

We have now laid before your Majesty a detailed account of our difficulties, and the circumstances by which we have been brought into them. The foregoing Protests, though written in the most respectful manner, were torn up by the Governor, in the presence of our messenger, without even having been perused. He is now threatening us with coercive measures, the interdiction of our trade, and other similar acts, because we do not passively come into his measures. But what have we done to provoke these calamities? We owe the French nothing. We have not, *and we never will* receive, one farthing from them as a compensation for the transfer of our territory to the French Crown.

We have always treated them with the utmost cordiality, and we are willing to do so for the time to come, but can never submit to the bondage which they are attempting to force upon us.

Though a small, and perhaps to you an unknown community, yet in reliance upon your well-known character for humanity, we earnestly entreat you to interpose and deliver us from this distressing thralldom.

It has been intimated here, that the French have laid violent hands upon our country by the permission of the English, in fulfilment of a Treaty entered into between the two Governments some years since. Whilst we repel this imputation upon your Majesty's Government, we would nevertheless, *in the name of God Almighty our common Maker and final Judge*, protest most solemnly against being made the victims of European diplomacy.

It has been said, and probably will be said again, that this appeal is made under the influence of interested foreigners; but let not your Majesty be deceived in relation to our views and feelings. The most unequivocal proof of our feelings may be inferred from the fact, that every male member of our community who has attained the age of manhood will affix his mark to this paper. For nearly two centuries the English have carried on an extensive, profitable, and very friendly trade on this very spot which the French would now violently take away from us. The amount of revenue which your Government has derived from this trade is much greater perhaps than your Majesty is aware. Some of us whose names are hereto affixed have spent the vigour of youth and the strength of manhood in lading your vessels with the most precious products which our country affords. We are still disposed to maintain this friendly intercourse; but unless your Majesty interposes in this our hour of extremity we will go down to our graves feeling that our kindly disposition towards your Majesty and the English nation has not been appreciated.

We do not pretend to suggest what measures your Majesty should pursue in relation to our grievances. If any doubts are entertained as to the justice of our representations, then let an Officer visit us, and institute such enquiries as may be deemed expedient; and if all is not substantiated which has been said, then let your Majesty leave us to our fate.

This humble and most earnest entreaty is most respectfully submitted to your Majesty's consideration.

X KING GLASS.  
X CASE GLASS.  
X PRINCE GLASS.

X JEHWWAK.  
X UNJUBE.  
X JAMBUA.

## Signatures continued.

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| GOVERNOR.                | XX AZINGAH.           |
| XX TOKO.                 | XX AHYWGAIH.          |
| XX WILL GLASS.           | XX LIVAHSAKHO.        |
| XX DACE GLASS.           | XX AMCHUAH.           |
| XX ANDREWS.              | XX ROBINIONDO.        |
| XX TIM.                  | XX BATTULA BENGU.     |
| XX JIM.                  | XX TUMAN.             |
| XX DIXON.                | XX SLUENIAH.          |
| XX PRINCE PARROT ISLAND. | XX BUANDO.            |
| XX SAMBO.                | XX OGULAH.            |
| XX TOM WHITEMAN.         | XX MAKYI.             |
| XX WILLIAM PRINCE.       | XX YIJORGA.           |
| XX MENGWAMBALO.          | XX CHA CHO.           |
| XX CASE DAVIS.           | XX MACKYI.            |
| XX DOCTOR.               | XX AKKI.              |
| XX CHESTER FIELD.        | XX GOTLALUVIA.        |
| XX JACK PRINCE.          | XX OZEGAH.            |
| XX ANCHUBALO.            | XX GUNIANGO.          |
| XX MR. RYAN.             | XX ECHAZI.            |
| XX ANGILALI.             | XX DONDO.             |
| XX MAYULAH.              | XX HARRY OF JIM TOWN. |
| XX JACK CASE.            | XX GEO. OF JIM TOWN.  |
| XX GEO. GABOON.          | XX RAPPONDA.          |
| XX ANCHEWALI.            | XX AWONDA.            |
| XX ARY CASE.             | XX ORAMZALE.          |
| XX JIM PRINCE.           | XX ODWALLI.           |
| XX AMBIMBULI.            | XX ANGILA.            |
| XX DICK.                 | XX YOUNESUNE.         |
| XX YEIMBEEHN.            | XX OGULALA.           |
| XX COFFEE.               | XX ROMBOZWELLA.       |
| XX JOE.                  | XX BILL GLASS.        |
| XX UGOHN.                | XX OZAYE.             |
| XX GEO. HARROW.          | XX AYAWA.             |
| XX TOM CASE.             | XX SAMBI.             |
| XX HARRY ANDREWS.        | XX SALIGISA.          |
| XX MAZZIG KING GLASS.    | XX AMBAU.             |
| XX UNKOLO.               | XX CAPE LOPES.        |
| XX KORONAH.              | XX RACONGO.           |
| XX NEW TIM.              | XX NYHALS.            |
| XX OGWAMBAH.             | XX ENDINGA.           |
| XX ASHUYEE.              | XX OGULA.             |
| XX ANGELÆH.              | XX RABBALA.           |
| XX CABENDA.              | XX EDINGA.            |
| XX SAMUEL WILSON.        | XX OWONDO.            |
| XX DICK.                 | XX ANGILA.            |
| XX CHARLES GLASS.        | XX ANAKJ.             |
| XX BEN.                  | XX ANJOGO.            |
| XX GWAMBAH.              | XX EYLIGA.            |
| XX JOHN GABOON.          | XX RUBONAYONDA.       |
| XX OLD JIM.              | XX BANGO.             |
| XX JOHNSON.              | XX OYEYE.             |
| XX LASIGUH.              | XX IBANLIGALI.        |

No. 143.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, September 3, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency for your information, copy of a correspondence which I have had with Count Jarnac, respecting the proceedings of the French in the river Gaboon.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.



Enclosures in No. 143.

1. *Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen, July 31, 1844.*
  2. *The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac, Sept. 3, 1844.*
- (See Nos. 134 and 142.)

No. 144.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, September 5, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

Warrant returned in No. 144.

"Wasp," Com. H. Bagot, North America and West India station, Aug. 3, 1843.

No. 145.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, September 6, 1844.*

WITH reference to my Despatch of the 3rd inst., I herewith enclose to your Excellency copies of four letters from Messrs. King, of Bristol, relating to the occupation by the French of certain points on the coast of Africa, and of the answers which have been returned to them. Her Majesty's Government have also received communications from other houses at Bristol and Liverpool, expressing great apprehension of the consequences which may result to British trade from the establishment of French authority at the places in question.

I have therefore to instruct your Excellency to represent this to M. Guizot, and to express the confident expectation of Her Majesty's Government that the Government of France do not contemplate, in the erection of any fort at the Gaboon, or elsewhere, the imposition of restrictions upon the trade carried on with the natives of the place by British or other merchants, a trade which for a long course of years has been free and uninterrupted, and which still continues so at all British factories upon the coast.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

First Enclosure in No. 145.

*Messrs. King to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Bristol, July 29, 1844.*

REFERRING you to our letters of the 7th June, 1842, and of the 3rd March and 11th September, 1843, respecting the French settlements on the west coast of Africa, we now take the liberty of enclosing to your Lordship the copy of a memorial which we last week forwarded to Sir James Graham for presentation to Her Majesty.

You will observe by the memorial to what unjustifiable means the French have been obliged to resort in order to get possession of their settlement at Gaboon. We consider this only a prelude to their making such regulations respecting trade, as will prevent our vessels ever visiting this river.

Our vessels have now traded with the natives of Gaboon river for more than 30 years, during which time, we have supplied them with a large quantity of British manufactures, in exchange for elephants' teeth, dyewoods, gums, and other articles. But without your Lordship can give us some support and countenance in carrying on this trade, we expect this will be the last year that any of our vessels will visit Gaboon; a valuable and increasing trade will thereby be lost to this country.

After the information we supplied to your Lordship last year respecting the French settlements on the west coast of Africa, we had confidently hoped that some of Her Majesty's men-of-war on the coast would have visited, not only Gaboon river, but also the new French settlement at Grand Bassam and Assinee, on the Gold Coast.

We are, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD & WILLIAM KING.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Sub-Enclosure in First Enclosure in No. 145.

*Memorial of King Glass, and other natives of the Gaboon, to Her Majesty.*

(See Enclosure in No. 142.)

Second Enclosure in No. 145.

*Messrs. King to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Bristol, August 8, 1844.*

WE took the liberty of addressing you on the 29th ult., on the subject of the new French settlements on the west coast of Africa.

We have now loading here for Africa the brig "Timbuctoo," Daniel Davies, Master, she will sail in about a week, and before she sails we shall feel much obliged if your Lordship will give us an answer to the following:—

Are we to expect that this vessel will (through our men-of-war on the coast) receive any protection and countenance in trading with the natives of Grand Bassam, Assinee, and Gaboon, in the same manner we have been accustomed to do for the last 30 years? Or does your Lordship advise us to submit to any restrictions or payment of any duties which the French authorities may adopt at these places?

We are, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD & WILLIAM KING.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Third Enclosure in No. 145.

*Messrs. King to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Bristol, August 30, 1844.*

WE have much pleasure in complying with your request of yesterday, by forwarding six more copies of the printed memorial. We consider it an earnest that your Lordship is interesting yourself respecting Gaboon, and we therefore take the liberty of sending to your Lordship some copies of other documents on the same subject. By these you will observe, that the natives have been assisted in drawing up their memorial by the American Episcopalian missionaries, gentlemen totally disinterested in the subject, as far as any national object or any commercial gains are concerned, but who nevertheless possess the full confidence of the chiefs and natives.

We are sorry we should in any way have embarrassed the question, by stating to the Colonial Office that Gaboon was considered by our Board of Customs a British possession, and that the British flag was hoisted at all the principal towns.

In making these allegations, which are strictly accurate, we had no intention of deceiving, and we thought they gave Gaboon stronger claims on our Government than a mere native place, and we thought such facts would give it strong grounds for interference with the French, should our Government think fit to make use of them.

CLASS C.

We wrote to your Lordship on the 8th August last, previous to the sailing of our brig "Timbuctoo," with a valuable cargo for Africa, enquiring if this vessel (through our men-of-war on the coast) would receive any countenance or protection in trading with the natives of Grand Bassam, Assinee, and Gaboon, in the same manner we have been accustomed to do for the last 30 years? Or would your Lordship advise us to submit to any restrictions, or to the payment of any duties which the French authorities may adopt at these places?

This vessel has now sailed, and we have been obliged to leave it entirely to the discretion of the Master and Supercargo.

During the next month we shall dispatch two more vessels for Africa, the barque "James Daly," Harry Tuttielt, Master, and the brig "John Cabot," John Wood, Master, and it would relieve us of much anxiety if your Lordship could by the middle of next month give us some answer to our question.

We can assure you we have not asked this question with any view of annoying our own Government; but of this we fear, that if your Lordship do not interfere with the French, and insist on the British right of free trade at all these places, the French will monopolize it, and not only at these places, but at every valuable native place of trade on the coast.

As we fear no fair competition from the French or any other nation, the right of free trade to these places is all that we require. But in this we are speaking selfishly, we are overlooking the memorial of our very old friends in Gaboon, which asks for something more.

With the exception of the passports mentioned by Mr. Dyer in his letter, as being required by the French authorities before the natives of Gaboon were allowed to go out of their own river, we cannot as yet complain of any restrictions on trade; and we are happy to record, that when our trading vessels have been visited by French men-of-war, which has been much more frequently than by English ones, the French officers have behaved with great politeness, and in one instance rendered valuable medical assistance.

We do not mention the absence of our men-of-war by way of complaint against them, as we know they are at the places where the Slave Trade is carried on, and where they are not likely to fall in with any of our vessels.

We are, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD & WILLIAM KING.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Sub-Enclosure 1 in Third Enclosure in No. 145.

*Mr. Wilson to Messrs. King.*

*Gaboon river, West Africa,  
April 5, 1844.*

MESSRS. R. and W. KING,

THE accompanying documents, enclosed to you by Captain Dyer, will afford ample information about the troubles in the Gaboon, occasioned by the unjustifiable proceedings of the French. The people in King Glass's territory turn their eyes to yourselves. They hope that you will forward their petition to the Government of England, and use your best endeavours to get their petition granted. It is well for you to know that they have sent a memorial to His Majesty Louis Philippe but there is but a slim prospect that anything will be done in France, unless the matter is urged upon them by the English Government. This is a small community, but they are a noble-hearted people, and neither Government ought to disregard their claims. They manifest the utmost indignation at the treatment they have received, and they never will, it seems to us, submit to a Government which has been forced upon them in this manner. They will wait patiently to get their grievances redressed; but if no help comes from abroad, they will probably retire from scenes endeared to them by the associations of childhood, and the graves of their kindred, and find a home in the bosom of Africa, where no *white foe* will ever again invade their peaceful habitations.

I cannot but hope that England will interfere, and that their rights and liberties will be restored to them.

The document addressed to Her Majesty Victoria, as everything else pertaining to this matter, has been written very hurriedly, and necessarily with many imperfections.

We trust, however, that this will not exclude them from the attention of those to whom their eyes are turned as their only friends.

Excuse the freedom and haste with which I have written; I would not have troubled you with this communication at all, if my own feelings had not been deeply interested in behalf of this *injured people*.

Yours, &c.

(Signed) J. LEIGHTON WILSON.

Messrs. R. and W. King,  
&c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure 2 in Third Enclosure in No. 145.

*Mr. Dyer to Messrs. King.*

*"Englishman," off King Glass's Town, Gaboon river,  
April 5, 1844.*

GENTLEMEN,

I ARRIVED at this place on Sunday the 24th ultimo, and found five merchant ships from France, and one French war-cutter, in the river. Since my arrival, the Governor of Senegal has been here, and caused everything to be brought to a stand still, because King Glass and his people will not be brought into subjection by him to the French Government.

The enclosed I am requested by King Glass and his people to send to you, as they say you are their only friends for a long time, and that in England they have no other. They beg you will read it over, and see whether it be in a fit state to be presented to the British Crown, and if not, they beg that you will beautify it for them, and do something to assist them in shaking off the yoke which the French would have them wear.

The French seem determined not to leave one stone unturned ere they have all this river subject to them; and King Glass and his people swear (as is customary) by the graves of their forefathers, that they will not be subjects to the French Crown.

The enclosed papers have been written by some gentlemen residing at this place who, with myself, were eye-witnesses to the whole transaction.

Though as yet they have not hoisted the French flag at King Glass's town, they have sent to inform me that I must obtain passports from their blockhouse for my men I may need to go with me as traders out of the river, which King Glass is not willing that I should comply with, because as yet the English flag is flying in defiance to the French at his town. There has not been one English man-of-war in here for some time, otherwise I should know how to act. But, under the present circumstances, it is my intention to comply with the usual demands of our English cruizers, which is, to choose my men, take them, with ship's log-book, to the King's presence, and there let my Mate insert their names, mentioning that they agree to serve of their own free will and consent, and with the consent and approbation of the King, and one or two of the head men.

With this, I intend proceeding down the river on the 9th instant, then, if the French cutter boards me I shall produce this as my certificate, which, if to them is not sufficient, I know not what to do for an interpreter; for King Glass says, if his people take passports at the hands of the French it will be an acknowledgment on their part of the sovereignty of France extending to their territory, and this, he says, he would rather go into the bush, and take up his abode with the tiger and monkey, and die as they die, than become the subject of a nation by the instrument which herein is enclosed, and which he swears has been obtained by fraudulent means.

For my part, I fear that the river is lost to the English, though all the natives are opposed to it.

The Governor of Senegal left this morning, wherefore I do not rightly know, but I think he is going to try the Kings of Corisco island, and the rivers Danger and Moondah. They have been trying at Batanga, and if the English do not enter into some treaty with those Kings to prevent them, the best of our ivory marts will be lost; and where shall we go to seek for others?

I have, &c.

Messrs. R. and W. King,  
&c. &c.

(Signed) SAMUEL DYER,  
Master and Supercargo.

## Sub-Enclosure 3 in Third Enclosure in No. 145.

*Notices of various things in West Africa.*

GABOON RIVER.—About the middle of March, 1843, the river was honoured with a visit from Prince de Joinville, in the "*Belle Poule*," accompanied by a brig and schooner. They anchored at Prince William's town, on the west side of the river, and gave him a salute. King William's is the greatest slave mart in this region. The Prince stopped five or six days. He was on his way to the Brazils for his wife. When he left the river, he told the people that two French men-of-war would soon be in the river to build a factory for trade. The idea of men-of-war coming to establish a trading factory was so novel and ridiculous that no one believed the story. About two weeks after the Prince left in search of a wife, two French men-of-war, "*Nemesis*" and "*Nisus*," came into the river, and anchored off Quæ Ben's town. Soon the report spread that they were to build the factory. It appears that one Lewis, a tradesman in Quæ Ben's territory, had given himself out as King of all this region, and signed a paper giving the French Government permission to establish a factory near his town. After stopping a few days, the vessels crossed the river to Prince William's. They made the same proposals to him to have a house at his town. He refused them most decidedly, and told them they could not have a foot of his land unless they took it by force. They then left the river, having done nothing. *June 18th.*—The "*Zebree*," a brig of 10 guns, and a barque merchant vessel, both French, anchored off Quæ Ben's. On the 21st, the "*Eglantine*," of four guns, came into the same place. The merchant vessel was freighted almost entirely with materials for building. In a few days about 100 men were prosecuting the work vigorously. It was a work of such extreme necessity, that there was no cessation even on the Sabbath, and it was soon completed. The Commander of the "*Zebree*," under whose superintendence the blockhouse was erected, is a Knight of the Garter, and of course an honourable man, and understood well the intentions of his Government. He expressed the highest indignation at the slanderous reports which had been circulated, accusing the French of the intention of taking the river. He declared, upon the "*honour of a gentleman*," that they wanted nothing but a house as a kind of naval dépôt for the convenience of their vessels on this coast. About the last of October, two other French men-of-war came into the station, and the one just spoken of left the river. *November 1st.*—The Commanders of the two vessels went up to feel around King Glass and Toco, Minister of Foreign Affairs. They finally made the proposition, that King Glass and his people should put themselves under French protection, and acknowledge them as governors of the river. They offered Toco a handsome "dash" if he would sign a paper to that effect. But he was inflexible and incorruptible. He told them that it was fit that the people who have made their blockhouse should have masters, for they had plundered many French vessels, and done mischief to others. But King Glass's people had behaved so well, that they had no "palavers" with white men; on the contrary, all white men were their friends. They had one King, and could take care of themselves, if the French would only let them alone. They then left Toco as a hopeless case, knowing well that all he had said was true. They next called on King Glass; but, like most other Kings, he was not much pleased with the idea of being dethroned, and was more laconic than Toco. He told them he was poor, and would like their guns, powder, cloth, rum, &c. but would never sign their paper on any conditions. So that interview ended.

These solicitations were pressed with the utmost importunity at different times, until the people were almost ashamed to see a French officer, for they must sit down and hear the same story, and give the same answer.

On the night of March 27, 1844, M. Amouroux, Master of the "*Ossian*," a French merchant vessel lying at King William's town, went to King Glass, taking with him a jug of ardent spirits, called another man, of no consideration among the people, except for his intemperance, and found no difficulty in plying them with brandy until they were drunk. He then called Dowè, a son of King Glass, and persuaded them to sign a paper, which he represented to them as being only a letter of friendship to Louis Philippe, King of the French, and expressing a wish that French vessels might trade at King Glass's town as usual. The work was completed about midnight (a fit hour for such a deed), and the whole was managed with so much secrecy, that no one, except those who signed the paper,

knew that Amouroux was in the town. He said not one word of being an agent of Government, for he well knew that any intimation of that would "set the palaver," drunk as they were. As soon as the marks were made, Amouroux hastened on board a French man-of-war lying at Quæ Ben's, to communicate the success of his negotiations. The Commander, M. Baron Darricau, took up his anchor at two o'clock A. M., went up and anchored off King Glass's town, went on shore, read the paper to the King, who was still in a state of intoxication, and from the same interpreter who had passed the word for Amouroux, the King and those who signed the paper received a like interpretation a second time, and still understood it to be a mere letter of friendship to Louis Philippe, and of course acknowledged it to be the paper which they had signed. Commander Darricau then returned to his vessel, and fired a salute of 21 guns; and thus the Treaty was ratified on the part of the French Government. But not so with the people. As soon as they learned what had been done, (and it was not long before they learned the reason why they were honoured with a national salute), they all assembled with one accord at the King's house, and spent the whole day in anxious deliberation on the course to be pursued. They protested, in no measured terms, against the validity of the Treaty, on the ground of fraud and villainy on the part of the French in obtaining it. They protested also that King Glass, and the two other individuals who signed the paper, had no power whatever to make a valid cession of territory to any foreign power, even if they had not been deceived. This the French officers *very well knew*; for in all previous attempts at negotiation they first consulted Toco, who is *virtually* Minister of Foreign Affairs. The French officers knew very well too, (or ought to have known) that the Treaty could not be finally ratified in a manner to give it validity without an almost unanimous concurrence of all the principal men, expressed in General Council. And that it would not have been a matter of great difficulty to assemble them, may be inferred from the fact that every man of them was at the King's house within a few hours after the *Treaty was ratified*.

Friday, March 28, the day the work was accomplished, his Excellency M. Bouet, Governor of Senegal and Dependencies, arrived in the river. It was hoped that a fair and candid statement of the case would procure redress from his Excellency. Accordingly, a protest and remonstrance was made out, in the most respectful manner, founded in part on the unfairness of the transaction, but mainly on the ground that the Treaty (so called) had never been sanctioned, or even seen, by the Treaty-making Powers. This remonstrance was signed by every man of any consequence in the King's dominions. Among all this people there is not a dissenting voice. Accompanying this document was another paper, signed by the King and the other persons who had signed the *Treaty*. In this paper they express surprise and sorrow on learning the contents of the paper to which they had affixed their marks. They say they were grossly deceived; that no part of that instrument relating to the cession of territory was made known to them; that it was an unofficial expression of friendship to Louis Philippe, King of the French; that they had respectfully and promptly declined many former pressing solicitations to cede this same territory, and this would have been as promptly declined, had they known the nature of the instrument. They then say, "Did this affair concern ourselves alone, we should not feel so deeply injured. But to be made the unconscious and unwilling instruments of betraying our country, gives us sorrow of heart which we cannot express. We therefore appeal to your honour as a gentleman, and to your sense of justice as a Governor, to return to us the instrument which has been so unjustly obtained." Thus they protested and remonstrated, and to what purpose? *His Excellency the Governor of Senegal and Dependencies*, without deigning to read the papers, tore them in fragments, and committed them to the winds and waves, and with his own hands spurned the messenger from his presence with violence.

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Fourth Enclosure in No. 145.

*Messrs. King to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Bristol, August 31, 1844.*

WE had the honour of addressing your Lordship yesterday with six printed copies of the Gaboon memorials, as desired.

We now send you the 8th No. of the "Annales de L'Institut D'Afrique."

You will observe what views the French entertain respecting Grand Bassam, Assinee, and Gaboon, and which, we are sorry to say, confirm our worst apprehensions.

We are, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD & WILLIAM KING.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

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Sub-Enclosure in Fourth Enclosure in No. 145.

*Extract from "Annales de l'Institut d'Afrique," of August, 1844.*

LE Gouvernement Français a fixé, comme on le sait, trois factoreries à Assinie, au Grand Bassam, et au Gabon, sur la côte occidentale d'Afrique.

L'Afrique possède dans ces parages sept forts, dont quatre armés de la manière la plus redoutable.

L'établissement des trois comptoirs Français dans le Golfe de Guinée a été résolu à la suite de l'exploration commerciale de la côte occidentale d'Afrique qui a eu lieu en 1838 sur la demande de la Chambre de Commerce de Bordeaux. Des Conventions provisoires avaient été passées avec les chefs indigènes pour assurer à la France des droits de propriété sur les territoires des trois comptoirs. Au mois de Juin 1843, les travaux d'installation ont été commencés au Gabon. En Mars et Avril le Gouvernement du Sénégal a inspecté les trois établissements, et par suite de cette tournée, de *nouveaux Traités* ont été contractés avec les chefs. Ces Traités cèdent à la France la *pleine et entière* souveraineté du Gabon.

Le Gabon est une position commerciale et militaire. L'embouchure du fleuve forme un Golfe, dont le bassin est comparable à la rade de Brest. Elle est accessible aux plus grands navires, qui peuvent mouiller près de terre en toute saison. Le comptoir est placé sous la protection d'une redoute carrée, armée de quatre *canons*, et entourée d'un *fossé* avec *parapets* et *palissades*. Le personnel de la garnison se compose de cinq artilleurs, de 15 soldats, de cinq matelots, et de quatre *laptots* ou noirs du Sénégal. Il est ainsi en état de *tenir tête* à toutes les populations indigènes, et même de résister à un coup de main d'un *bâtiment ennemi*.

Le comptoir du Gabon est toutefois bien loin de présenter l'aspect des belles fortifications Anglaises de Dixcove et d'Agra.

Le Ministre des Finances a décidé, le 12 Juin, que ce nouveau comptoir jouirait de tous les avantages commerciaux accordés, par la décision du 26 Novembre dernier, aux établissements d'Assinie et Grand Bassam.

Fifth Enclosure in No. 145.

*Viscount Canning to Messrs. King.*

GENTLEMEN,

*Foreign Office, September 3, 1844.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, referring to former communications from you respecting the French settlements on the west coast of Africa, and enclosing a copy of a memorial addressed to Her Majesty by the inhabitants of King Glass's town, on the river Gaboon. Lord Aberdeen has also received your letter of the 8th instant, requesting to know whether your vessel the "Timbuctoo," about to proceed to Africa, would receive through Her Majesty's men-of-war on the coast any protection and countenance in trading with the natives of Grand Bassam, Assinee, and Gaboon, in the same manner you have been accustomed to do for the last 30 years; or whether Lord Aberdeen would advise you to submit to any restrictions or payment of any duties which the French authorities may adopt in those places.

I am to inform you in reply, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been moved to direct one of Her Majesty's ships to proceed to the coast to enquire into the circumstances mentioned in your letters of the 29th ultimo and its enclosure, and to report thereon; and meantime to give such protection to British

trade as may be consistent with a due regard to rights acquired by other Powers upon parts of the coast which are not under British jurisdiction.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CANNING.

Messrs. R. and W. King,  
&c. &c.

Sixth Enclosure in No. 145.

*Viscount Canning to Messrs. King.*

GENTLEMEN,

*Foreign Office, September 6, 1844.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, sending six copies of the printed memorial from the inhabitants of the Gaboon, and also of your letter of the 31st, enclosing a No. of a French periodical publication, entitled "Annales de l'Institut d'Afrique," in which mention is made of the erection of a French fort in the Gaboon river.

With respect to the repetition in your letter of the 30th August of the questions addressed to Lord Aberdeen in your previous communication of the 8th August, namely, whether your vessels would receive protection and countenance from Her Majesty's ships-of-war, in trading with the natives of Grand Bassam, Assinee, and Gaboon, in the same manner as that in which you have been accustomed to trade for the last 30 years; or whether Lord Aberdeen would advise you to submit to any restriction as to the payment of any duties which the French authorities may adopt in those places,—I am directed to state to you, that his Lordship cannot at present give you any other answer than that contained in my letter of the 3rd instant, by which you were informed, that your vessels would receive all the protection consistent with a due regard to the rights acquired by other Powers upon parts of the coast which are not under British jurisdiction.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CANNING.

Messrs. R. and W. King,  
&c. &c.

No. 146.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, September 6, 1844.*

WITH reference to my Despatch of the 11th September, 1843, enclosing copies of correspondence which had passed with Count St. Aulaire, relative to a complaint preferred by the French Government against the proceedings of Her Majesty's ships "Bonetta" and "Spy" towards the French merchant vessel the "Luiz d'Albuquerque," I herewith transmit to your Excellency, for your information, a copy of a note which I addressed on the 27th ultimo to Count de Jarnac, enclosing a copy of the sentence of a Court Martial held on board Her Majesty's ship "St. Vincent," in Plymouth Sound, on the 31st July last, for the investigation of the conduct of Lieutenant Gray, the officer who commanded Her Majesty's brigantine "Bonetta" on the occasion complained of.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.  
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 146.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac, August 27, 1844.*

(See No. 141.)



No. 147.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, September 6, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency for your information, a copy of a note from the Count de Jarnac, French Chargé d'Affaires at this Court, enclosing a complaint made by the Master of the French barque "*Fanny*," of the manner in which, on the 21st August, 1843, his vessel was searched by an officer of Her Majesty's brig "*Frolic*," off the coast of Brazil; and a copy of the answer which I have returned thereto.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

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Enclosures in No. 147.

1. *Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen, July 12, 1844.*
  2. *The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac, August 15, 1844.*
- (See Nos. 128 and 138.)
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No. 148.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, September 10, 1844.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "*Conway*," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Florence and at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

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No. 149.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

Paris, September 13, 1844.  
(Received September 16.)

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 3rd and 6th instant, I have the honour to report, that I have had a conversation with M. Guizot on the subject of the occupation by the French of certain points on the western coast of Africa.

I stated, that several respectable mercantile houses at Bristol and Liverpool had expressed to Her Majesty's Government their apprehension that the formation of French establishments at these places, with which those houses had been accustomed to trade for a period of 30 years, would be seriously injurious to British commerce.

M. Guizot replied, that the French had occupied these points for the convenience of their own trade, but not at all with the intention of interfering with or of opposing any obstacle, to that of other nations; that the trade would continue as heretofore free to all nations, and that I might be assured that no attempt would be made by the French to impose duties or restrictions of any kind upon ships resorting to those stations.

It was afterwards agreed between M. Guizot and me, that I should address a note to him upon this subject, which he would answer in the terms stated as above.

I left with the Minister for Foreign Affairs the correspondence of M. de Jarnac with your Lordship on the subject of the proceedings of M. Amouroux and the occupation of Gaboon by the French, together with the protest of King Glass and the inhabitants of Gaboon against the occupation of their territory.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 150.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, September 20, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency copy of correspondence with Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas, merchants of Bristol, on the subject of a statement made by the Master of their vessel the "William Canynges," that the trade of that vessel had been put a stop to at Cape Lahoe, on the west coast of Africa, by a French brig-of-war.

I have to instruct you to communicate these papers to the French Government, and to request that an enquiry may be instituted into the case. And you will at the same time, with reference to the communication which, in accordance with the instruction contained in my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 6th instant, you will have made to M. Guizot, request the special attention of that Minister to the statement made in Messrs. Lucas's letter of the 11th instant, that the Master of their vessel the "Ashantee" had been informed by the Captain of a French vessel of war that no goods should be landed at Grand Bassam or Assinee, except under the French flag.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 150.

*Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Bristol, September 5, 1844.*  
(Received September 6.)

WE are duly in receipt of your reply to our communication of the 8th ultimo.

Since that period we have received a letter from the Master of another of our vessels (the "William Canynges") dated at Cape Lahoe, 11th June, wherein he states that he would nearly have half filled his vessel with oil, but a French brig-of-war arrived and stopped his trade, consequently he left the place.

This is a very serious loss to us, as it may detain the vessel two months with expenses, besides throwing us out of the market with the sale of her produce.

We submit this for your Lordship's consideration, as a proper subject for enquiry.

We are, &c.  
(Signed) LUCAS, GWYER, & LUCAS.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Second Enclosure in No. 150.

*Viscount Canning to Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas.*

GENTLEMEN,

*Foreign Office, September 10, 1844.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in which you state that you have received a letter from the Master of your vessel, the "William Canynges," dated at Cape Lahoe, on the 11th June, reporting that a French brig-of-war had put a stop to the trading of that vessel in palm oil, and request enquiry into the case; and I am directed by his Lordship in reply, to request that you will state in what manner the French brig stopped the trade of your vessel, and that you will furnish his Lordship with such further particulars respecting the transaction as have come to your knowledge, including, if you are acquainted with it, the name of the brig.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

CANNING.

*Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas,*  
&c. &c.

## Third Enclosure in No. 150.

*Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Bristol, September 11, 1844.**(Received, September 17.)*

MY LORD,

IN reply to your letter of the 10th instant, requesting further information on the subject of ours of the 5th instant, we regret the Master of the "William Canynges" does not give the name of the French brig-of-war who stopped his trading; but all he further states is, that he understood there was a French vessel wrecked on that beach about three months before, which was the cause of their so doing.

The Master of another of our vessels, the "Ashantee," who is now here, and who would give any evidence that may be required within his knowledge, informs us, that he was in the neighbourhood when the above wreck took place, and about a week after he was at Cape Lahoe, when he found the French had fired on the town, and partly destroyed it, driving the natives to the interior, the French Commander having made a demand upon the King for a sum of money, in gold dust, equivalent to the loss sustained by the French merchant vessel, which he refused to grant, declaring that he had done them no wrong.

The King then requested the Master of our vessel to give him a letter to show to any English ship of war that may call there, soliciting our protection, which he did; the French brig-of-war had then left.

The Master of the "Ashantee" informs us, that Cape Lahoe is a fine place for trade, commanding a good river into the interior; and should they get possession of it, (which in his private opinion is their intention,) they will have a very valuable extent of coast, from 80 to 100 miles, from which there is from 1,500 to 2,000 tons of oil shipped annually, exclusive of other produce.

The brig-of-war alluded to as stopping the trade of the "William Canynges," we believe to be renewing the same demand that was then made on the loss of the French ship, under a pretext of obtaining possession of the place.

He also states, that he was told by the Captain of a French schooner-of-war, that no goods should be landed at Grand Bassam or Assinee, two places recently taken possession of by them, *only under the French flag*, which two places are within the limits of the 80 or 100 miles of coast before stated.

We are sorry we cannot give the name of either of the French vessels alluded to.

Any further information that may be in our power to furnish we shall be happy to give.

We are, &amp;c.

(Signed)

LUCAS, GWYER, &amp; LUCAS.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 151.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, September 23, 1844.*  
(Received September 26.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 20th instant.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 152.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Septembre 26, 1844.*  
(Received September 27.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français à Londres présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur, d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance de trois mandats qui autorisent MM. les Lieutenants de vaisseau Marceau, commandant le bâtiment à vapeur "*Fulton*," et de Lieutenant de vaisseau Miniac, commandant la gabare "*L'Expédition*," ainsi que M. le Capitaine de corvette Baudin, commandant le brick le "*Grénadier*," à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais, les deux premiers dans la station du Brésil et le dernier dans celle de Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 153.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Septembre 26, 1844,*  
(Received September 28.)

LE Soussigné, &c. &c. a reçu la note que son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c. lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser le 3 Septembre, relativement à certaines transactions récentes dans le Gabon, et il s'est empressé de porter cette pièce et celle qui s'y trouvait annexée à la connaissance de son Gouvernement.

Le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique a exprimé, en terminant cette note, son vif desir d'être assuré que les négociations récentes de la France avec les Princes et les habitans du Gabon ont été conduites par des officiers responsables agissant d'après l'autorisation du Gouvernement du Roi. Le Soussigné se félicite de pouvoir transmettre dès aujourd'hui à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen une copie du procès-verbal de la signature du Traité conclu entre le Roi Glass et le Baron Darricau, Capitaine du bâtiment du Roi "*L'Eperlan*," le 28 Mars dernier, ainsi que l'extrait d'un rapport de cet officier, en date du 16 Avril.

Le Soussigné est persuadé que la lecture de ces pièces suffira pour convaincre le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique du caractère régulier et officiel de toute la négociation, et pour fixer le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique sur la confiance que mérite la réclamation subséquente qui avait attiré son attention.

Le Soussigné, &amp;c.

(Signé) JARNAC.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

## First Enclosure in No. 153.

*Procès-verbal constatant la signature du Traité passé au village du Roi Glass, et dans sa case, le salut du pavillon Français arboré dans le dit village, &c.*

LE 28 Mars, 1844, à six heures du matin, ayant été informé des bonnes dispositions du Roi Glass, le Capitaine de "*L'Eperlan*" Baron Darricau de Traverse, vint mouiller en face du village du dit Roi; il descendit aussitôt à terre accompagné de M. Amouroux, Capitaine au long cours, commandant le brick de commerce "*L'Ossian*."

Le rivage était couvert d'une nombreuse population; le pavillon Français déjà était hissé au débarcadère. Le Capitaine Anglais de "*L'Englishman*," et le S<sup>r</sup> John, imprimeur de l'établissement Américain, offrirent leurs compliments au Capitaine de "*L'Eperlan*," et l'accompagnèrent jusqu'à la porte de la demeure du Roi Glass. Etant entré, le Capitaine se plaça à côté du Roi; la foule eût bientôt rempli l'étroit espace.

Après le cérémonial d'usage chez les noirs, le silence réclamé, le Capitaine de "*L'Eperlan*" commença phrase par phrase la lecture d'un Traité, qui fut répété phrase par phrase par l'interprète Petit Denis, d'abord en Français puis en langage du pays, constatant ainsi la parfaite intelligence pour tous des clauses et obligations réciproques du Traité.

Lecture faite, le Capitaine de "*L'Eperlan*" se leva, serra la main du Roi, lui remit un pavillon Français; au même moment une salve de coups de canon partis du côté de "*L'Eperlan*" annoncèrent la conclusion du Traité et saluèrent les couleurs Françaises.

Après la signature du Capitaine de "*L'Eperlan*," tous les chefs présents voulurent apposer leur croix, le nom de chacun des signataires la précéda.

Le Roi Glass, accompagné des Chefs Doé son fils, Guaven Gim, et plusieurs autres, se rendit à bord de "*L'Eperlan*," où il fut à son arrivée salué de quatre coups de canon; une collation improvisée lui fut offerte pendant laquelle régna la plus grande gaieté.

A onze heures le Roi Glass quitta le bord, la permission fut donnée aux hommes de l'équipage de descendre à terre, l'accueil qu'ils reçurent des habitans dut faire penser que le peuple comme les chefs acceptait avec joie la nouvelle nationalité.

En foi de quoi a été rédigé le présent procès-verbal comme acte officiel et preuve authentique de l'événement de ce jour de la plus grande importance sur les rives du Gabon. Fait les jours et an que dessus.

(Signé)

DARRICAU DE TRAVERSE,  
*Capitaine de "L'Eperlan."*

AMOUROUX,

*Capitaine de "L'Ossian."*

(Pour copie conforme.)

(Signé)

JARNAC.

(Extract.)

Second Enclosure in No. 153.

*Baron Darricau to the French Minister for the Colonies.**Mouillage du Fort d'Aumale,  
Avril 16, 1844.*

M. LE DIRECTEUR,

L'IMPORTANCE des nouvelles dont il est urgent que vous soyez promptement informé m'oblige à ne pas suivre la filière hiérarchique des Commandants de la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, pour vous faire parvenir cette dépêche. Je profite de l'occasion que m'offre le navire de commerce le "*Singe*," se rendant du Gabon directement en France; la canonnière brick la "*Malouine*," qui à la fin du mois se rendra à Gorée, me donnera l'occasion d'expédier le duplicata à M. le Commandant de la station.

J'ai quitté Gorée le 7 Février dernier, avec la mission de prendre la station du Gabon, et de réunir autant que possible tous les chefs sous le pavillon Français.

A mon arrivée, le Roi Glass seul hésitait à ranger son territoire sous la souveraineté de la France. Ce village, auquel il a donné son nom, le plus avancé dans l'imitation des coutumes Européennes, est aussi celui où se trouvent les meilleurs Courtiers-Troqueurs; il devient d'une importance réelle dans la rivière.

La dissidence de Glass lorsque tous les autres chefs demandaient et acceptaient notre souveraineté restait un obstacle à toute règle future pour la prospérité de notre commerce. J'ai donc pensé que je devais faire tous mes efforts pour obtenir du Roi la concession faite précédemment par tous ses voisins.

J'ai été assez heureux pour l'amener à signer le 28 Mars un Traité que j'ai eu l'honneur de remettre à M. le Gouverneur du Sénégal. Malheureusement, au moment où le Traité était signé, le navire de commerce Anglais "L'Englishman" mouillait sur rade. Son Capitaine interprétait la lettre du Traité, lui donne une extension qui n'est jamais entrée ni dans mon esprit ni dans celui du Gouvernement; les menées de ce Capitaine soulevèrent un certain nombre d'opposants; une protestation écrite par le Capitaine de "L'Englishman" fut adressée à M. le Gouverneur du Sénégal, qui ne put ni accepter ni répondre à une pièce écrite par un Anglais n'ayant aucun caractère pour le faire.

Conformément aux instructions de M. le Gouverneur j'ai dû laisser tomber d'elle-même une opposition qui devait se terminer au départ du navire Anglais; je crois pouvoir vous annoncer qu'il en est ainsi, et bientôt tous les Chefs réunis m'en donneront l'assurance dans une pièce écrite que je serai heureux de vous faire parvenir.

Cependant, il y a deux jours que j'ai appris qu'à l'instigation du Capitaine Dyer, de "L'Englishman," en conséquence de la protestation non acceptée il en avait été fait appel à Sa Majesté le Roi des Français.

J'ignore le contenu de cette pièce faite secrètement; je sais seulement qu'il y est dit que la captation avait été employée pour obtenir ce Traité. Ce fait évidemment faux sera démenti par le procès-verbal de la signature du Traité et de la prise de possession; les autres arguments ne sont sans doute pas plus difficiles à refuter. Quoiqu'il en soit, déjà partie pour France, cette protestation arrivera avant que vous ayez pu obtenir aucune communication des antécédents; ce qui la rendrait tout à fait inintelligible pour tout le monde. J'ai donc cru devoir vous informer le plus promptement possible des faits qui l'ont précédé, vous donner ainsi la mesure de l'importance qui doit lui être accordée. Le nombre des signatures s'obtient facilement dans une assemblée de nègres. Tous ne demandent pas mieux que de faire une croix soit qu'ils en comprennent ou non la portée. Cette pièce est toute dans un intérêt Anglais et dictée par le Capitaine Anglais, qui n'a épargné ni le genièvre ni le rhum.

Depuis que je suis au Gabon neuf navires Français y ont mouillé et chargé. Six bâtiments du commerce—"L'Ossian," les "Deux Clémentines," le "Luis d'Albuquerque," le "Jeune Frédéric," le "Singe," le "Saphir;" trois bâtiments de l'état—le "Nisus," la "Mulouine," "L'Eperlan."

Un seul navire Anglais a paru; le marché de l'ivoire et du bois enchérit par la concurrence. Si M. Dyer était parvenu à mettre la dissension entre la population de Glass et nous, que les navires Français se fussent éloignés, il serait resté maître de l'établissement, de ses prix. C'est là, M. le Directeur tout le nœud de cette petite intrigue qui a remué le pays, qui me donne plus de peine et de soins que ne pourrait le faire une transaction de la plus haute importance.

Veillez de nouveau recevoir l'assurance, M. le Directeur, de la prochaine et heureuse fin de ce palabre (ainsi qu'on le nomme ici). Soyez persuadé que la prudence et la modération dont je ne me suis pas encore écarté, resteront ma règle de conduite aussi bien que l'honneur du pavillon sous lequel je commande.

Je ne puis terminer, M. le Directeur, sans vous dire que j'ai été moi-même obligé de rappeler à l'observation des convenances le Commandant d'un de nos propres bâtiments de commerce. Mouillé devant le village de Glass, pendant toutes les menées du Capitaine Dyer, non seulement il n'a pas craint dans un but d'intérêt mercantile, de donner son approbation aux meneurs, mais encore c'est lui qui s'est chargé de la protestation adressée à Sa Majesté. Il a consenti

à en garder le secret qu'il a parfaitement observé, puisque ce n'est que deux jours après son départ que j'ai pu en être informé.

*M. le Directeur des Colonies,*  
&c. &c.

Veuillez, &c.  
(Signé) B<sup>ON</sup> DARRICAU,  
Capitaine du "L'Eperlan."

No. 154.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.*

*Foreign Office, October 3, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Jarnac, and in accordance with the request contained in Count Jarnac's note of the 26th ultimo, has the honour to transmit to him the accompanying warrants to enable the Commanders of the French vessels of war "*Fulton*," "*Expédition*," and "*Grenadier*," to act on their respective stations, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count Jarnac,*  
&c. &c.

No. 155.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 155.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station, March 19, 1842.

No. 156.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, October 4, 1844.*  
(Received October 6.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatches, of the 6th and 20th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have the honour to enclose copies of two notes which I have addressed to M. Guizot, under date the 13th and 24th of September; the first relating to the apprehensions entertained by certain mercantile houses at Bristol and Liverpool of the consequences which may result to British trade from the recent occupation by France of certain points upon the western coast of Africa; and the second, complaining of the actual interference of the French upon those stations, to the injury of British commerce.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has been prevented by illness from returning written answers to these notes, but has assured me verbally, that the British trade will suffer no interruption from the occupation by France of these stations, and that he will take the earliest opportunity, after his return from his attendance upon the King on his visit to Her Majesty, of replying satisfactorily to the representations which I have addressed to him upon these subjects.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 156.

*Lord Cowley to M. Guizot.*

M. LE MINISTRE,

*Paris, September 13, 1844.*

HER Majesty's Government have received communications from several respectable mercantile houses at Bristol and Liverpool, expressing great apprehension of the consequences which may result to British trade from the recent occupation by the French of certain points on the western coast of Africa, with which those houses have been accustomed to trade for more than 30 years. I am therefore directed to express the confident expectation of Her Majesty's Government, that the Government of France do not contemplate, in the erection of any fort at the Gaboon or elsewhere, the imposition of duties or restrictions of any kind upon the trade carried on with the natives of the place by British or other merchants, a trade which for a long course of years has been free and uninterrupted, and which still continues so at all British factories upon the coast.

I avail, &amp;c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*His Excellency M. Guizot,*  
&c. &c.

Second Enclosure in No. 156.

*Lord Cowley to M. Guizot.*

M. LE MINISTRE,

*Paris, September 24, 1844.*

WITH reference to my communication of the 13th instant, relative to the apprehensions entertained by some commercial establishments at Bristol and Liverpool that the occupation by France of certain points on the western coast of Africa would be likely to prove injurious to the trade which they had carried on for more than 30 years with those parts of the coast; I am now instructed to transmit to your Excellency copies of a correspondence which has passed between Messrs. Lucas, Gwyer, & Lucas, merchants of Bristol, and the Foreign Office, on the subject of a statement made by the Master of their vessel, the "William Canynges," "that the trade of that vessel had been put a stop to at Cape Lohoe, on the west coast of Africa, by a French brig-of-war."

I am further instructed to request that an enquiry may be made into this case; and also, with reference to the contents of my letter of the 13th instant, to call the special attention of your Excellency to the statement made in Messrs. Lucas's letter of the 11th instant, that the Master of their vessel, the "Ashantee," had been informed by the Captain of a French vessel-of-war, that no goods could be landed at Grand Bassam or Assinee, except under the French flag.

I avail, &amp;c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*His Excellency M. Guizot,*  
&c. &c.

No. 157.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.



Warrant returned in No. 157.

“Fawn,” Lieut. J. Foote, Brazil station, February 5, 1840.

No. 158.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Paris, October 7, 1844.

(Received October 10.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying copy of a note which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, enclosing a warrant for Her Majesty's ship “Conway” to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

Your Lordship will see that in the postscript, the Minister for Foreign Affairs asks for a similar warrant, issued to Her Majesty's ship the “Conway” on the 18th of August, 1843.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 158.

“Conway,” Capt. W. Smith, Cape Good Hope station, September 20, 1844.

Enclosure in No. 158.

*M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.*

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, Septembre 23, 1844.

J'AI l'honneur de transmettre ci-joint à votre Excellence, conformément au désir qu'elle m'en a exprimé par la lettre du 12 de ce mois, un mandat qui autorise le Commandant du bâtiment de Sa Majesté Britannique le “Conway” à exercer le droit de visite à bord des navires de commerce Français, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite des noires.

Agréez, &c.

*Son Excellence Lord Cowley,*

(Signé) GUIZOT.

&c.

&c.

P.S.—Un mandat semblable ayant déjà été délivré le 18 Août, 1843, pour le précédent Commandant du “Conway,” je serai obligé à votre Excellence de vouloir bien réclamer du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique en échange de celui-ci.

No. 159.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

Warrant returned in No. 159.

"Albatross," Com. R. Yorke, N. America & W. India station, August 6, 1842.

No. 160.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency, for communication to the French Government, copy of a letter and of its enclosures, which have been received at this office from the Admiralty, reporting that the French brig "*Télégraphe*," Captain Marian, is engaged in the Slave Trade between that part of the west coast of Africa which lies to the south of the limits of the right of search prescribed by the Convention of March 22, 1843, at Rio de Janeiro.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 160.

*Sir John Barrow to Viscount Canning.*

MY LORD,

*Admiralty, October 4, 1844.*

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, copies of a letter from Rear-Admiral the Honorable Josceline Percy, dated 27th July last, with its enclosure, relative to a brig under French colours, said to be called the "*Télégraphe*," and reported to be engaged in the Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN BARROW.

*The Viscount Canning,*  
&c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure 1 in Enclosure in No. 160.

*Rear-Admiral Percy to the Hon. Sidney Herbert.*

SIR,

*"Winchester," Simon's bay, July 27, 1844.*

I BEG you will be pleased to lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the enclosed copy of a letter of the 12th May last, from Captain Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "*Conway*," reporting that a well-armed brig, under French colours, said to be called the "*Télégraphe*," is engaged in the Slave Trade on the western coast of Africa, to the southward of the limits prescribed by the Conventions, and that she has lately shipped 650 slaves in the vicinity of Benguela, and conveyed them to Rio de Janeiro, whence she is expected to return for another cargo.

As this vessel has been met with on other occasions on the western coast, I deem it necessary to apprise their Lordships of her suspicious character.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOSCELINE PERCY,  
*Rear-Admiral, and Commander-in-Chief.*

*Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P.*  
&c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure 2 in Enclosure in No. 160.

*Captain Kelly to the Hon. Josceline Percy.*

SIR,

*"Conway," lat. 13° 42', lon. 12° 20',  
May 12, 1844.*

I HAVE the honour to report for your information, the fact of a brig under French colours being employed in the Slave Trade between this part of the coast of Africa and Rio de Janeiro; and although the Conventional Treaty between France and England of August 28, 1833 (3 & 4 Will. IV. cap. 72,) restricts Her Majesty's cruisers under your command from any interference with French slave vessels to the southward of 10° of south latitude, I nevertheless feel it my duty to

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represent to you the particulars of this case, as recently communicated to me from undoubted authority.

On the 22nd of February last a French brig, named the "*Télégraphe*," Captain Marian, arrived in Little Fish bay from Benguela, where she had been disposing of a general cargo, and was seen by Her Majesty's ship "*Conway*" at sea the day previous to her arrival in Little Fish bay. She mounted four guns besides a swivel gun, and in other respects was well armed. At this time she had 81 leaguers full of water on board. After remaining three days there, and selling a quantity of Cognac brandy and other spirits, she sailed for Salinas, a small native settlement about 30 miles to the southward of Benguela, at which place I have been informed that she shipped 650 slaves for Rio de Janeiro. The Commander of the Portuguese man-of-war schooner "*Esperanza*," on this coast, informs me that he had visited the brig when in Little Fish bay, and that he knows she subsequently sailed for Rio with slaves.

I have it also from good authority that the same brig is shortly expected to return to this coast for further employment in the slave traffic.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KELLY, *Captain*.

*The Hon. Josceline Percy, C.B.*

&c.

&c.

No. 161.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Octobre 15, 1844.*

*(Received October 17.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints deux mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, aux Commandants de la "*Malouine*" et du "*Papillon*," les mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces bâtiments.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants returned in No. 161.

"*Malouine*" Lieut. M. Fleuriot de Langle, West Coast of Africa, June 19, 1843.  
 "*Papillon*" . Capt. M. Sochet . . . West India station . Feb. 1, ..

No. 162.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, October 24, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the French Government in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 162.

"*Spider*," Com. R. S. Pym, Brazil station, July 2, 1842.  
 "*Alfred*," Com. Purvis . . . , March 19, ..

No. 163.

*Viscount Canning to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, October 26, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Walter G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CANNING.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affaires at Florence and Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 164.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Paris, October 25, 1844.**(Received October 28.)*

I HAVE forwarded to the Minister for Foreign Affairs copies of the Enclosures contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 12th instant, marked Slave Trade, reporting that the French brig "Télégraphe," Captain Marian, is engaged in the Slave Trade between that part of the west coast of Africa which lies to the south of the limits of the right of search prescribed by the Convention of March 22, 1833, and Rio de Janeiro.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 165.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 7, 1844.*

BY my Despatch of the 27th July, 1843, I instructed your Excellency to apply to the French Government for a warrant to enable Commander Archibald Reed, of Her Majesty's ship "Racer," to act on the Brazil station, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

The receipt of that Despatch your Excellency acknowledged in your Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 4th of August, 1843.

No warrant has, however, since that date reached this office for the ship in question; I have, accordingly, to instruct your Excellency to take the necessary measures for rectifying this apparent omission.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 166.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and

1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 166.

"Fair Rosamond," Com A. G. Bulman, West India station, March 19, 1842.

No. 167.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Paris, November 11, 1844.  
(Received November 14.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of the answer which I have received to a note which I addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the 22nd ultimo, enclosing copies of two letters stating that a vessel under French colours of the name of the "*Télégraphe*," was carrying on the traffic in slaves on the western coast of Africa beyond the limits authorized by Treaty for the exercise of the rights of search.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 167.

*M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.*

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, Novembre 6, 1844.

VOTRE Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'adresser, le 22 du mois dernier, des copies de deux lettres qui affirment qu'un bâtiment, sous pavillon Français, portant le nom de "*Télégraphe*," se livre à la traite des noirs sur la côte occidentale d'Afrique au-delà des limites où le droit de visite réciproque est autorisé par les Traités.

Je me suis empressé, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, de porter ce fait à la connaissance de Monsieur le Ministre de la Marine, en le priant de faire surveiller tout particulièrement le "*Télégraphe*," par le bâtiment dont j'ai annoncé, le 2 Août dernier, le départ à votre Excellence, et qui a pour mission de vérifier la nature des opérations auxquelles notre pavillon marchand est employé dans ces parages.

Agréez, &c.  
(Signé) GUIZOT.

*Son Excellence Lord Cowley,*  
&c. &c.

No. 168.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, November 15, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for

which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 168.

“Conway,” Capt. R. Fair, Cape of Good Hope station, August 18, 1843.

No. 169.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, November 15, 1844.*  
(Received November 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship a copy of the answer, with its enclosures, which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the notes which I addressed to him on the 13th and 24th of September, relative to the recent occupation by the French of certain points on the western coast of Africa.

This note contains satisfactory assurances from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the trade of foreign nations with those points will continue as heretofore free from any restrictions.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 169.

*M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.*

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

*Paris, Novembre 11, 1844.*

J'AI reçu la Dépêche que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'adresser le 13 Septembre dernier, et qui était relative aux craintes manifestées par des maisons de commerce Anglaises que l'occupation par la France de quelques points de la côte ouest de l'Afrique ne portât atteinte au commerce qu'elles font sur cette côte depuis plus de trente ans.

J'ai reçu également votre seconde Dépêche, en date du 24 du même mois, contenant copie de deux lettres adressées au Foreign Office par MM. Lucas, Gwyer, et Lucas, négocians à Bristol, et par lesquelles ces commercans se plaignent d'entraves mises au commerce de deux de leurs navires sur la côte d'Afrique, par des bâtimens de guerre Français.

J'ai communiqué à M. le Vice-Amiral Baron de Mackau, Ministre de la Marine, les réclamations de MM. Lucas, Gwyer, et Lucas. J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre copie de la réponse que j'ai reçue de M. le Ministre de la Marine, ainsi que des documens auxquels se réfère cette réponse, et entr'autres de la lettre écrite par le Capitaine de “l'Ashantee” à M. l'Enseigne de vaisseau Boyer.

Vous verrez par ces diverses pièces, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, qu'aucune restriction n'a été apportée à la liberté de commerce dans les nouveaux comptoirs Français de la côte d'Afrique, telle quelle existe dans les établissemens Anglais de la même côte, et qu'au lieu d'être gênés dans leurs opérations par les forts Français récemment établis, les commercans Anglais reçoivent au contraire aide et protection de la garnison de ces forts.

L'intention du Gouvernement du Roi est de ne rien changer, sur ces points, à l'état actuel des choses et d'y maintenir le régime de la liberté de commerce.

C'est bien là en effet notre intention, et elle réglera notre conduite. Mais il est bien entendu que l'assurance que je vous en donne ne porte aucune atteinte aux droits de souveraineté que nous avons acquis sur ces points de la côte d'Afrique, et que si, dans l'avenir, nous nous trouvions dans la nécessité d'exercer ces droits en matière commerciale, nous serions libres de la faire.

Agréez, &c.  
(Signé) GUIZOT.

*Son Excellence Lord Cowley,*  
&c. &c.

Second Enclosure in No. 169.

*Baron de Mackau to M. Guizot.*

M. LE MINISTRE ET CHER COLLEGE,

Paris, Août 12, 1844.

UN navire de Marseille, la "*Félicie*," ayant été pillé en Octobre 1843, par les naturels du Cap Lahou (côte occidentale d'Afrique), une attaque fut dirigée en Novembre dernier contre cette peuplade, par les ordres du Commandant de la station, pour forcer les indigènes à accorder des réparations. Le chef King Peter souscrivit un engagement, par lequel il s'obligeait à payer la valeur des marchandises pillés, et 134 onces d'or à titre d'indemnité, pour les objets enlevés spécialement au Capitaine et à l'équipage de la "*Félicie*." Ce chef ayant plus tard formellement refusé de remplir l'engagement qu'il avait pris, il y a eu nécessité de recourir de nouveau à la force pour l'y contraindre. M. le Capitaine de corvette Bouet, Gouverneur du Sénégal, en passant, au mois de Mars dernier, par le travers du Cap Lahou avec le brick le "*Nisus*," rencontra en mer des pirogues appartenant aux gens du pays, et en fit chasser et mitrailler. N'ayant pas le temps de s'arrêter sur ce point, M. Bouet donna l'ordre à M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Jance, Commandant de "*L'Eglantine*," de faire sur le village au residie King Peter une démonstration plus décisive. Le 10 Mars, ce dernier officier a exécuté sur le Cap Lahou, avec une rare audace, une attaque qui a eu pour résultat l'incendie de 200 maisons du village, et la mort de quelques naturels atteints par les projectiles de "*L'Eglantine*."

Les déprédations des gens de Lahou et la mauvaise foi de King Peter motivaient pleinement ces voies de rigueur, auxquelles ne manquent pas de recourir, en pareille cas, à la côte d'Afrique les bâtiments de guerre de toutes les nations; témoin les représailles exercées en dernier lieu, sur un point voisin, et pour un fait semblable par le Commandant en chef de la croisière Américaine, à la suite du pillage d'un navire marchand de cette nation, la "*Mary Craven*." Cependant le Lieutenant-Gouverneur de l'établissement Anglais du Cap Coast, dans une lettre adressée à M. le Capitaine de corvette Baudin, s'est plaint des mesures prises par nos officiers, et les a dénoncées comme ayant été préjudiciables aux opérations d'un troqueur Anglais qui trafiquait alors avec les gens du Cap Lahou. M. Baudin a répondu à cette réclamation dans des termes convenables, et qui paraissent en démontrer le peu de fondement.

Agréez, &c.

(Signé)

BARON DE MACKAU.

M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères,

&c.

&c.

Third Enclosure in No. 169.

*Copie de la Lettre laissée par le Capitaine de "L'Ashantee," après le Naufrage de son Navire, au Commandant du Fort Joinville.*

MONSIEUR,

PERMETTEZ moi de vous exprimer ma gratitude pour le très bon et très hospitalier traitement que moi et mon équipage avons reçu de vous et de tous ceux employés sous vos ordres, lequel, j'assure, a grandement contribué à soulager notre misère, et de vous remercier des grands efforts que vous avez faits pour sauver autant de débris qu'il était possible dans la circonstance.

Quittant ces lieux, je vous serai très reconnaissant, si quelques uns de mes papiers étaient découverts, ou si quelques pièces d'ivoire, caisses, ou autres objets de valeur venaient à la côte comme débris, de les recueillir et de les conserver, surtout si vous y voyez mon nom.

Dans l'espérance que votre bonne santé, et votre paix et tranquillité avec les naturels, ne seront jamais interrompues,

J'ai, &c.

(Signé)

JOSEPH LOVELL.

Fourth Enclosure in No. 169.

*Baron Mackau to M. Guizot.*

M. LE MINISTRE ET CHER COLLEGE,

*Paris, Août 23, 1844.*

J'AI reçu la lettre du 10 Août, par laquelle vous me transmettez une réclamation du Gouvernement Anglais au sujet des attaques qui ont été dirigées en Mars dernier, par notre station d'Afrique, contre les noirs du Cap Lahou, pour obtenir justice du pillage du navire Française la "*Félicie*."

Cette lettre m'est parvenue après l'envoi de celle que je vous ai écrite le 12 sur la même affaire. Je ne puis donc que me référer à cette dernière. Les documens qui l'accompagnent vous mettront pleinement à portée de répondre au Gouvernement Anglais, et d'après les détails précis et circonstanciés qu'ils contiennent, je ne pense pas qu'il soit besoin de demander de plus amples informations à M. le Capitaine de corvette Baudin, commandant de la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique. J'ai d'ailleurs écrit à cet officier supérieur que j'approuvais les termes dans lesquels il s'était expliqué avec le Gouverneur Anglais de Cap Coast.

Agréer, &amp;c.

(Signé)

BARON DE MACKAU.

*M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères,*  
&c.

Fifth Enclosure in No. 169.

(Extract.)

*Baron Mackau to M. Guizot.**Octobre 29, 1844.*

UN navire de commerce Anglais "*L'Ashantee*" ayant fait naufrage près d'Assinie, le sauvetage s'est opéré sous la protection et par les soins directs de la petite garnison du fort Joinville, qui a réussi, non sans une lutte énergique, à faire comprendre pour la première fois aux populations indigènes que le bâtiment et les marchandises n'appartiennent pas aux possessions du littoral, et qu'ils n'ont droit qu'au tiers comme sauveteurs. Le Capitaine de "*L'Ashantee*" a adressé à cette occasion, au chef du comptoir, une lettre de remerciement dont je crois devoir vous remettre copie.

Sixth Enclosure in No. 169.

*Baron Mackau to M Guizot.*

M. LE MINISTRE ET CHER COLLEGE,

*Paris, Novembre 8, 1844.*

Vous m'avez fait l'honneur de me communiquer deux lettres par lesquelles M. l'Ambassadeur d'Angleterre a transmis à votre département des réclamations de deux maisons de commerce de Bristol, au sujet des empêchements qu'apporteraient aux opérations des troqueurs Anglais, à la côte occidentale d'Afrique, les autorités de nos nouveaux comptoirs du Gabon et de la Côte d'Or.

Examen fait des pièces transmises par Lord Cowley, je vois que les réclamations dont il s'agit se bornent aux deux points que voici :—

1°. Un bâtiment de la station Français aurait empêché le navire le "*William Canynges*" de terminer sa troque au Cap Lahou ;

2°. Le Capitaine du navire "*L'Ashantee*" a rapporté à celui du "*William Canynges*" que, d'après l'avis donné par le Commandant d'un bâtiment de guerre Français aucune marchandise ne serait débarquée à Grand Bassam et à Assinie, si ce n'est sous pavillon Français.

L'affaire du Cap Lahou n'a aucun rapport avec ce qui a été réglé par suite de la création de nos nouvelles factoreries, le point est distant de plus d'un degré du territoire du Grand Bassam, nous n'y avons aucun établissement, et j'ai déjà eu soin de vous faire connaître, par mes lettres des 12 et 13 Août dernier, les circonstances qui ont motivé les mesures de rigueur employées contre les indigènes par les Commandants du brick le "*Nisus*" et de la



cannonière "*L'Eglantine*." Il s'agissait de punir le pillage du navire Français la "*Félicie*," naufragé sur cette côte peu de temps auparavant, et les explications données ensuite au Gouverneur de Cap Coast par M. le Capitaine de corvette Baudin, ont démontré le peu de fondement de la plainte articulée à cette occasion par le Capitaine du "*William Canynges*." Je ne puis donc que prier votre Excellence de vouloir bien se faire représenter les deux lettres dont je viens de rappeler la date et les documents que j'y ai joints.

Quant à la prohibition qu'on suppose devoir être mise au débarquement de marchandises étrangères à Assinie et à Grand Bassam, la réclamation n'est pas suffisamment explicite. Peut-on dire par là que les échanges entre les indigènes et les troqueurs de toutes nations ne sont pas libres sur la côte que nous occupons? L'allégation serait entièrement contraire à la vérité. Les instructions transmises au Sénégal par mes prédécesseurs, enjoignent de laisser aux factoreries une franchise absolue quant aux pavillons aussi bien qu'en ce qui regarde les marchandises; tout au plus pourrait-il y avoir doute sur la question de savoir si les marchandises apportées sous pavillon étranger et qui seraient débarquées sans être immédiatement livrées aux indigènes seraient admises dans les magasins même du comptoir Français. Cette question ne s'est pas encore présentée, et ne se présentera peut-être pas de longtemps; car, un débit de marchandises non vendues, dans un pays où il n'existe pas encore de facteurs Européens, exige l'entretien d'un agent pour en gérer le placement, et pour faire le recouvrement de la contrevaletur en produits du pays. Si des troqueurs étrangers voulaient imiter à cet égard l'exemple qui vient d'être donné par un de nos armateurs, et que d'autres suivront bientôt, je l'espère, l'agent et les marchandises seraient admis sans difficulté sur notre territoire, et sous la protection de notre pavillon, mais il faut que leur installation se fît aux frais de l'armement.

Il est à remarquer que les renseignements inexacts dont s'étaient les réclama-  
 mants ont été fournis par le Capitaine d'un navire Anglais, qui peut précisément être cité comme exemple des garanties de sûreté que la navigation étrangère trouve déjà dans nos nouveaux établissemens. En effet, le brick "*L'Ashantée*," ayant récemment fait naufrage devant Assinie, le sauvetage de la cargaison a été protégé et même effectué en partie par la garnison du fort Joinville, et le Commandant du poste n'a pas hésité à faire tirer sur les indigènes pour prévenir le pillage des marchandises, qui ont ensuite été recueillies dans les magasins du comptoir, pour y être tenues à la disposition des ayant droit. J'ai rendu compte de ces faits à votre Excellence par ma lettre du 29 Octobre dernier, à laquelle est jointe une copie de la lettre de remerciemens écrite à M. l'Enseigne de vaisseau Boyer, par le Capitaine du bâtiment.

Les lettres des deux armateurs de Bristol, communiquées par M. l'Ambassadeur d'Angleterre, ne font aucune allusion au comptoir du Gabon, et cependant, j'observe que c'est la seule localité qui se trouve mentionnée dans la lettre de Lord Cowley du 13 Septembre. Du reste, les explications qui précèdent sont entièrement applicables à cette troisième factorerie. Le droit de police, que nous devons exercer dans la rivière, et au sujet duquel je prépare, pour le Commandant de la station, des instructions qui sont vous être communiquées, ne préjudiciera en rien à l'application du principe de franchise absolue en matière commerciale.

Vous pouvez, en conséquence, M. le Ministre et cher collègue, donner au Gouvernement Britannique l'assurance que, soit au Gabon, soit à Assinie et à Grand Bassam, aucune restriction quelconque n'existe au commerce des navires Anglais avec les indigènes.

Agréez, &c.  
 (Signed) BARON DE MACKAU. )

Son Excellence M. Guizot,  
 &c. &c.

No. 170.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Novembre 20, 1844.*

*(Received November 22.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui

renvoyer deux mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, aux Commandants de "*L'Eperlan*" et de la "*Sarcelle*," ces deux mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces navires.

*Son Excellence Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 170.

"*Sarcelle*" . (no Commander named) Island of Bourbon . Dec. 30, 1841.  
"*Eperlan*" . Capt. Darricau . . West Coast of Africa, Nov. 29, 1843.

No. 171.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Paris, November 22, 1844.*

*(Received November 25.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant, which I applied for to the French Government, conformably to your Lordship's instructions, to enable Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steamer the "*Eclair*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 171.

"*Eclair*," Com. Estcourt, West Coast of Africa, November 15, 1844.

No. 172.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 172.

"*Griffon*," Lieut. Jenkin, Cape of Good Hope and Madagascar station, Dec. 1842.

No. 173.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Décembre 4, 1844.*

*(Received December 5.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints deux mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite aux Commandants du "*Fulton*" et de "*L'Alouette*," ces deux mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour de ce dernier navire et de la démission de l'officier qui commandait le premier.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 173.

"*Alouette*," Lieut. Kerallet, . West Coast of Africa, June 19, 1843.  
 "*Fulton*," Lieut. Marceau . Brazil . . . . . Oct. 1, 1844.

No. 174.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, December 1, 1844,  
 (Received December 5.)*

L'AMBASSADIEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance d'un mandat qui autorise le nouveau Commandant du "*Fulton*," M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Mazères, à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais dans le station du Brésil.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen.*

&c.                    &c.                    &c.

No. 175.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.                    &c.

Warrant returned in No. 175.

"*Hornet*," Lieut. Miller, West Indies, August 27, 1842.

No. 176.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Paris, December 9, 1844.  
 (Received December 12.)*

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrant, issued by the French Government, to enable Commander Archibald Reed, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Racer*," to act under the Conventions between Great Britain and France for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.                    &c.                    &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 176.

"*Racer*," Com. Archibald Reed, Brazil station, November 19, 1844.

No. 177.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, December 14, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to his Excellency Count St. Aulaire, and in accordance with the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 4th instant, has the honour to transmit to him the accompanying warrant, to enable the Commander of the French vessel-of-war "*Fulton*" to act on the Brazil station, under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 177.

"*Fulton*," Lieut. Mazères, Brazil station.

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No. 178.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 17, 1844.*

I TRANSMIT herewith to your Excellency a letter addressed to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs by King Glass, which was sent to this office open by a mercantile house at Bristol, with a request that if I saw no impropriety in the proceeding I would cause it to be forwarded to its destination.

I have, accordingly, to desire that your Excellency will transmit that letter unofficially to M. Guizot.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
&c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 178.

*Memorial to M. Guizot.*

To the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Paris, France.

*King Glass Town, Gaboon river, Western Africa.*  
July 25, 1844.

THE undersigned, with a great deal of respect, beg leave to submit, that a memorial, signed by King Glass, all of his head men, and more than 100 other persons, was forwarded to His Majesty Louis Philippe, King of the French, in the early part of April, in which we protested to His Majesty against the validity of a claim set up by the French authorities in this river to extend His Majesty's jurisdiction over our country, and implored His Majesty to interpose his authority to prevent any encroachment upon our rights and liberties.

The object of the present communication is to enquire whether this document has been received, and to state further, that it is still the unanimous request and the most earnest desire of this community, that we may be left in the uninterrupted enjoyment of our civil and natural rights.

We have not been prompted to oppose the claims of His Majesty's officers here from any want of respect for His Majesty's Government, or from any unwillingness to have His Majesty's subjects participate in our commerce, but from an honest and natural desire to maintain our independence.

It will be said, doubtless, that we have been prompted to these measures by foreigners, who are inimical to the interests of His Majesty's Government; but such we solemnly assure you is not the case. We hold ourselves in readiness at all times to satisfy any impartial tribunal of the truth of the statements contained in our communication to His Majesty; and we are prepared, likewise, to show that we have acted under the influence of feelings and principles purely our own.

We do most earnestly hope, therefore, that if our previous request has not already been granted, that the attention of His Majesty's Government may once more be called to this subject, and that our request, which at most can be a matter of ver- little importance to so great a nation as France, may be granted.

With sentiments, &c.

(Signed)

KING GLASS.

CASE GLASS.

PRINCE GLASS.

TOKO, *Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

WILL GLASS.

No. 179.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 19, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*

&c.

&c.

P.S.—The former Commander of the "Espoir" has been appointed to another ship, and the warrant supplied to him will be returned to be cancelled.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence and Naples; and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 180.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Décembre 18, 1844.*

*(Received December 19.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France presente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joints cinq mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, aux Commandants de la "Vigie," du "Galibi," de la "Néréide," et du "Du Petit Thouars," ces mandats ayant cessés d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces bâtiments.

Warrants returned in No. 180.

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| "Vigie" . . .        | Com. M. Fournier .   | W. Coast of Africa, | Oct. 31, 1843. |
| "Vigie" . . .        | (Com. not named) .   | Coast of Africa,    | Mar. 12, 1841. |
| "Galibi" . . .       | Capt. Soubertz . . . | "                   | May 20, 1843.  |
| "Du Petit Thouars" . | Capt. Lagrandière .  | Brazil station,     | June 19, 1843. |
| "Néréide," . . .     | (Com. not named) .   | W. India station,   | Dec. 30, 1841. |

No. 181.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Décembre 18, 1844.*

*(Received December 19.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur d'après les ordres de son Gouvernement, et en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, de

lui demander la délivrance d'un mandat qui autorise le Commandant du "Tonnerre," bâtiment à vapeur, M. de Lacour, Lieutenant de vaisseau, à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais dans la station des Antilles.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
 &c.                      &c.                      &c.

No. 182.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 21, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct your Excellency to request the French Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Richard W. Pelly, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.*  
 &c.                      &c.

P.S.—Commander Sturt, of the "Rose," has been promoted; and the warrants addressed to him, which have been issued, will be returned to be cancelled.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples, to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 183.

*M. Guizot to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Novembre 25, 1844.*

M. LE COMTE,                      (*Communicated by Count St. Aulaire, December 23, 1844.*)

JE vous ai transmis le 11 du courant la réponse de M. le Ministre de la Marine aux réclamations de quelques commerçants Anglais contre nos nouveaux comptoirs du Golfe de Guinée. Je viens aujourd'hui vous faire part des sujets de plainte donnés aux Commandants de la station Française dans ce Golfe par deux Capitaines de commerce Anglais. Ces faits me paraissent de nature à appeler l'attention du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique.

Les rapports de nos officiers constatent que M. Dyer, Capitaine du navire "L'Englishman," n'a cessé pendant plusieurs mois d'entraver autant qu'il était en lui notre établissement sur la rivière du Gabon. On l'accuse d'avoir dicté au chef indigène Glass, avec lequel un Traité séparé avait été conclu le 28 Mars dernier, des protestations dont l'une a été expédiée secrètement en France pour en appeler à Sa Majesté le Roi des Français. Bien que le plus simple examen du Traité et des faits qui s'y rattachent ôte à ces protestations toute valeur, il est à regretter néanmoins que les efforts de M. Dyer, réunis à ceux des Missionnaires Américains qui résident dans le pays, aient réussi à exciter contre nous la défiance d'un chef indigène.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Baron Darricau, commandant le cutter du Roi "L'Eperlan," en station dans le Gabon, ayant reconnu dans la conduite du chef Glass l'influence de M. Dyer a sommé publiquement ce marin de rétracter les bruits calomnieux qu'il avait répandus. Il n'en a reçu pour réponse qu'une lettre dont le ton provocateur vis-à-vis d'un officier de notre marine Royale me paraît avoir de la gravité. Je crois devoir vous en adresser ci-joint la copie textuelle. M. Darricau n'y a répliqué que par la déclaration qu'il s'en plaindrait à qui de droit.

Peu de temps après, un acte d'agression inattendu a été commis par un autre navire de commerce Anglais le "Capidon." Son Commandant a fait tirer, sous un prétexte sans valeur, un coup de canon à boulet sur le village du chef Louis, où flottait notre pavillon. Cette violence n'a été connue du Commandant du fort d'Aumale que lorsque le navire était en mer, et il n'a pu être

demandé sur le champ satisfaction, mais le fait a été constaté par un rapport dont je vous envoie copie.

Cet exposé vous fera sans doute juger comme à moi, M. le Comte, qu'il serait bien à désirer que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique avertît ses nationaux de notre établissement sur la côte d'Afrique, et de la nécessité de le respecter. Cette mesure de prudence dégagerait de toutes complications une situation fort simple en elle-même : tous les officiers commandant les forces navales Françaises sur la côte d'Afrique s'accordent à la présenter comme indispensable.

J'ai vu, du reste, avec plaisir que les officiers de la marine Royale Anglaise sont loin d'encourager les écarts de leur nationaux. La corvette de Sa Majesté Britannique le "Larne," est arrivée dans le Gabon au moment où se passaient les pénibles incidents que je viens de rapporter. Dès son arrivée le Commandant de cette corvette a contribué plus que personne à éclairer le chef Glass sur ses véritables intérêts et à détruire les espérances insensées que ce chef avait, dit on, conçues à l'apparition d'un bâtiment de guerre Anglais. Ses réprimandes sévères ont amené le Capitaine de "L'Englishman," à faire à M. le Lieutenant Baron Darricau ses excuses pour la lettre qu'il lui avait écrite. Vous voudrez bien M. le Comte, en signalant la conduite de cet officier au Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique lui exprimer à ce sujet les remerciements du Gouvernement du Roi.

Pour compléter les explications données dans une Dépêche du onze du courant, je vous transmets ci-joint un extrait des instructions que M. le Ministre de la Marine vient d'adresser au Commandant de la station navale Française sur la Côte d'Afrique. Vous y trouverez sur la liberté dont jouit le commerce étranger dans nos établissements, ainsi que sur la répression de la traite des noirs, de nouvelles preuves de l'esprit libéral qui nous dirige. Vous donnerez connaissance sur ces instructions à Lord Aberdeen.

M. le Comte de St. Aulaire,  
&c. &c.

Agréé, &c.  
(Signé) GUIZOT.

(Traduction.)

First Enclosure in No. 183.

*Mr. Dyer to Baron Darricau.*

MONSIEUR,

EN réponse à ce que vous m'avez dit le 17 Avril dernier, j'espère que vous voudrez bien accepter le peu de lignes suivantes, espérant que vous excuserez mon retard, ayant eu à traiter des affaires d'une plus grande importance.

Vous avez commencé par dire que vous n'aimiez pas à dire des choses désagréables et encore moins à les écrire. Ceci Monsieur, je le nie; car je vous ai entendu dire des choses très désagréables écrites de votre main.

Comme il est d'usage, parmi les personnes de votre position de conserver copie de ce qu'ils écrivent aux étrangers, je pense qu'il sera utile de vous rappeler ce que contient la vôtre, et j'y ferai une simple réponse du mieux que je pourrai.

Je ne peux voir que vous ayez aucune raison d'être fâché, lorsque surtout vous ne me voulez pas donner la satisfaction de rechercher la vérité au sujet de ce que vous avez entendu.

Vous dites que vous ne me nommerez pas vos témoins : alors, par pudeur, déposez votre plume, et ne chargez pas un innocent. Pesez seul dans la balance sans contrepoids, mais je ne peux rester chargé de toutes les faussetés que contient votre papier et être appelé menteur sans chercher une réhabilitation.

Quant à ce que vous m'avez écrit du blockhaus, vous entendrez parler de la satisfaction que j'en éprouve si la providence m'accorde, comme je l'espère, de retourner en Angleterre : vous saurez ce que veut dire le mot piraterie.

Vous vous vantez de franchise et d'exposer vos griefs face à face ; mais donnez moi le papier que vous avez là et je jugerai, si vous avez des droits à cette prétention.

Toute personne qui se fonderait sur la vérité en agirait ainsi, mais vous jamais ; et que vous qui faites profession d'être un gentleman, que vous disiez de pareilles faussetés, j'en suis surpris.

Avant d'avoir reçu votre lettre du 3 Avril, je savais que les Capitaines marchands ne pouvaient se faire justice eux-mêmes. C'est pour cela que je vous ai envoyé mon premier officier vous demander justice. A cela vous avez répondu que j'eusse à être mon propre constable, que j'eusse à conduire moi-même l'homme au blockhaus exposer mes réclamations.

Ayant d'autres affaires qui, ce jour là, étaient d'une valeur dix fois plus considérable que celle de ma dette, je n'eus connaissance de votre réponse qu'après sept heures. Tout mon équipage était au travail : on ne put m'envoyer mon canot.

Permettez moi de vous dire, Monsieur, que de justes appréhensions et la crainte de Dieu m'ont jusqu'ici, depuis onze ans que je viens à la côte, empêché de faire aucun tort ou exercer aucun acte de violence contre les naturels, et dans ce cas je crois que j'ai agi en vue de Dieu et suivant ses commandemens.

Vous vous vantez que la pavillon Français flotte sur les deux rives du Gabon, comme signe de protection. Ceci est vrai ; et les sujets de la Grande Bretagne seront surpris, lorsqu'ils apprendront que ce pavillon flotte sur trois factoreries à esclaves ; et bien davantage quand on leur dira qu'une goëlette Espagnole a mis sa cargaison à terre pour la traite, et cela en présence du cutter "*L'Eperlan*."

Pour ce qui est des naturels, je n'ai jamais entendu dire, qu'ils reconnaissent la souveraineté de la France : vous dites que vous êtes ici pour les protéger ; faites le, de tout mon cœur ; et s'ils n'ont pas plus de raisons pour être protégés que je ne leur en donnerai, vous n'aurez pas plus de poudre à dépenser, plus d'amorces à brûler que vous ne l'avez fait, comme on me l'a dit, dans la fameuse victoire que vous avez remportée le 15 Avril, où vous avez pris un vieux canot vide et une pirogue sans avoir à faire feu.

Vous m'accusez d'avoir commis un acte de violence je prouverai le contraire ; quand vous voudrez m'admettre à la preuve. Vous dites que le jour était fini à sept heures. Ceci pouvait bien être, suivant votre désir de vengeance contre un Anglais : mais, en Angleterre il y a 24 heures dans un jour. Cet espace de temps est donné à un homme qui a arrêté un voleur ou un assassin pour réclamer l'assistance de la justice qui s'en assure le jour suivant, lorsque justice doit être faite.

J'ai arrêté un voleur, j'ai demandé votre assistance ; vous me l'avez refusée : que pouvais-je faire de mieux que ce que j'ai fait ?

Pour avoir suivi l'impulsion de ma conscience vous m'accusez de piraterie. Je vous le demande, Monsieur, de quel crime M. Amoureux sera-t-il coupable, lui qui a pris une malle d'effets dans la case d'un naturel du pays et qui m'envoie son maître me demander 20 livres d'ivoire pour payer la dette d'un homme de Gabon ?

Quant à ce que vous dites, que je pourrais craindre de voir diminuer mon commerce au Gabon, je vous dirai seulement, et cela très-volontiers, que le petit navire sous mes ordres, introduit dans un seul voyage plus de marchandises que les dix navires Français qui ont visité cette place pendant l'année 1844. No ! No ! Monsieur, je ne suis pas tellement rassasié de bonne compagnie que je puisse désirer l'absence des bâtimens Français, dont j'ai toujours eu à me louer et dont les Capitaines sont des gentlemen. Mais vous, Monsieur, vous paraissez au fond du cœur nourrir un sentiment de haine contre les Anglais. Vous êtes désappointé de ne pouvoir me prendre en défaut sur rien. Si vous manquez de travail, sortez de la rivière, il y a une goëlette négrière, ce qui je crois regarde votre service. Ne vous interposez pas avec les honnêtes gens dans les hautes mers ; car, en troublant les négocians, sans raison, vous pourriez mettre vos doigts dans le pot à glu.

En faisant des vœux pour votre santé et votre succès dans tout ce qui est légal, je suis, avec respect, &c.

(Signé)

SAMUEL DYER.

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Honi soit qui mal y pense. Je ne traduis pas le post-scriptum qui termine cette lettre et qui me paraît de peu d'importance si ce n'est cependant la phrase suivante :

"Vous dites avoir écrit à Lord Aberdeen. Si ce que vous m'avez écrit est la vérité, j'en serai fort aise ; mais, si c'est une fausseté alors, Monsieur, prenez-garde."



Second Enclosure in No. 183.

*M. Millet to M. le Baron Darricau.*

COMMANDANT,

*Fort Aumale, Juillet 9, 1844.*

EN votre absence le brick de commerce Anglais le "Cupidon," Capitaine Hutton, a tiré un coup de canon à boulet sur le village de Louis où flottait en cet instant le pavillon Français.

N'ayant eu la certitude du fait qu'au moment où le navire était déjà fort loin et n'ayant par conséquent pu agir moi-même, j'ai fait dresser des procès-verbaux par toutes les personnes aptes à donner des renseignements certains, tant sur le fait lui-même que sur les circonstances qui en auraient été la cause. J'ai ainsi recueilli les trois procès-verbaux suivants que j'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer.

J'ai, &c.

(Signé) T. MILLET,

*Enseigne de vaisseau, Commandant le fort d'Aumale.*

*M. le B. Darricau,*  
&c. &c.

Third Enclosure in No. 183.

*M. Peuchgarie to M. Millet.*

MONSIEUR,

*Juillet 9, 1844.*

J'AI reçu hier votre lettre : voici les détails et les renseignements qu'elle me demande de vous fournir sur l'affaire du Capitaine Anglais Hutton.

Le 8 courant, vers quatre heures du soir, le traitant Sungué, du village de Glass, vient à bord ; j'étais en ce moment à terre, il causa quelques instants avec mon second, et lui raconta que Louis, chef du village de ce nom, ne voulait pas rendre un canot appartenant au Capitaine Anglais qui venait d'appareiller ; qu'il avait fallu que lui, Sungué, allât au village de Louis, l'engager à ne pas retenir cette embarcation davantage, parceque le Capitaine était décidé à faire feu sur son village ; qu'alors Louis, s'était dépêché de mettre le canot à la mer et le renvoyer à bord du navire, mais que le Capitaine, impatient d'attendre et malgré ses prières, avait fait feu sur le village de Louis, et que le boulet était passé près des hommes qui mettaient le canot à la mer.

Le traitant Sungué vint le lendemain porter de l'ivoire à mon bord ; il me raconta l'histoire de la veille, comme il l'avait fait à mon second, m'affirmant qu'il avait fait tout ce qui dépendait de lui pour chercher à détourner le Capitaine Hutton de son intention, lui disant que le village était Français et sous la protection du blockhaus, qui en est à 50 pas. Le Capitaine lui avait répondu qu'il s'en moquait.

Voilà, M. le Commandant, la version du traitant Sungué. Elle est aussi exacte qu'a pu me le permettre la traduction de l'Espagnol en Français, le traitant s'exprimant dans la première langue.

J'ai, &c.

(Signé) PEUCHGARIE,

*Capitaine de "L'Aigle."*

J'affirme que le traitant Sungué m'a raconté l'affaire du Capitaine Hutton exactement comme le dit le Capitaine Peuchgarie dans sa lettre.

(Signé) MARQUET,

*Seconde Capitaine.*

*M. T. Millet, Enseigne de vaisseau,*  
*Commandant le Fort d'Aumale, Gabon.*

Fourth Enclosure in No. 183.

*Statement of the Captain and Crew of the "Roland."*

Nous Pamphile Cousin, Capitaine du trois mâts Français le "Roland," du port du Havre, Charles Désiré Marie L. Curieux, Lieutenant, Pierre

Marie Laquelles, Jean Baptiste Rouline, Etienne Marie Duval, Jean Jacques Lecoq, Pierre Guillon, Yves Marie Leravasec, tous faisant partie du dit navire le "Roland," attestons sur la foi du serment qu'aujourd'hui le 8 Juillet 1844, étant mouillé dans la rivière du Gabon, vis-à-vis le village du chef Louis, vers les deux heures après midi, le brick Anglais le "Cupidon" de Liverpool, est passé à une très petite distance de nous ; sitôt qu'il a eu paré notre navire et qu'il a été en face du village du chef Louis, il a tiré un coup de canon à boulet sur le dit village qui avait alors le pavillon Français, ainsi que le fort d'Aumale, sous la protection duquel il se trouve. Un instant après et très près de nous le dit navire le "Cupidon," a laissé tomber son ancre en amenant seulement ses voiles, et ceux de nous qui étions à travailler dans le gréement de notre navire avons vu qu'à bord du brick, on se préparait à en tirer d'autres. Une heure après le dit navire était sous voile pour sortir de la rivière.

Avons tous signé le present procès-verbal comme étant sincère et véritable pour servir à ce que de droit. Les nommés Pierre Guillon, Yves Marie Leravasec, déclarant ne savoir signer, ont fait leur croix.

Fait à bord du "Roland," les jour, mois, et an que dessus.

(Signé)

PAMPHILE COUSIN.

LE CURIEUX.

LAQUELLEC.

ROULINE.

LECOQ.

PIERRE GUILLON.

YVES MARIE LERAVASEC.

Fifth Enclosure in No. 183.

*Declaration of King Louis.*

AUJOURD'HUI 8 Juillet, 1844, le Roi Louis, chef du village de ce nom, par devant nous Enseigne de vaisseau, commandant le fort d'Aumale, et d'après notre invitation, est venu déposer dans l'affaire du Capitaine Anglais Hutton.

Après lui avoir fait jurer sur son fétiche de dire la vérité, rien que la vérité, ce chef s'est exprimé dans ces termes :

Le 2 Juillet vers sept du soir, le brick de commerce Anglais le "Cupidon," Capitaine Hutton, à bord duquel mon fils Manuel servait en qualité de pilote, vient mouiller devant mon village, suivant l'usage du pays ; plusieurs traitans s'étaient déjà rendus à bord dans l'intention de prendre des avances. Le lendemain je vins à mon tour voir le Capitaine avec lequel je descendis à terre quelques instans après. Nous allâmes aussitôt dans ma case, où, après avoir causé quelque tems affaires, il finit par me promettre quelques petites avances, disant que son intention n'était que de traiter un peu de cire et de gomme. Il n'était venu au Gabon que pour employer son tems, pendant que la guerre arrêta le commerce sur le point de la côte où son intention était de traiter.

Il m'annonça aussi que sous peu de jours il irait mouiller chez Glass où il avait quelques rentrées à opérer. Le quatre au soir il expédia à terre mon fils Manuel ; ce dernier vint dans son canot que je fis haller au plein. Le Capitaine m'engageait à aller à son bord. Le lendemain mon fils et moi étions disposés à nous rendre à son invitation ; et même sur le point de nous embarquer, lorsqu'à notre grand étonnement, nous vîmes le brick faisant voile vers Glass. Il avait appareillé à la pointe du jour. Restant donc chargé de son canot, je pris toutes les précautions nécessaires à sa sureté et le fis mettre à l'abri du grand canonier de mon village, attendant qu'on vint le réclamer. Le brick resta chez Glass jusqu'au 8 ou il appareilla vers les 10 heures de matin pour sortir de la rivière. Par le travers de mon village il laissa tomber une ancre sans serrer ses voiles, et aussitôt tira un coup de canon à boulet sur les gens de la plage occupés à mettre son canot à la mer. J'envoyai aussitôt à son bord savoir ce que signifiait une pareille conduite ; ce Capitaine répondit qu'il avait tiré pour demander son canot et que son intention avait été de me faire peur. Lorsque ma pirogue revint m'apporter cette nouvelle j'allai prévenir le Commandant du fort de ce qui s'était passé ; mais, poussé par une jolie brise et par le jusant,

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ce navire était déjà hors de portée du canon du fort, et même il eût été impossible de l'atteindre avec la meilleure embarcation.

Fait et redigé par nous Enseigne de vaisseau Commandant le fort d'Aumale, qui, après avoir donné deux fois lecture au Roi Louis du présent procès-verbal, l'a reconnu conforme à sa déposition, et en conséquence y a apposé sa croix, ne sachant signer.

(Signé) ✕ LOUIS.  
J. MILLET,  
*Enseigne de vaisseau.*

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Sixth Enclosure in No. 183.

*Baron Mackau to the Commander of the African Station.*

(Extract.)

*Paris, Novembre , 1844.*

LES rapports des indigènes avec les troqueurs de toutes les nations doivent demeurer entièrement libres. Les bâtiments marchands portant pavillon étranger seront tous admis dans la rivière, et seront seulement assujétis à faire visiter leurs papiers par l'autorité Française et à les déposer avant de communiquer avec la terre : ils auront d'ailleurs à se conformer aux réglemens qui seront faits pour la police de la rade et des mouillages. Cette obligation s'applique nécessairement au cas de mouillage devant le village de Glass, qui se trouve le plus éloigné de l'embouchure. Je n'ai pas besoin d'ailleurs, de faire remarquer combien il importe, surtout au début, d'éviter dans l'exécution de ces dispositions, tout ce qui pourrait avoir l'apparence d'une tracasserie ou d'un procédé vexatoire.

Quant aux bâtiments de guerre étrangers, le salut à l'entrée de la rivière doit leur être demandé s'ils n'en prennent pas l'initiative ; dans le cas, peu probable, où cette formalité serait refusée, le chef du comptoir se bornerait à faire à qui de droit des représentations, et à annoncer qu'il me rendra compte du fait pour qu'il y soit statué de concert entre les deux Gouvernemens.

A l'avenir, la police des navires dans les eaux de la rivière devant appartenir exclusivement à nos bâtiments de guerre, la conduite à tenir à l'égard de tout bâtiment suspect ne peut plus faire question, et je n'ai pas besoin d'ajouter que le premier et le plus significatif résultat de notre prise de possession, doit être la cessation immédiate et absolue de toute exportation d'esclaves, et de toute transaction relative à la traite des noirs dans l'étendue entière du fleuve. J'apprends avec satisfaction les gages qu'a donnés le chef Denis de son concours à la réalisation de ce resultat.

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No. 184.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.*

*Foreign Office, December 28, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 18th instant, has the honour to transmit to him herewith a warrant enabling M. de Lacour, Lieutenant de vaisseau, Commander of the French steam-vessel-of-war "*La Tonnerre*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, between Great Britain and France, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count St. Aulaire,*  
&c. &c.

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No. 185.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Londres, Décembre 28, 1844.*

*(Received December 30.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France à Londres présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur d'après les ordres de son Gou-

vernement et en exécution de la Convention relative à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance des mandats autorisant M. le Capitaine de corvette Gueydon, commandant le brick le "Génie," M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Robin, commandant la goëlette "L'Estafette," M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Lemoine, Commandant la "Doris," M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Mallet, Commandant la "Décidée," M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Boyer, commandant la "Jouvencelle," à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Bordeaux*.

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No. 186.

*Mr. Scott to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Bordeaux, January 23, 1844.*

*(Received February 7.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 27th instant, of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, Slave Trade series, dated 31st December, 1843, enclosing two copies of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, "for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and I beg leave to assure your Lordship that I will pay all due attention to the Statute, and that your Lordship's instructions relating thereto will be strictly attended to.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. B. G. SCOTT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Charente*.

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No. 187.

*Mr. Close to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*British Consulate, March 30, 1844.*

*(Received April 6.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, dated December 31, 1843, together with two copies of the Act of 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. T. CLOSE, *Consul*.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Havre de Grace.*

No. 188.

*Mr. Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**British Consulate, Havre, February 4, 1844.**(Received February 8.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Foreign Office Circular, of the 31st December last, Slave Trade, with two copies of an Act of Parliament, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade."

In conformity with my instructions, I have affixed in my office a copy of this Act, and I have also transmitted copies to all the Vice-Consuls in my District.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) GILBERT GORDON, *Consul.**The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 189.

*Mr. Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**British Consulate, Havre, February 6, 1844.**(Received February 10.)*

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the annexed copy of a letter from Consul Newman, dated Nantes, 18th January, 1844, I have made every enquiry respecting the "*Armorique*."

This vessel formerly belonged to the port of Nantes, and to the owner of the "*Marabout*," but was sold in 1838 to one of the most respectable houses in this place, and has since been constantly employed in the trade between this port and Pernambuco, as per note at foot.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) GILBERT GORDON, *Consul.**The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

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|-----------|-----|-------|--------------|-------------|
| January   | 3,  | 1841, | arrived from | Pernambuco. |
| May       | 16, | "     | sailed to    | ditto.      |
| September | 5,  | "     | arrived from | ditto.      |
| December  | 21, | "     | sailed to    | ditto.      |
| May       | 6,  | 1842, | arrived from | ditto.      |
| July      | 4,  | "     | sailed to    | ditto.      |
| November  | 24, | "     | arrived from | ditto.      |
| January   | 19, | 1843, | sailed to    | ditto.      |
| June      | 13, | "     | arrived from | ditto.      |
| July      | 9,  | "     | sailed to    | ditto.      |
| November  | 22, | "     | arrived from | ditto.      |
| January   | 18, | "     | sailed to    | ditto.      |

Enclosure in No. 189.

*Mr. Newman to Mr. Gordon.*

SIR,

*Nantes, January 18, 1844.*

THE ship "*Armorique*," of this port, belonging to the owner of the "*Marabout*," was cleared from Havre in 1841 for Pernambuco, and was disarmed also at Havre on her return to Europe. Will you have the goodness to go to the Bureau de la Marine and inspect her rôle d'équipage, to ascertain if she went to the coast of Africa? and if so, you will please to enquire at your Custom House the nature of the cargo she brought from thence, and communicate the result of your enquiries to the Earl of Aberdeen. If she imported palm oil from the coast of Africa you will endeavour to find out on whose account it was shipped from thence.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

HENRY NEWMAN.

*Gilbert Gordon, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Granville.*

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No. 190.

*Mr. Turnbull to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Granville, April 16, 1844.*

*(Received April 26.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, Slave Trade, of 31st December, 1843, with copies of the Act of Parliament of the 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade." Your Lordship's Circular Despatch contained instructions and observations on the said Act, which I shall not fail to attend to, and communicate to the British Vice-Consuls in this Consulate.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN TURNBULL,  
*Her Majesty's Consul.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

*&c.*

*&c.*

*&c.*

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Marseilles*.

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No. 191.

*Mr. Turnbull to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Marseilles, February 10, 1844.*

*(Received February 20.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour of receiving your Lordship's Circular Despatch, dated 31st December, 1843, transmitting to me for my information two copies of an Act passed during the last Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and calling my attention to its most essential provisions.

I shall not fail, in obedience to your Lordship's instructions, to take the proper measures for making its purport known to the British residents within this Consulate, and to cause a copy to be affixed in some conspicuous part of my office ; and if it should come to my knowledge that any subjects of Her Majesty are implicated in transactions forbidden by the Slave Trade Acts, a statement thereof shall be transmitted to your Lordship.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ALEXANDER TURNBULL, *Consul*.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

N.B.—A copy of the Act of the 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, and of your Lordship's Despatch, shall be annexed, as Enclosures 22 B. and 22 C. to the 26th section of my General Instructions.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Nantes*.

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No. 192.

*Mr. Newman to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Nantes, February 5, 1844.*

*(Received February 23.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular, dated the 31st December last, with two copies of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, the contents of which I have communicated to those British subjects who reside here, and are connected with the Isle of France.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HENRY NEWMAN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T*

&c.

&c.

&c.

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FRANCE. (*Consular*)—*Corsica*.

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No. 193.

*Mr. Pennington to Mr. Bidwell.*

*Bastia, February 8, 1844.*  
*(Received March 16.)*

SIR,

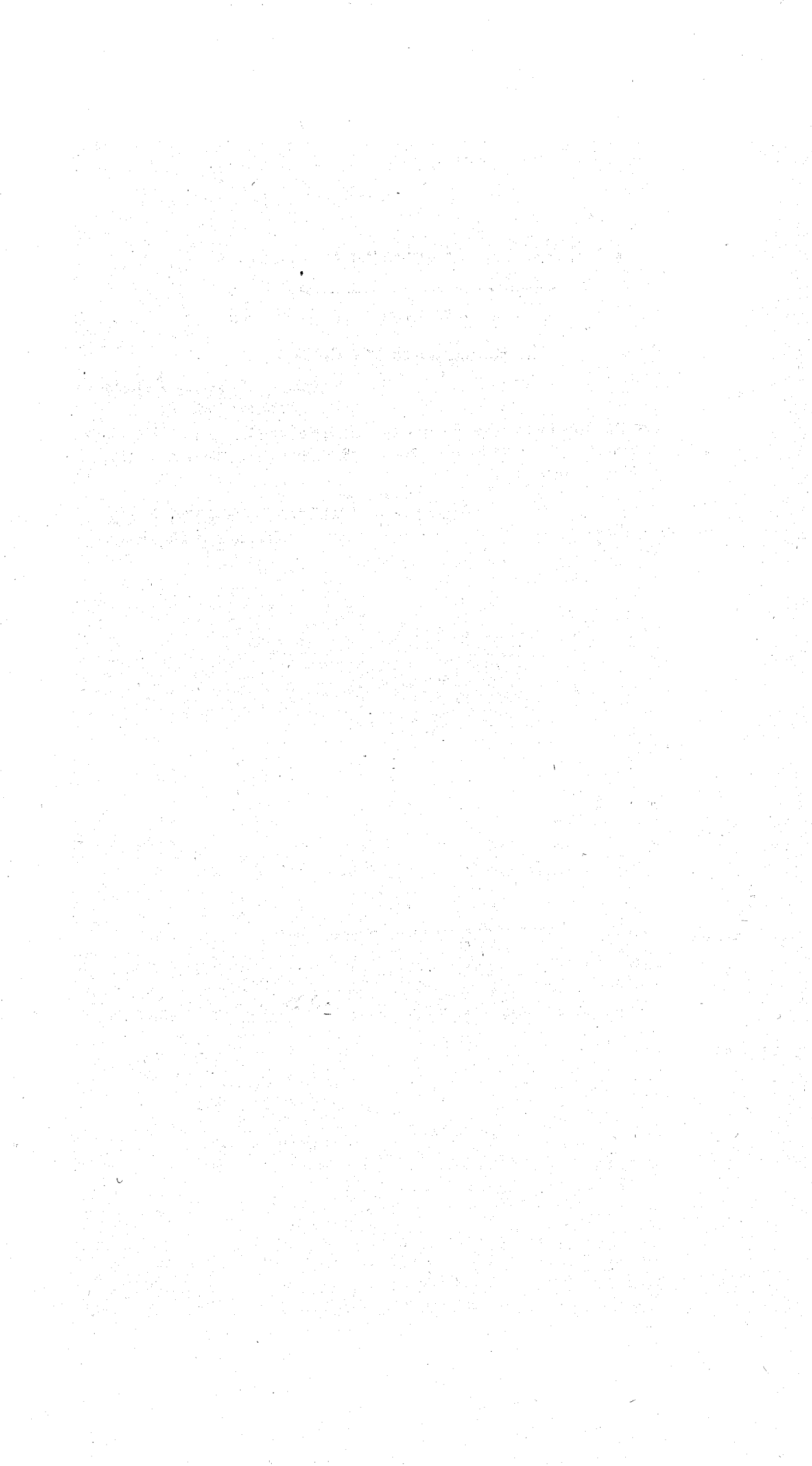
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular of December 31, 1843, enclosing two copies of an Act of Parliament for the more effectual "suppression of the Slave Trade."

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOMAS PENNINGTON,  
*Consulate of Corsica.*

*John Bidwell, Esq.*  
&c. &c.



DENMARK.

No. 194.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government, under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 194.

"Bonetta," E. E. Gray, Africa station, March 17, 1842.

No. 195.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government, under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 195.

"Wasp," Andrew Drew, N. America and W. India station, December 15, 1844.

No. 196.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Copenhagen, February 3, 1844.*  
(Received February 12.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 29th of December, 1843, and of the 6th ultimo, I have obtained from the Danish Government the enclosed two warrants, enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Helena" and "Hyacinth" to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 196.

"Helena" . Sir C. Ricketts, Bart. . Cape of Good Hope . January 22, 1844.  
"Hyacinth" . Francis Scott . N. America & W. India . ,

No. 197.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, February 27, 1844.**(Received March 9.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 31st ultimo, Slave series, I have the honour to transmit to you a warrant from the Danish Government, enabling Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 197.

"Satellite," Com. Rowley, Brazil station, February 17, 1844.

No. 198.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government, under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the French Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 198.

"Spy," Lieut. G. Raymond, Coast of Africa, December 27, 1842.

No. 199.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, March 23, 1844.**(Received March 29.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, Slave series, of the 27th ultimo, I have obtained from the Danish Government the enclosed four warrants, enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's steam-vessels, the "Ardent," the "Prometheus," the "Growler," and the "Gorgon," to act under the Treaty of July 26 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 199.

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| "Ardent"     | Com. J. Russell          | West Coast of Africa, March 15, 1844. |
| "Prometheus" | Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco | " "                                   |
| "Growler"    | Com. C. H. M. Buckle     | " "                                   |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. C. Hotham          | " "                                   |

No. 200.

*Count Reventlow to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Mars 30, 1844.**(Received March 31.)*

LE Ministre de Danemark a l'honneur de recourir à l'obligeance de son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, en le priant de vouloir bien lui faire obtenir de l'autorité compétente, conformément au Traité du 26 Juillet, 1834, un mandat spécial de visite pour le brick Royal "*St Croix*," commandé par le Capitaine C. E. Van Dorkum et destiné à se rendre à la station des Antilles Danoises.

Le Comte de Reventlow saisit, &amp;c.

(Signé)

REVENTLOW.

*Son Excellence Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
 &c. &c. &c.

No. 201.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, April 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
 &c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 201.

*"Prometheus," Lieut. Pasco, West Coast of Africa, March 15, 1844.*

No. 202.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Reventlow.**Foreign Office, April 8, 1844.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to the Count de Reventlow, and, in pursuance of the request contained in his note of the 30th ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant, to enable the Commander of the Danish brig-of-war "*St. Croix*," employed on the West India station, to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*Count Reventlow,*  
 &c. &c.

No. 203.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, April 24, 1844.**(Received April 30.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, Slave series, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a warrant from the Danish Government, enabling Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Larne*," about to be employed on the Africa station, to act under the

Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, KT.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 203.

"Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, Coast of Africa, April 23, 1844.

No. 204.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Danish Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 204.

"Wasp" . Com. Bagot . N. America and W. India station August 4, 1843.  
"Pantaloons" Lieut. Lapidge Coast of Africa station . . . March 17, 1842.

No. 205.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 205.

"Ringdove," Com. Daniell, N. America and West India station, June 23, 1842.

No. 206.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Danish Government to issue warrants to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's sloops therein also named, on the Coast of

Africa station, under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants requested in No. 206.

"Wasp" . . . . Com. Henry Bagot.  
"Ringdove" . . . . Com. Sir William Daniell.  
"Albatross" . . . . Com. Reginald Yorke.

N.B.—A similar instruction was addressed under the same date to Her Majesty's Ministers at Turin, Florence, and Naples, and to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Hamburg, and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 207.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Copenhagen, June 10, 1844.  
(Received June 19.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 22nd ultimo, Slave series, I have the honour to enclose four warrants obtained from the Danish Government, enabling the commanding officers of the vessels described in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 207.

"Wasp" . Com. H. Bagot . . Coast of Africa, June 6, 1844.  
"Ringdove" Com. Sir W, Daniell . . . . .  
"Albatross" Com. R. Yorke . . . . .  
"Frolic" . Com. C. B. Hamilton, Brazil station . . . . .

No. 208.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Danish Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 208.

"Arrow," Lieut. Robinson . . Brazil, and Cape of Good Hope, June 3, 1841.  
"Pearl" . Com. Stopford . . Brazil station . . . . . Feb. 27, 1842.



No. 209.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 209.

"Daphne," Capt. Onslow, Brazil station, October 20, 1842.

No. 210.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE received your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 10th inst. I herewith return to you the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Danish Government on the 6th inst., to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled; and that you will at the same time request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp," in the room of Commander Bagot.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 211.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Copenhagen, July 8, 1844.**(Received July 16.)*

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 13th and 17th ultimo, of this series, I have obtained from the Danish Government the enclosed two warrants, enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Prometheus" and "Cygnet" to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

Warrants enclosed in No. 211.

"Prometheus" Com. Hay, Coast of Africa, July 2, 1844.  
"Cygnet" . Com. Layton " "

No. 212.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, July 19, 1844.  
(Received July 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th ultimo, Slave Trade, I have the honour to transmit to you a warrant from the Danish Government, enabling Commander Sidney H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," about to be employed on the Africa station, to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 212.

"Wasp," Com. Ussher, Coast of Africa, July 13, 1844.

No. 213.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Danish Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 213.

"Madagascar" Captain Foote, Africa station . . . December 13, 1841.  
"Growler" . Com. Buckle South America east coast, June 23, 1842.

No. 214.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 214.

"Spy," Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge, Coast of Africa, July 20, 1843.

No. 215.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 215.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station, March 17, 1842.

No. 216.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Copenhagen, September 26, 1844.*  
(Received October 6.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 10th instant, Slave Trade, I have the honour to transmit to you a warrant from the Danish Government, enabling Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 216.

"Conway," Capt. W. Kelly, Cape of Good Hope station, September 23, 1844.

No. 217.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Convention of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 217.

"Fawn," Lieut. J. Foote, Cape of Good Hope, June 3, 1841.

No. 218.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26,

1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued: and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 218.

"Albatross," Com. R. Yorke, Cape of Good Hope station, June 23, 1842.

No. 219.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 219.

"Fair Rosamond," Com. A. G. Bulman, N. Amer. and W. India, March 17, 1842.

No. 220.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Copenhagen, November 20, 1844.*  
(Received November 25.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a warrant from the Danish Board of Admiralty, enabling Commander Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steamer "Eclair," to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 220.

"Eclair," Com. Estcourt, Coast of Africa, November 14, 1844.

No. 221.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 221.

“Griffon,” Lieut. Jenkin, N. America and W. India station, Dec. 27, 1844.

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No. 222.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Danish Government under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Danish Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 222.

“Hornet,” Lieut. Miller, North America and West India station, Dec. 27, 1842.

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No. 223.

*Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Copenhagen, December 14, 1844.*

*(Received December 27.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a translation of a petition which has been presented to the States at Roeskilde, in favour of a total abolition of slavery in the Danish colonies. It was unanimously received, and ordered to be laid on the table; but from the multiplicity of other business, it is not likely that its advocates will find an opportunity of bringing the subject forward in the present Session; it is, therefore, only important as a record of sentiments which are every day gaining ground in the country, and to which no one would be more willing to give effect than His Danish Majesty, did the state of the finances allow any equitable compensation being made to the planters.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) H. W. W. WYNN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 223.

*Motion for the Abolition of Negro Slavery in the Danish West India islands, read in the Assembly of the Provincial States at Roeskilde, on the 30th of October, by Professor David.*

*Copenhagen, October 20, 1844.*

IN the First Assembly of the Roeskilde States, in 1835, the late Count Holstein, whose noble character and lively feeling for the rights of humanity are generally acknowledged, brought forward a motion to petition His Majesty “for the entire emancipation of the negro slaves in the Danish West India islands.”

He withdrew this motion, because he was informed that the Government had already commenced measures for defining more exactly the legal relation between the slaves and their owners. Now that nine years have elapsed, and that the efforts of Government in this direction have, for the present at least, attained a final result, we venture to direct anew the attention of the Assembly to this object. We take this step because it is our conviction that the continuance of negro slavery is as repugnant to Christianity and the natural rights of humanity as it is dangerous to the West India colonies, and detrimental to, and unworthy of, the mother country.

The reason why we in particular, among so many who share this conviction, should on this occasion come forward, is principally owing to an application having been made to us to exert our efforts towards the abolition of slavery. This application was addressed to us by Mr. Alexander, a native of England, a missionary and active member of that Society which, with rare zeal and unwearied self-devotion, has laboured to put down slavery and the Slave Trade, and whose labours have already borne such happy fruits.

In the present age we need not demonstrate to an enlightened Assembly that the possession by one man of the right of property over another and over his offspring is a relation as unnatural as it is unrighteous and un-Christian; for this is a proposition which has now obtained universal assent among civilized nations. We no longer believe that a certain colour of the skin, or a certain shape of the head, can deprive a human being of his natural liberty; we no longer listen to the idle talk, that the condition of the negro slave is superior to that of the day labourer of Europe; for we know that the emancipated negro will not return to slavery—nay, that he will not even work in company with his unfree brother. We admit that it is not merely *bodily* sufferings and a curtailed life to which the slave is exposed, but that slavery also debases the *soul*; that the slaves become more or less degraded to the level of the brute creation; and finally, we are compelled to admit that slavery also exercises a baneful influence on the whites.

This antagonism of slavery to Christianity and to morality makes it a duty incumbent on us to abolish the same, a duty whose fulfilment the State has no more right to stave off for reasons of convenience, than the individual has a right to postpone his own moral improvement to a more convenient time and season.

Fortunate it is, meanwhile, that not only religion and morality enjoin the abolition of this disgraceful institution, policy also issues the command, in accents of continually increasing energy. Now that slavery has been abolished in all the English islands, it were folly to suppose that its existence can be maintained in the other islands; and the violent outbreaks which have lately taken place, especially in Cuba, where nothing but the most terrible measures have been able to suppress them for a moment, sufficiently indicate what we must be prepared to expect. It were in truth to mistake human nature were we to suppose that the negroes will continue peaceably to toil for their masters, when they daily hear that the rights of such masters are no longer held good in the neighbouring countries.

Even if we suppose that formal insurrections may be prevented, still the fears of the planters will by degrees compel them to connive at laziness or immorality among the negroes to such a degree as will make it impossible for them to calculate with any certainty on getting their field labour executed. The uncertainty which prevails as to when, and under what conditions, emancipation will take place, (an event which the planters themselves now look upon as inevitable, and under certain conditions desirable,) hinders them from making improvement on their properties, while it at the same time depreciates their value. If an emancipation is finally to be brought about by an insurrection of the slaves, or by their refusing to work, it will not be possible to effect it under such favourable circumstances as would be the case were it voluntarily offered to the slaves.

We duly appreciate the intentions on which the Government regulations have been based, particularly as regards the ordinance of the 1st of May, 1840, and rescript of the 18th February, 1843, and we rejoice at the happy consequences which these regulations will have for individuals; but we feel completely convinced not only that they are utterly inadequate to the attainment of their object, but that to a great degree they will even counteract it. These regulations confer on the slave the right of disposing of what little he may possibly acquire, and of thereby purchasing his liberty; they protect him against the grossest acts of maltreatment; they attempt to secure for the young a certain degree of instruction, but which after their eighth year becomes very scanty; by abolishing the Sunday markets, they give the negroes an opportunity of attending church and school; finally, they make Saturday a holiday, in order that the negroes may have it in their power to earn something for themselves; but to this indulgence there is annexed the stipulation, that the master, under certain conditions, may deprive them of this Saturday holiday, as a punishment for offences committed.

From the Royal rescript of the 1st of May, 1840, which was dispatched to the Governor-General along with the Ordinance issued at the same time, it is evident that it was His Majesty's paternal intention, in making Saturday a holiday, to put

it into the power of the negro to accumulate by means of his own assiduity and industry as much as would enable him to purchase his liberty, whereby in this way emancipation might by slow degrees have been accomplished. But now that the Governor-General, in lieu of the proposals to the planters enjoined in His Majesty's rescript, has substituted other proposals which have now in the main been adopted, it follows from the whole of the transactions that this plan of partial emancipation has been in fact entirely abandoned. It has been justly remarked by the planters, that in the case of a general and sudden emancipation the consequence would be, that the emancipated negroes would be obliged to undertake field labour for the payment of wages; but, in the case of a partial emancipation, it is only the most vigorous and superior negroes that can acquire their freedom, and the planters have consequently to retain the weaker and more inferior, without being able to fill up their deficient number with free labourers, it being a well-known fact, that no free negro will perform labour along with slaves, because labour is the badge of slavery. Some of the planters complained, during the discussions, that even now too many manumissions take place; in reply to which remark the Governor stated, that only 33 are manumitted annually. But these planters themselves had at the same time taken for granted, that the new regulations would not much increase the number of manumissions. Neither is there any reason to expect that they will do so, for although the negroes have got the Saturday free (excepting in as far as concerns work of necessity for the master and cases of transgression), still they have in a great measure lost Sunday as a work day, since they may not hire out their labour on that day, and may not work for themselves during the interval between nine and two.

The beneficial result expected from the new regulation consists therefore in this, that by means of the measures adopted in pursuance of them, hopes are entertained of promoting the intellectual and moral development of the slaves, and thus fitting them for being emancipated at some indefinite future period. It would be all right to expect such results, did not the very nature of slavery counteract all such development. The want of regular marriages, and of the domestic circle, are among the worst features in the condition of slaves. But how shall we instil into the slave a sense of these blessings, if it depends on the will of the master whether husband and wife are to live together; and whether the children are to remain inmates with them? How is the husband to assume the character of the head of his family, if it is another who supports the family and rules over it? and how are the father and the mother to retain the respect of their children, if in the presence of the latter a slave driver may flog them with a rope's end, even allowing that the said rope's end does not deviate from the standard measure? How shall we operate the intellectual development of the slave, when the acquisition of knowledge enables him more clearly to comprehend his unnatural position, and makes him feel more severely its hardship? How shall we teach him self-respect, when everything around him testifies that, like the live stock, he is the property of another? How shall we teach him Christianity, if we must suppress or adulterate that maxim of Christianity "That we must not do to others what we would not have them do to us?"

In truth, slavery, and the intellectual, moral, and religious development of the slaves, are ideas so diametrically opposite, that we need not be surprised if, with very few exceptions, slave owners have at all times been opposers of the education of slaves, even their religious education, unless in so far as they might therein think they discerned a means of enforcing subjection. Now in the face of such an opposition, based as it is in the nature of things, the efforts of Government, howsoever well meant they may be, cannot effect anything great.

But, it has been urged by way of objection, it is dangerous all at once to confer freedom on human beings, who are so rude, so immoral, and so denuded of all religion; nay, freedom will not even be of any advantage to them as long as they are not fitted to avail themselves of it. But even allowing that the present generation of slaves are as rude and as morally corrupt as they are represented to be (and in giving such representations a severe sentence is passed on the whites who have reduced them to this situation), still the objection cannot hold good against generations yet unborn, who cannot have rendered themselves unworthy of emancipation. The fear that the negroes, on the occasion of a general emancipation would overpower, massacre, and plunder the whites—a fear that was at one time very general, has now been proved to be entirely groundless, seeing that in the English colonies

several hundred thousand slaves were emancipated by a general measure without any such consequences having taken place—nay, there now exists so great a degree of tranquillity that in several of the English islands the military garrisons have been reduced; whereas in Cuba it is only by a system of terror that public security can be maintained. In like manner the fear that the manumitted slaves would become addicted to idleness, has on the whole proven to be without foundation. On the contrary, it has been proved that the negroes have a taste for acquiring not only the necessaries of life, but also its luxuries and comforts; in evidence of which the great increase of imported articles furnishes a striking proof. They have shown no disinclination to work for reasonable wages; and the planters have been able to procure labourers, except in places where the negroes had an opportunity of becoming proprietors, which, like other people, they naturally preferred to being day labourers. Since the emancipation marriages have increased in a considerable degree. These evidences of the results of emancipation are deduced from a period of six years, and in some cases even of ten years.

That the people should first be matured for freedom before it was given to them, and that freedom, when abruptly conferred on the thrall, would only render him unhappy, was what was also asserted when bondage and villainage were abolished in this country, but experience has refuted this opinion. It is obvious that freedom, to a certain extent at least, must be given before it can be enjoyed. A child will not learn to walk by being continually held in leading-strings. Besides, a general and simultaneous emancipation does not surely, by any means, prevent the adopting precautionary measures, tending to guard against abuses of the freedom so conferred. The negotiations with the planters of the Danish West India islands show that they will gladly assent to a general emancipation, on condition that the State compensates them for the value of the slaves. From which it is evident, that they are not so much in earnest about the dangers which, it is asserted, are connected with emancipation, or the evils which will thereby be entailed on the negroes themselves.

But, it is further objected, the planters will be entirely ruined, and consequently the whole colony; the negroes will either peremptorily refuse to work, or will only work for such wages as the planters are unable to pay them. Our State is not like the English Government—it has not the means of allowing the planters a money equivalent for the value of their slaves.

Here, also, we have experience in our favour. In some islands, for example in Jamaica, where the negroes could betake themselves to the hilly country, or to other uncultivated districts, or where they had an opportunity of acquiring property, many refused to work, or asked an exorbitant hire. In such places the planters could not prosecute their business to the same extent as formerly, and the production of sugar was diminished. In other places, where the negroes, immediately after the emancipation, had flocked to the towns, and thereby reduced the planters to a state of temporary embarrassment, they subsequently felt the necessity of earning a livelihood, and have since voluntarily returned. In some places, finally, for example in Antigua (whose situation greatly resembles the Danish islands, and particularly St. Croix, where there is no uncultivated land), emancipation, so far from proving detrimental to the planters, has, on the contrary, benefited them, inasmuch as production has increased, and the price of property risen. We cannot admit that the planters, in the event of a general emancipation, are entitled to demand from the State the full value of the slaves in compensation. The rules which in other cases obtain in respect to property ceded for the benefit of the State, cannot be held valid in the case of a species of property which is at variance with the rights of humanity. But we at the same time admit, that it is no more than fair and equitable that the planters get compensated for the loss which they really may be found to sustain. We do not believe that the real loss will be great, particularly when we reflect on the local circumstances which lead us to infer results pretty nearly similar to those evinced at Antigua, and moreover when we bear in mind that Danish West India sugar would in that case enjoy in England those advantages which the recent customs law confers on sugar the produce of free labour.

In case however it should appear, after a careful investigation, that a compensation is indispensable, several circumstances may be pointed out which will facilitate this operation. The Government is itself the proprietor of not a few plantations—it holds mortgages on many others. The reduction of the military force



will be accompanied by a retrenchment in the expenditure; and similar retrenchments will, doubtless, be able to be effected in several branches of administration.

We are not prepared to submit any specific plan as to the precise time when emancipation should take place, according to what rules the loss of the planters is to be estimated, by what means the entire compensation sum is to be raised, or in what manner the reciprocal relations ought to be settled, when emancipation is effected. For these purposes there will be required many data, which scarcely any other body than the Government itself is able to procure. But in regard to the doubts entertained as to the possibility of devising means for securing to the planter a supply of labour, and to the negroes house shelter and work, and to the public a guarantee against vagrancy and exorbitant poor rates, we may here—besides referring to the experience above quoted—make this additional remark by way of example, that among other ways such a guarantee might be found, if the reciprocal relations were so settled that the planters make over to the negroes their huts and small lots of ground, either as their property, or in lease for life or a term of years, on condition that they again become bound for a certain number of work days in the sugar field or sugar mill. We subjoin a few notices which may be of use both in the way of elucidation and as a clue in the discussion of this matter.

It is in a country where bondage and villainage were abolished without any violent changes, a country which, as Sir Robert Peel recently remarked in public, was the first to furnish the example and indicate the mode of abolishing the detestable Slave Trade; it is to the Deputies chosen by the people of such a country that we now submit our proposal to petition the King of that country, to effectuate with all possible speed the entire abolition of negro slavery in the Danish West India islands.

C. N. DAVID, *Prof. and Counsellor.*  
 MONRAD, *Mag. Artium.*  
 RAFFARD, *Pastor.*  
 GRUNDLVIG, *Parish Priest.*  
 SCHOUW, *Professor.*

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DENMARK. (*Consular*)—*Elsinore.*

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No. 224.

*Mr. Kuper to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Elsinore, February 14, 1844.*

*(Received March 9.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, Circular, of the 31st of December, 1843, enclosing two copies of an Act passed during the last Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade."

I shall lose no time in taking the steps pointed out in your Lordship's Despatch, in order to give the utmost publicity and effect to the provisions of the Act in question.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HENRY G. KUPER.

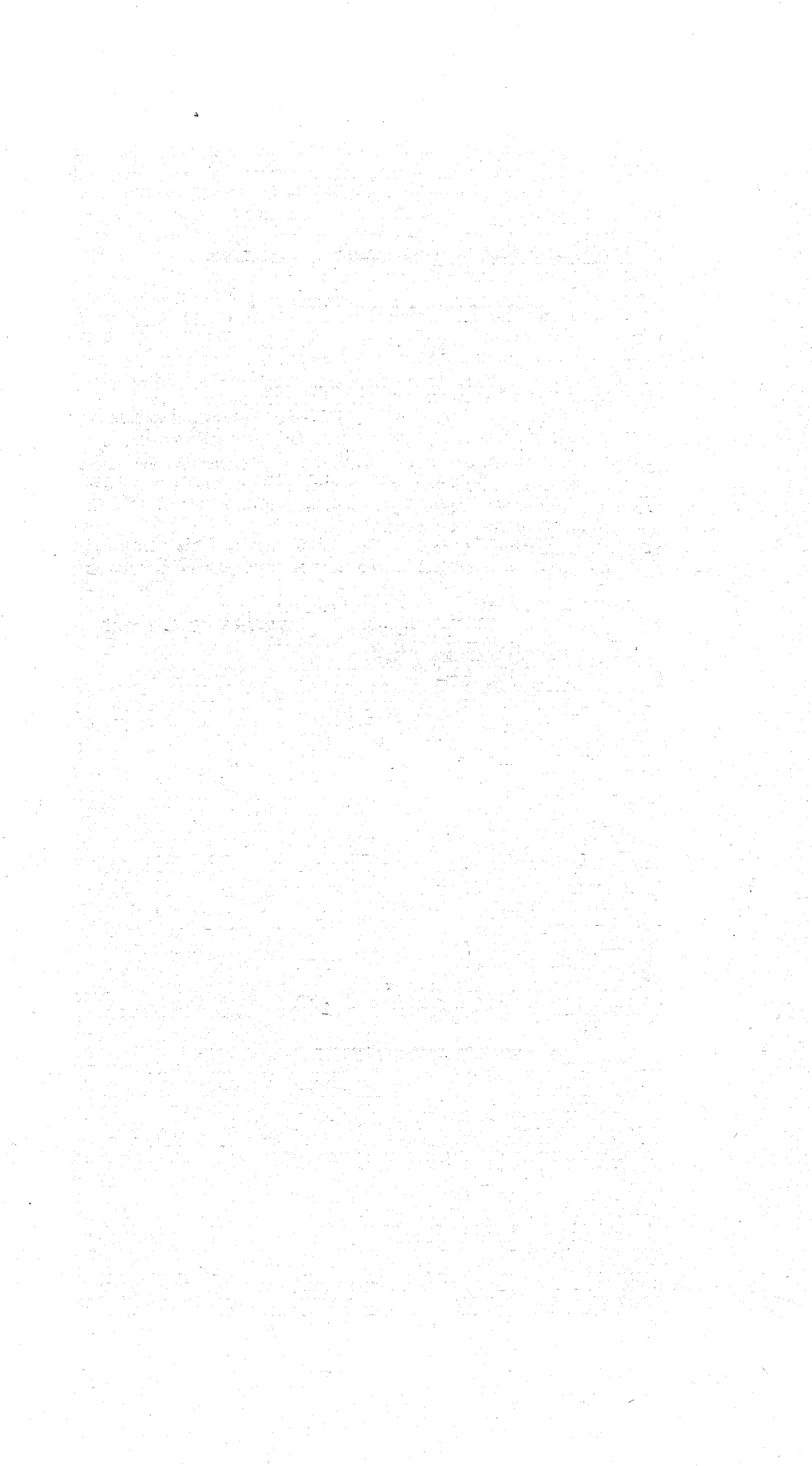
*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

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SARDINIA.

No. 225.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 225.

"Bonetta," E. E. Gray, Africa station, March 28, 1842.

No. 226.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 226.

"Wasp," Andrew Drew, N. America and W. India station, Dec. 10, 1842.

No. 227.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Turin, January 12, 1844.*  
(Received January 19.)

In compliance with the instruction conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 29th December of last year, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, Bart., of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

[Warrant enclosed in No. 227.]

"Helena," Com. Sir C. Ricketts, Bart., Cape of Good Hope station, Jan. 6, 1844.

No. 228.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, January 26, 1844.  
(Received February 2.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 6th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 228.

"Hyacinth," Com. Francis Scott, N. America and W. India station, Jan. 20, 1844.

No. 229.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, January 26, 1844.  
(Received February 2.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 8th instant, enclosing a warrant, formerly issued by the Sardinian Government for Her Majesty's ship "Bonetta," but now no longer required for that vessel and its Commander, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 230.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, January 26, 1844.  
(Received February 2.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 19th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government for Her Majesty's ship "Wasp," but now no longer required for that vessel and its Commander, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 231.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, February 16, 1844.  
(Received February 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 31st ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 231.

"Satellite," Com. R. H. B. Rowley, Brazil station, February 10, 1844.

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No. 232.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 232.

"Spy," Lieut. G. Raymond, Coast of Africa, December 27, 1842.

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No. 233.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, March 16, 1844.  
(Received March 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 27th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship four warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels described in the margin of this Despatch to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrants enclosed in No. 233.

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| " Ardent "     | J. Russell        | West Coast of Africa, | March 9, 1844. |
| " Prometheus " | W. M. J. G. Pasco | "                     | "              |
| " Growler "    | C. H. M. Buckle   | "                     | "              |
| " Gorgon "     | C. Hotham         | "                     | "              |

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No. 234.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 27, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 234.

"Prometheus," Lieut. Pasco, West Coast of Africa, March 9, 1844.

No. 235.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, March 22, 1844.**(Received April 3.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 15th inst., enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government to enable Lieutenant G. Raymond of Her Majesty's ship "Spy," to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled ; with such instructions I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 236.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, April 4, 1844.**(Received April 10.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled ; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 237.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, April 19, 1844.**(Received April 25.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of her Majesty's sloop "Larne," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 237.

"Larne," J. W. D. Brisbane, Coast of Africa, April 13, 1844.

No. 238

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 238.

"Wasp" . Com. Bagot . N. Amer. and W. India station, August 5, 1843.

"Pantaloons" Lieut. Lapidge, Coast of Africa station . . . March 28, 1842.

No. 239.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 239.

"Ringdove," Com. Daniell, N. America and W. India station, June 22, 1842.



No. 240.

*Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*11, Grosvenor Street, Mai 17, 1844.  
(Received May 18.)

D'APRES les ordres qu'il en a reçus de son Gouvernement le Soussigné, &c. &c. a recours à l'obligeance de son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, &c. &c. pour le prier de vouloir bien lui procurer des autorités compétentes un mandat qui autorise le Baron D'Auvare, Capitaine de frégate, Commandant la frégate Royale "*L'Aquila*," à exercer le droit de visite envers les navires Anglais sur les côtes de l'Amérique méridionale conformément aux Conventions pour la repression de la traite des noirs.

Le Soussigné saisit, &amp;c.

(Signé) POLLON.

*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 241.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Pollon.*

Foreign Office, May 24, 1844.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to the Count Pollon, and in pursuance of the request contained in his note of the 17th instant, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant to enable the Commander of the Sardinian frigate "*Aquila*," employed on the South America station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*His Excellency Count Pollon,*  
&c. &c.

No. 242.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Turin, May 20, 1844.  
(Received May 27.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 11th instant, enclosing two warrants formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for Commander Bagot, of Her Majesty's ship "*Wasp*," and for Lieutenant Lapidge, of Her Majesty's ship "*Pantaloon*," and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 243.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Turin, May 23, 1844.  
(Received May 30.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 16th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued

by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for Commander Daniell, of Her Majesty's ship "Ringdove," but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 244.

*Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

11, Grosvenor Street, May 31, 1844.  
(Received May 31.)

COUNT POLLON presents his compliments to the Earl of Aberdeen, and has the honour to transmit herewith to him the warrants to enable the Commanders of the Sardinian frigates the "Des Geneys" and the "St. Michel," employed on the South America station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Sardinia, France, and Great Britain, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and which have become useless by the return of those frigates to Genoa.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 244.

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| "Des Geneys" . . . . .                         | S. America station, Sept. 20, 1841. |
| "St. Michel" Le Chev. d'Arcollières, . . . . . | „ May 17, 1842.                     |

No. 245.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Turin, June 11, 1844.  
(Received June 18.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatches, of the Slave Trade series, of the 22nd ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship four warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch, to act on the respective stations also therein named, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 245.

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| "Frolic" . . . . .    | Com. C. B. Hamilton | Brazil station . . . . . | June 3, 1844. |
| "Wasp" . . . . .      | Com. Henry Bagot    | Coast of Africa station  | „             |
| "Ringdove" . . . . .  | Com. Sir W. Daniell | „ . . . . .              | „             |
| "Albatross" . . . . . | Com. Reginald Yorke | „ . . . . .              | „             |

No. 246.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this CLASS C.

Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrants returned in No. 246.

"Arrow" Lieut. Robinson Cape of Good Hope station Dec. 27, 1842.  
"Pearl". Com. Stopford. Brazil station . . . Feb. 27, 1843.

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No. 247.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 247.

"Daphne," Capt. Onslow (no station mentioned), October 19, 1842.

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No. 248.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE received your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 11th instant. I herewith return to you the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Sardinian Government on the 3rd instant, to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's ship "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; and that you will, at the same time, request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp," in the room of Commander Bagot.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 249.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Turin, July 9, 1844.*  
(Received July 15.)

In compliance with the instructions conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatches, of the Slave Trade series, of the 15th and 17th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship two warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her

Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," and Commander John Hay, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," both about to be employed on the coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1844, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in 249.

"Cygnet" . Com. Layton Coast of Africa, July 1, 1844.  
"Prometheus" Com. Hay . " "

No. 250.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, July 9, 1844.*

*(Received July 15.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 21st ultimo, enclosing two warrants formerly issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Arrow" and "Pearl," but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that they might be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 251.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, July 19, 1844.*

*(Received July 25.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the slave Trade Series, of the 24th ultimo, enclosing a warrant formerly issued under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for Captain Onslow, of Her Majesty's ship "Daphne," but now no longer required for the above ship and its Commander, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 252.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, July 19, 1844.*

*(Received July 25.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian

Government, to enable Commander Sidney H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," about to be employed on the Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 252.

"Wasp," Com. Ussher, Coast of Africa, July 13, 1844.

No. 253.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 253.

"Madagascar" Capt. Foote . Africa station . . . December 4, 1841.  
"Growler" . Com. Buckle E. Coast of S. America June 22, 1842.

No. 254.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 254.

"Spy," Lieut. S.O. Wooldridge, West Coast of Africa, July 22, 1843

No. 255.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Turin, August 2, 1844.*  
(Received August 12.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, dated Foreign Office, July 25, 1844, transmitting to me the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for

Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and in obedience to your Lordship's instructions I have returned them to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants acknowledged in No. 255.

"Madagascar" Capt. Foote. Africa station . . . December 4, 1841.  
 "Growler" . Com. Buckle E. Coast of S. America June 22, 1842.

No. 256.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, August 9, 1844.*

*(Received August 16.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 2nd instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Lieutenant S. O. Wooldridge, of Her Majesty's ship "Spy," to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

No. 257.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, September 24, 1844.*

*(Received October 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 10th instant of this year.

In compliance with the instruction conveyed to me therein, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1843, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 257.

"Conway," Capt. William Kelly, Cape of Good Hope, Sept. 18, 1844.

No. 258.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 258.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station, March 28, 1842.

No. 259.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Convention of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 259.

"Fawn," Lieut. J. Foote, South America, May 26, 1840.

No. 260.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 260.

"Albatross," Com. Yorke, Cape of Good Hope station, June 22, 1842.

No. 261.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, October 11, 1844.**(Received October 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 4th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government to enable Commander J. Russell, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Ardent," to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 262.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, October 14, 1844.**(Received October 21.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt, by messenger Crookes, who passed through Turin yesterday on his way to Florence and Naples, of two copies of the instructions issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade, which I have not failed to dispose of according to the instruction conveyed to me by your Lordship's Circular Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 6th of August last.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

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&amp;c.

No 263.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, October 18, 1844.**(Received October 25.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series of this year, of the 9th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Lieutenant J. Foote, of Her Majesty's brig "Fawn," to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 264.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, October 21, 1844.**(Received October 28.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series of this year, of the 12th instant, enclosing a warrant for-



merly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander, R. Yorke, of Her Majesty's ship "Albatross," to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

No. 265.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 265.

"Fair Rosamond," Com. A. G. Bulman, N. America & W. Indies, March 28, 1842.

No. 266.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Genoa, November 16, 1844.*

*(Received November 23.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 266.

"Eclair," W. G. B. Estcourt, West Coast of Africa, November 9, 1844.

No. 267.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for

which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 267.

“Griffon,” Lieut. Jenkin, North America and West India station, Dec. 27, 1842.

No. 268.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Genoa, November 28, 1844.*  
(Received December 5.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 11th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander A. G. Bulman, of Her Majesty's schooner “Fair Rosamond,” to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 269.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 269.

“Hornet,” North America and West India station, December 27, 1842.

No. 270.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, December 17, 1844.*  
(Received December 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Lieutenant Jenkin, of Her Majesty's brig “Griffon,” to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

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celled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 271.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Turin, December 18, 1844.*  
(Received December 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, of the Slave Trade series, of the 7th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Lieutenant R. B. Miller, of Her Majesty's schooner "Hornet," to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it may be cancelled; with which instruction I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

SARDINIA. (*Consular*)—*Nice.*

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No. 272.

*Mr. Lacroix to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Nice, February 17, 1844.*

*(Received February 26.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular, Slave Trade, of the 31st of December last, transmitting two copies of an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade."

I will not fail strictly to adhere to the instructions conveyed in this Despatch, and in the Act of the 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, and will annex a copy of them, as Enclosures 22 B. and 22 C. to the 26th section of the General Instructions.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

A. LACROIX,

*British Consul.*

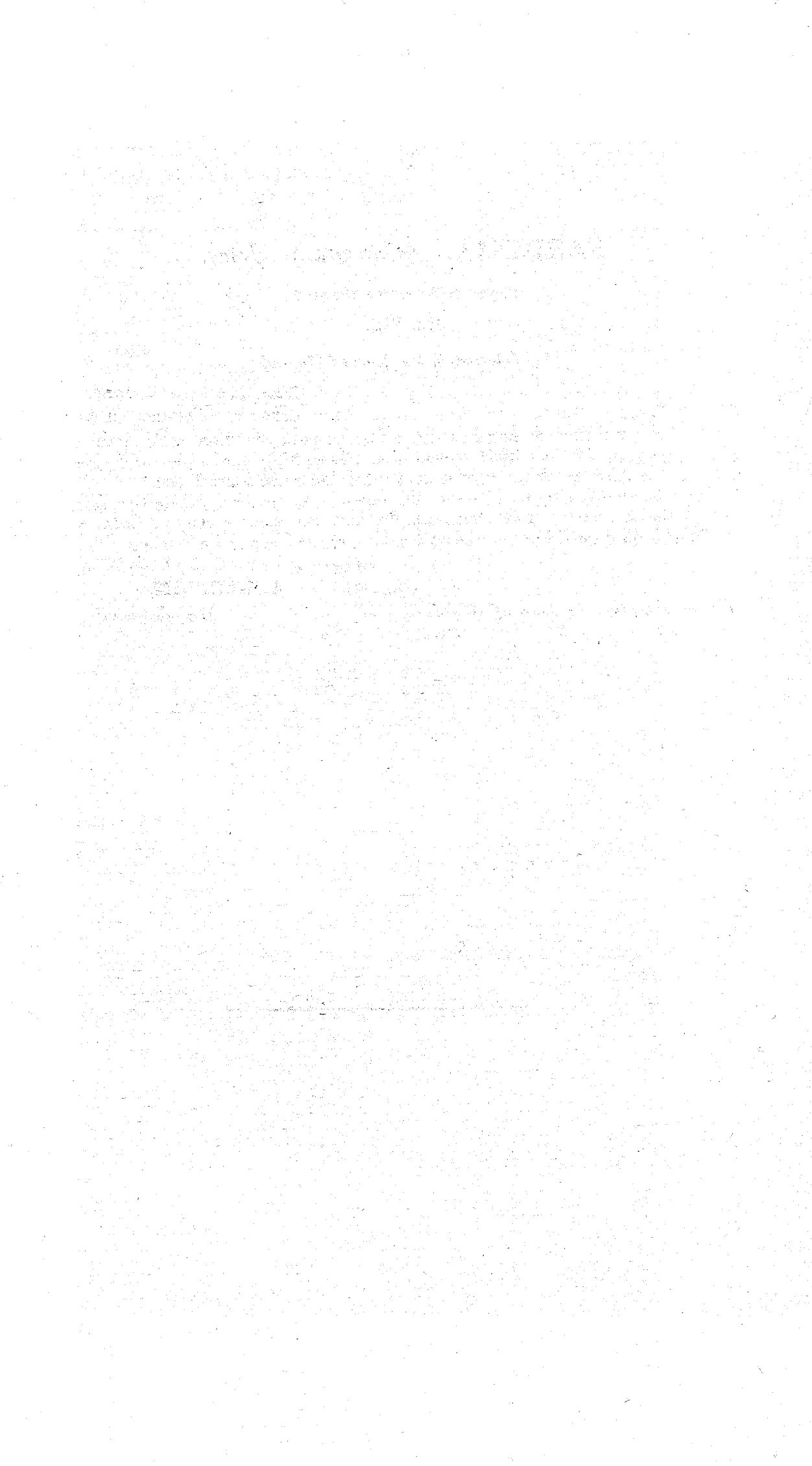
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No. 273.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that your Lordship will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 273.

"Bonetta," Lieut. E. E. Gray, Africa station, March 18, 1842.

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274.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 274.

"Wasp," Andrew Drew, North America and West India station, Dec. 10, 1842.

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No. 275.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Florence, January 13, 1844.*

*(Received January 22.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th ultimo, returning a warrant issued for Her Majesty's ship "Cameleon," to be cancelled by the Tuscan Government.

I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 29th ultimo, and herewith enclose a warrant for Her Majesty's ship "Helena," which I was therein instructed to procure from the Tuscan Government.

I have, &c.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 275.

"Helena," Com. Sir C. Ricketts, Bart., Cape of Good Hope station, Jan. 11, 1844.

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No. 276.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Florence, January 22, 1844.*

*(Received February 1.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 6th inst., and I now enclose the warrant which I was thereby instructed to procure from the Tuscan Government for Her Majesty's ship "Hyacinth."

I have likewise to acknowledge the receipt of your Slave Trade, of the 8th inst., transmitting a warrant issued for Her Majesty's ship "Bonetta," which I have not failed to return to the Tuscan Government, to be cancelled.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c. &c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 276.

"Hyacinth," Com. Francis Scott, N. America and W. Indies, Jan. 19, 1844.

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No. 277.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Howard.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, February 14, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary to the Admiralty to one of the Under Secretaries of State for this Department, stating that the Tuscan warrant issued to Her Majesty's ship "Lily," on the Cape of Good Hope station, in June 1840, never reached the "Lily;" and I have to desire that your Lordship will communicate to the Tuscan Government information of the loss of the warrant in question.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*

&c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 277.

*Sir John Barrow to Viscount Canning.*

*Admiralty, February 8, 1844.*

*(Received February 9.)*

MY LORD,

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, that on requiring the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Lily" to return to this office the warrants sent out to that vessel on the Cape of Good Hope station, in June 1840, to enable her to act under the Treaties with the Hanse Towns and Tuscany for the suppression of the Slave Trade, the Commander reports, that the two warrants in question never reached the "Lily;" and their Lordships request that information of their loss may be communicated to the Tuscan and Hanseatic authorities respectively.

I am, &c.

(Signed) J. BARROW.

*The Viscount Canning,*

&c. &c.

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No. 278.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, February 15, 1844.

(Received February 24.)

MY LORD,

IN conformity with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st ultimo, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant, authorizing Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's ship "Satellite," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and Tuscany, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have also the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 19th ultimo, enclosing a warrant issued by the Tuscan Government under the same Convention, for the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Wasp," which I have returned to Count Fossombroni, in order that it might be cancelled.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 279.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, February 26, 1844.

(Received March 6.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch to Lord Holland, of the 14th instant, marked Slave Trade, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty to Viscount Canning, in which it is stated, that a warrant issued by the Tuscan Government to enable Her Majesty's ship "Lily" to act under the Convention between Great Britain, France, and Tuscany, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and forwarded in June 1840 to the Commander of that vessel, on the Cape of Good Hope station, was never received by him.

In conformity with your Lordship's instructions to Lord Holland, I have acquainted Count Fossombroni with the loss of the warrant in question.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 280.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN

*The Lord Holland,*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 280.

"Spy," Lieut. G. Raymond, Coast of Africa, Dec. 26, 1842.



No. 281.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Florence, March 11, 1844.  
(Received March 20.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch to Lord Holland, of the 27th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, four warrants, authorizing the commanding officers of Her Majesty's steam-vessels "Ardent," "Prometheus," "Growler," and "Gorgon," to act on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Convention of November 24, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and Tuscany, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 281.

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| "Ardent"     | Com. J. Russell          | West Coast of Africa, | March 8, 1844. |
| "Prometheus" | Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco | "                     | "              |
| "Growler"    | Com. C. H. M. Buckle     | "                     | "              |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. C. Hotham          | "                     | "              |

No. 282.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, March 27, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 282.

"Prometheus," Lieut. Pasco, West Coast of Africa, March 8, 1844.

No. 283.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Florence, April 8, 1844.  
(Received April 17.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a Tuscan warrant, which was issued in March last for Her Majesty's ship "Prometheus," under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and which I have returned to Count Fossombroni, in accordance with your Lordship's instructions, in order that it may be cancelled.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 284.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, April 22, 1844.

(Received May 1.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the warrant for Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," according to the instructions I received in your Lordship's Despatch, dated March 30, 1844.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 284.

"Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, West Coast of Africa, April 12, 1844.

No. 285.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Tuscan Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 285.

"Wasp" . Com. Bagot . N. America and W. India station August 8, 1843.  
 "Pantaloon" Lieut. Lapidge Coast of Africa station . . . March 18, 1842.

No. 286.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 286.

"Ringdove," Com. Daniell, N. America and W. India station, June 22, 1842.

No. 287.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, June 5, 1844.

(Received June 14.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 22nd ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, three warrants, authorizing the commanding officers of Her Majesty's sloops "Wasp," "Ringdove," and "Albatross," to act under the Slave Trade Convention of November 24, 1837. I have also the honour to transmit the warrant for the sloop "Frolic," according to the instructions I received in your Lordship's Despatch of the 22nd ultimo, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 287.

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| "Wasp"      | Com. H. Bagot       | Africa station, June 4, 1844. |
| "Ringdove"  | Com. Sir W. Daniell | " "                           |
| "Albatross" | Com. Reginald Yorke | " "                           |
| "Frolic"    | Com. C. B. Hamilton | Brazil station "              |

No. 288.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government, under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Tuscan Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c.                      &c.

Warrants returned in No. 288.

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| "Arrow" | Lieut. Robinson | Cape of Good Hope station | December 26, 1842. |
| "Pearl" | Com. Stopford   | Brazil station            | March 1, 1843.     |

No. 289.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c.                      &c.

Warrant returned in No. 289.

"Daphne, Capt. Onslow, Brazil station, October 14, 1842.

No. 290.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.

I HAVE received your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 5th inst. I herewith return to your Lordship the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Tuscan Government on the 4th inst., to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the Convention of November 24, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and Tuscany, for the suppression of Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled, and that you will at the same time request the issue of a similar warrant to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp," in the room of Commander Bagot.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

No. 291.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, July 1, 1844.

(Received July 10.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions in your Lordship's Despatch of the 15th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant, authorizing the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet" to act under the Slave Trade Conventions of November 24, 1837. I have also the honour to transmit the warrant for the steamer "Prometheus," according to the instructions I received in your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th ultimo, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 291.

"Cygnet" . Com. Layton Coast of Africa June 28, 1844.

"Prometheus" Com. Hay . " "

No. 292.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Florence, July 15, 1844.

(Received July 24.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions in your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant authorizing the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp" to act under the Slave Trade Conventions of November 24, 1837.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 292.

"Wasp," Com. S. H. Ussher, Coast of Africa station, July 12, 1844.

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No. 293.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Tuscan Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrants returned in No. 293.

"Madagascar" Capt. Foote. (no station mentioned) . Dec. 6, 1841.  
"Growler" . Com. Buckle East Coast of S. America, June 22, 1842.

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No. 294.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 294.

"Spy," Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge, W. Coast of Africa station, July 22, 1843.

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No. 295.

*Mr. Scarlett to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Florence, August 6, 1844.*  
(Received August 17.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th ultimo, to Lord Holland, with two Enclosures.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) CAMPBELL SCARLETT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 296.

*Mr. Scarlett to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Florence, August 15, 1844.  
(Received August 24.)*

MY LORD,

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 2nd instant.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

CAMPBELL SCARLETT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.  
&c. &c. &c.*

No. 297.

*Mr. Scarlett to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Florence, September 21, 1844.  
(Received September 30.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 10th instant, instructing me to obtain a warrant to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Slave Trade Convention, I have the honour to transmit the enclosed warrant for that object.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

CAMPBELL SCARLETT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.  
&c. &c. &c.*

Warrant enclosed in No. 297.

"Conway," Capt. William Kelly, Cape of Good Hope, September 20, 1844.

No. 298.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Scarlett.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*C. Scarlett, Esq.  
&c. &c.*

Warrant returned in No. 298.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station, March 18, 1842.

299.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Scarlett.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander

for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*C. Scarlett, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 299.

“Fawn,” Lieut. J. Foote, South America station, April 28, 1840.

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No. 300.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Scarlett.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*C. Scarlett, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 300.

“Albatross,” Com. R. Yorke, Cape of Good Hope station, June 22, 1842.

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No. 301.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 301.

“Fair Rosamond,” Com. A. G. Bulman, N. America and W. Indies, March 18, 1844.

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No. 302.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Lord Holland,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 302.

‘Griffon,’ Lieut. Jenkin, N. America and W. India station, Dec. 26, 1842.

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No. 303.

*Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Florence, November 12, 1844.*

*(Received November 21.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions in your Lordship’s Despatch of the 26th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour herewith to transmit, a warrant to enable Commander J. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty’s steam-vessel the “Eclair,” to act under the Slave Trade Conventions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.                      &c.                      &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 303.

“Eclair,” Com. J. B. Estcourt, W. Coast of Africa, Nov. 10, 1844.

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No. 304.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Tuscan Government under the Convention of November 24, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty’s ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Tuscan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Lord Holland,*

&c.                      &c.

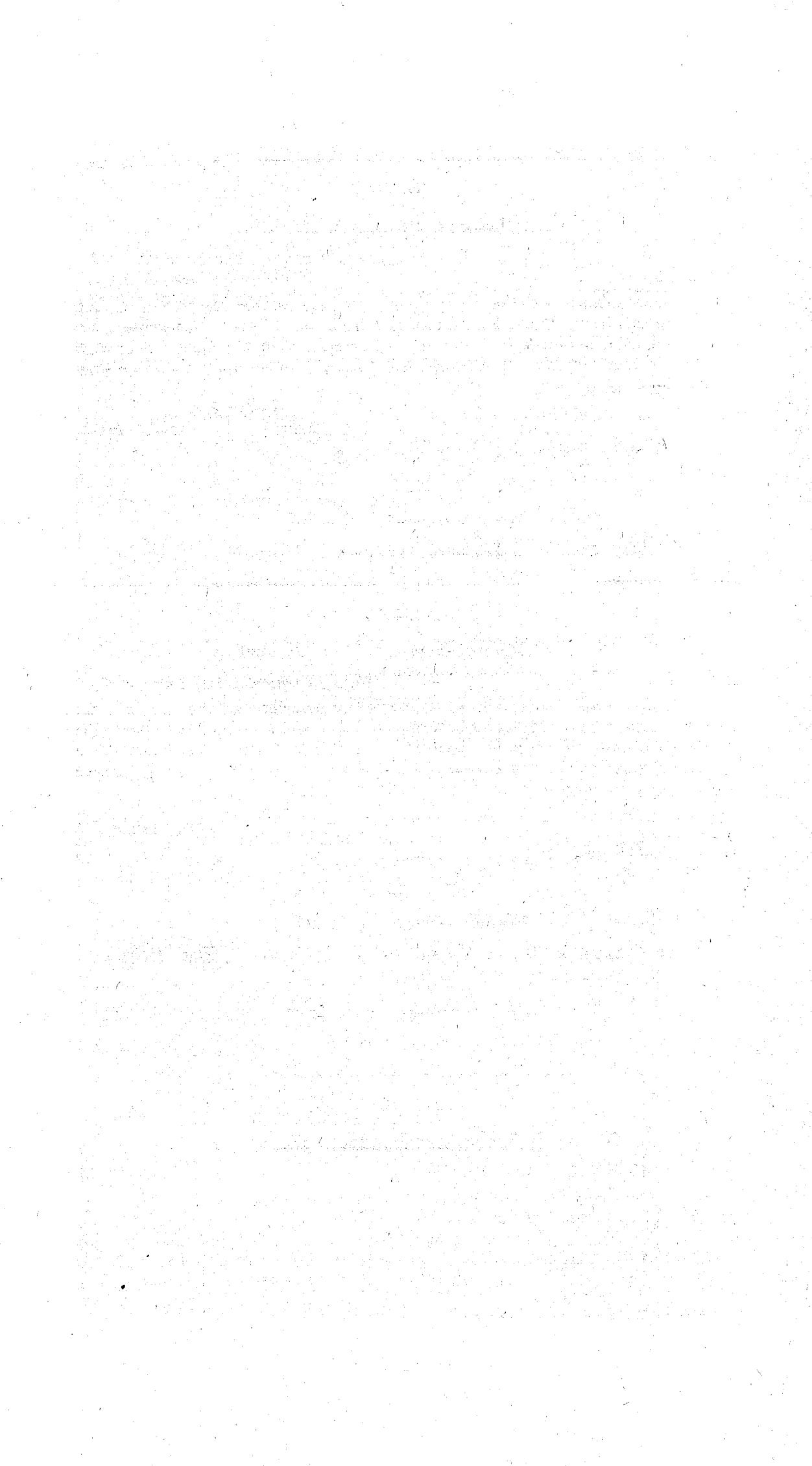
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Warrant returned in No. 304.

“Hornet,” Lieut. Miller, N. America and W. India station, Dec. 26, 1842.

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## TWO SICILIES.

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No. 305.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 305.

"Bonetta," E. E. Gray, African station, (no date.)

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No. 306.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 306.

"Wasp," Andrew Drew, N. America and W. India station, (no date.)

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No. 307.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Naples, February 10, 1844.*

*(Received February 24.)*

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of December 29th, 1843, I have the honour to enclose a warrant, which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Commander Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 307.

"Helena," Com. C. Ricketts, Cape of Good Hope, Feb. 5, 1844.

No. 308.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 308.

"Spy," Lieut. G. Raymond, Coast of Africa, (no date.)

No. 309.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, March 7, 1844.**(Received March 23.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st of January, 1844, I have the honour to enclose a warrant, which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 309.

"Satellite," Com. R. H. B. Rowley, Brazil station, (no date).

Countersigned by Mr. Temple, March 7, 1844.

No. 310.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, March 23, 1844.**(Received April 12.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of February 27, 1844, I have the honour to enclose four warrants, which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels named in the margin to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 310.

"Ardent" . . Com. Russell West coast of Africa (no date.)

"Prometheus" Lieut. Pasco " "

"Growler" . Com. Buckle " "

"Gorgon" . Capt. Hotham " "

Countersigned by Mr. Temple, March 23, 1844.

No. 311.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, April 20, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Neapolitan Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Neapolitan Government, in order that it may be canceled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 311.

"Prometheus," Lieut Pasco, West Coast of Africa, (no date.)

No. 312.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sicilian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 312.

"Wasp" . Com. Bagot . North America and West India station, August, 1843.  
"Pantaloons" Lieut. Lapidge Coast of Africa station . . . (no date.)

No. 313.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 313.

"Ringdove," Com. Daniell, North America and West India station, (no date.)

No. 314.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Naples, May 8, 1844.  
(Received May 19.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of March 30, 1844, I have the honour to enclose a warrant, which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 314.

"Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, Coast of Africa station (no date.)  
Countersigned by Mr. Temple, May 8, 1844.

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No. 315.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sicilian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrants returned in No. 315.

"Arrow" Lieut. Robinson (no station mentioned) June 9, 1841.  
"Pearl" . Com. Stopford . Brazil station . . . March 8, 1843.

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No. 316.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 316.

"Daphne," Capt. Onslow (no station or date.)

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No. 317.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE to refer you to my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 22nd ultimo, desiring you to apply for a warrant to enable Commander Bagot, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act on the Africa station under the Convention of February 14, 1838, between Great Britain, France, and the Two Sicilies, for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and to acquaint you that Commander Sidney H. Ussher has been appointed to the command of that ship, in the room of Commander Bagot.

You will accordingly apply to the Sicilian Government for a warrant for that officer, in lieu of the warrant which you will have applied for for Commander Bagot, which latter warrant will be returned to the Sicilian Government, to be cancelled, as soon as it shall have been received.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

No. 318.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, June 24, 1844.**(Received July 9.)*

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of May 22nd, I have the honour to transmit a warrant, which I have procured from the Sicilian Government, to enable Commander C. B. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 318.

"Frolic," Com. C. B. Hamilton, Brazil station, June 21, 1844.

No. 319.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, June 24, 1844.**(Received July 9.)*

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of May 22nd, I have the honour to transmit three warrants, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 319.

"Albatross" Com. R. Yorke. Coast of Africa station, June 21, 1844.

"Wasp" . Com. H. Bagot .

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"Ringdove" Com. W. Daniell

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No. 320.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
 &c. &c.

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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 Warrant returned in No. 320.

"Wasp," Com. Bagot, Coast of Africa station, June 21, 1844.

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No. 321.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sicilian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
 &c. &c.

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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 Warrants returned in No. 321.

"Madagascar" Capt. Foote Africa station . . . . . (no date.)  
 "Growler" Com. Buckle South America East Coast station . . . . . "

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No. 322.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Naples, July 19, 1844.*  
*(Received August 1.)*

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 15th and 17th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose two warrants, which I have procured from the Sicilian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships described in the margin to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
 (Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
 &c. &c. &c.

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 Warrants enclosed in No. 322.

"Cygnet" . Com. H. Layton Coast of Africa station, July 17, 1844.  
 "Prometheus" Com. J. Hay . . . . . " . . . . . "

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No. 323.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 323.

"Spy," Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge, West Coast of Africa, August 4, 1843.

No. 324.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Naples, August 3, 1844.*  
(Received August 15.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of June 30th, I have the honour to transmit a warrant, which I have procured from the Sicilian Government, to enable Commander Sidney H. Ussher, of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, in lieu of the warrant issued in favour of Commander Bagot, which I have received enclosed in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 12th ultimo, and which I have returned to the Sicilian Government to be cancelled.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 324.

"Wasp," Com. Ussher, Africa station, July 30, 1844.

No. 325.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 325.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station, (no date.)



No. 326.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Sicilian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrants returned in No. 326.

"Fawn," Capt. Foote, May 18, 1840.  
" " " June 9, 1841.

No. 327.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Neapolitan Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Neapolitan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 327.

"Albatross," Com. R. Yorke, Cape of Good Hope station (no date).

No. 328.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Naples, October 8, 1844.*  
(Received October 21.)

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 10th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit a warrant, which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 328.

"Conway," Capt. W. Kelly, Cape of Good Hope, September 27, 1844.

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No. 329.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Sicilian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 329.

"Fair Rosamond," Com. A. G. Bulman, N. Amer. &amp; W. India station, April 2, 1842.

No. 330.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Neapolitan Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Neapolitan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 330.

"Griffon," Lieut. Jenkin, North America and West Indies, (no date.)

No. 331.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Neapolitan Government under the Convention of February 14, 1838, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Neapolitan Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

*The Hon. W. Temple,*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 331.

"Hornet," Lieut. Miller, North America and West Indies, (no date.)

No. 332.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Naples, December 3, 1844.**(Received December 19.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, Circular, of the 6th of August last, together with two copies  
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of the instructions recently issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of Slave Trade, which copies reached me subsequently by the messenger Cooke; and I beg to inform your Lordship, that in pursuance of the instructions contained in the Despatch, I have transmitted one copy to Prince Scilla, for the information of the Neapolitan Government, reserving the other for the archives of the Mission.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

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**TWO SICILIES. (Consular)—Naples.**

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No. 333.

*Mr. Gallwey to Mr. Bidwell.*

*Naples, February 8, 1844.*

*(Received February 26.)*

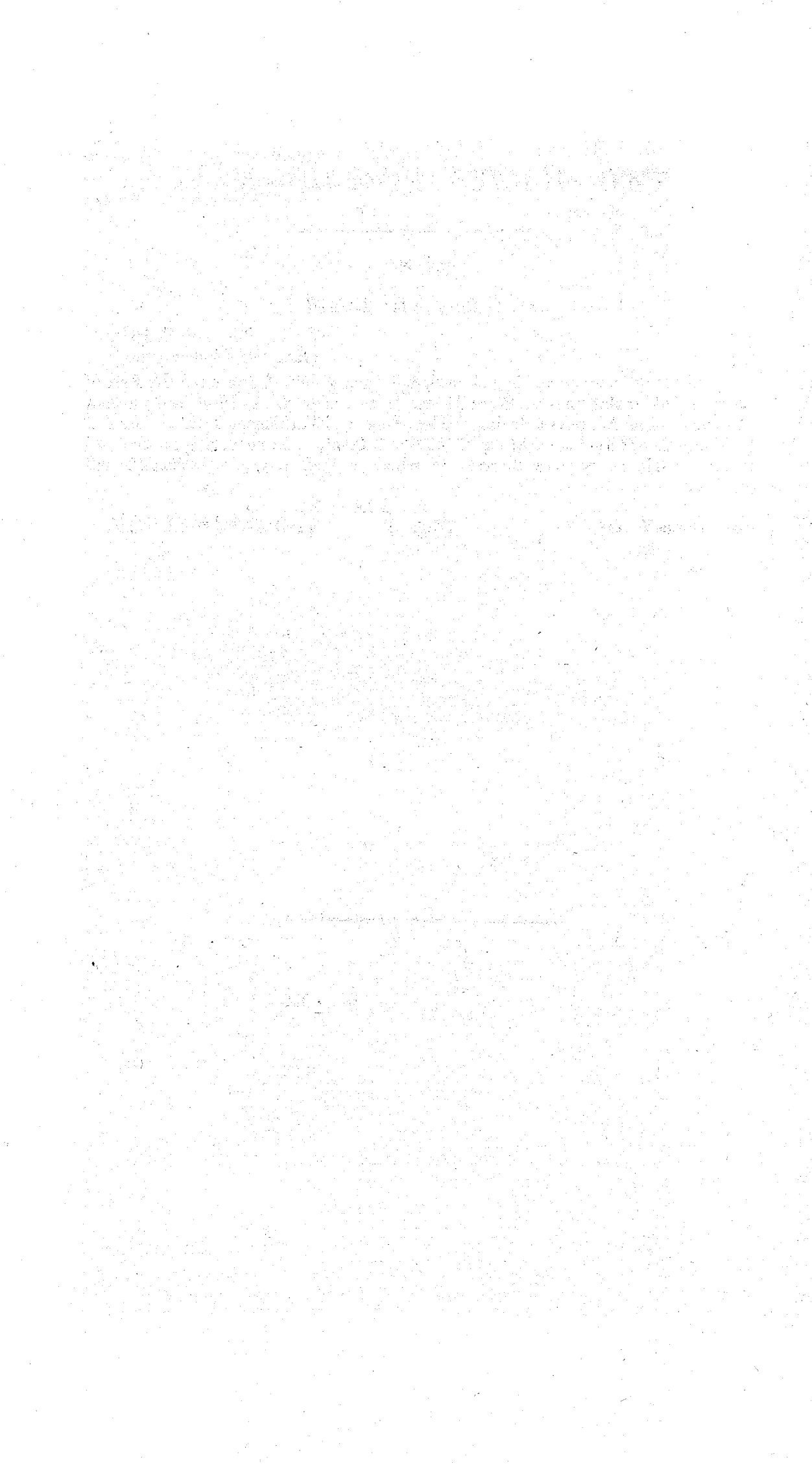
SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge having this day received the Earl of Aberdeen's Circular, marked Slave Trade, of December 31st, 1843, transmitting two copies of an Act passed during the last Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and conveying instructions for my guidance relative thereto, to which I shall pay strict attention and obedience.

*John Bidwell, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) **THOMAS GALLWEY.**

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**TWO SICILIES. (Consular)—Palermo.**

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No. 334.

*Mr. Goodwin to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Palermo, February 21, 1844.*  
*(Received March 11.)*

**MY LORD,**

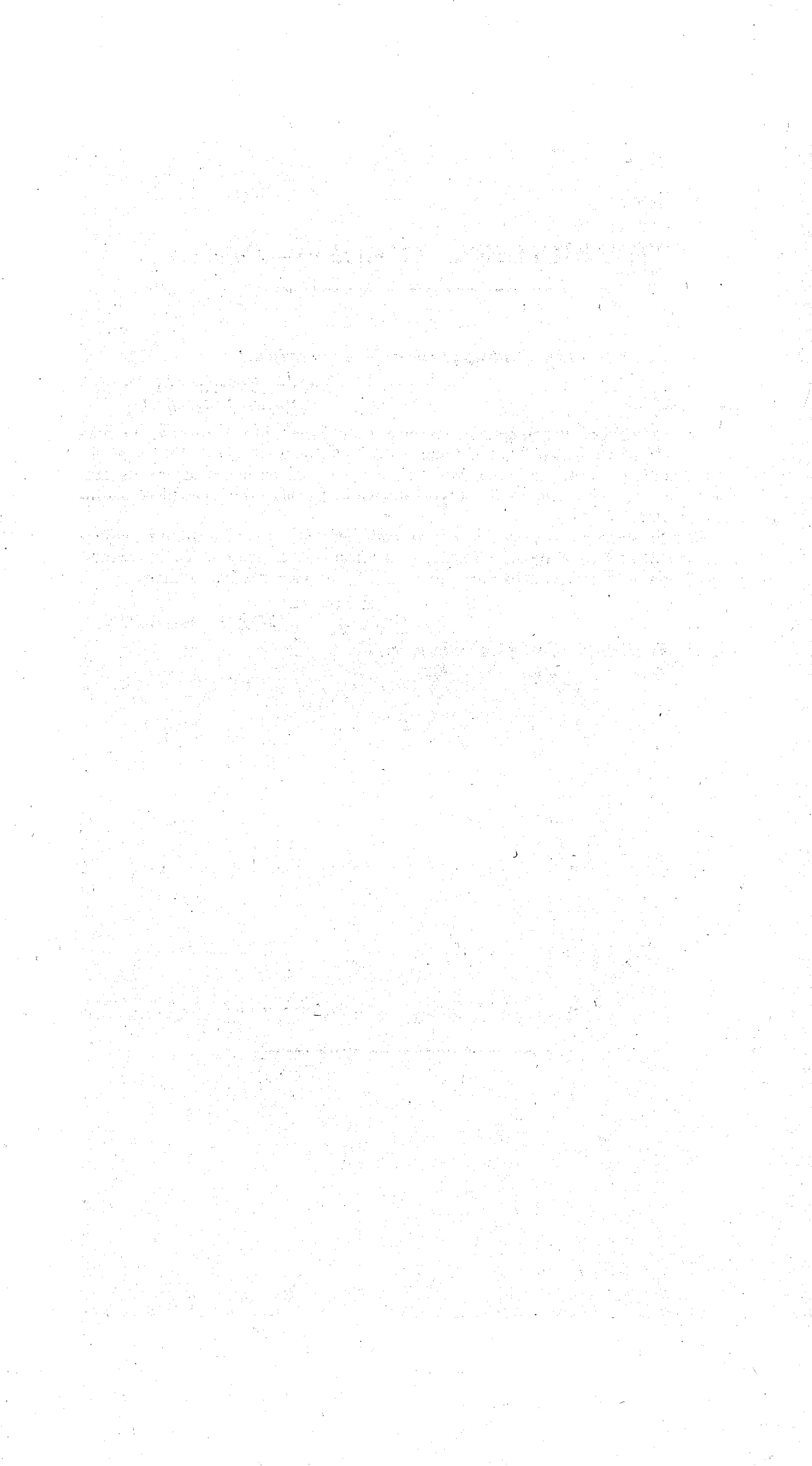
I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of December 31, 1843, enclosing two copies of 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, and instructing me to cause a copy of the same to be affixed in a conspicuous part of my office, in order to make its purport known to British subjects resident within this Consulate.

I have the honour to report that I have complied with your Lordship's instructions, and that I have annexed a copy of your Lordship's Despatch, and the accompanying Act, as Enclosures to the 26th section of the General Instructions.

I have &c.  
(Signed) JOHN GOODWIN.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

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## HANSE TOWNS.

No. 335.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 8, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,  
&c. &c.*

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 335.

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|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| "Bonetta," E. E. Gray, Africa station | { | Bremen, March 9, 1842. |
|                                       |   | Hamburg, " 9, "        |
|                                       |   | Lubeck, " 9, "         |

No. 336.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 19, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,  
&c. &c.*

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 336.

|   |   |                        |
|---|---|------------------------|
| "Wasp," Com. A. Drew, N. Amer. and W. India station | { | Hamburg, Dec. 5, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 6, "         |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 3, "         |



No. 337.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, January 16, 1844.**(Received January 21.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 29th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 337.

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| "Helena," Sir C. Ricketts, Cape of Good Hope station | { | Hamburg, Jan. 3, 1844. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 5, "         |
|  |   | Lubeck, " 3, "         |

No. 338.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, January 30, 1844.**(Received February 3.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 6th instant, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 338.

|  |   |                        |
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| "Hyacinth," F. Scott, N.America and W. India station | { | Lubeck, Jan. 15, 1844. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 17, "        |
|  |   | Hamburg, " 15, "       |

No. 339.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 14, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary to the Admiralty to one of the Under Secretaries of State for this Department, stating that the Hanseatic warrants issued to Her Majesty's ship "Lily," on the Cape of Good Hope station, in June 1840, never reached the "Lily;" and I have

to desire that you will communicate to the Hanseatic authorities information of the loss of the warrants in question.

Colonel Hodges,  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 339.

*The Hon. Sidney Herbert to Viscount Canning, February 8, 1844.*

(See Enclosure in No. 277.)

No. 340.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Hamburg, February 13, 1844.  
(Received February 17.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 31st ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the commanding officer of Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 340.

|  |   |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|
| "Satellite" Com. R. H. B. Rowley, Brazil station | { | Hamburg, Feb. 7, 1844. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 8, "         |
|  |   | Lubeck, " 7, "         |

No. 341.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

Colonel Hodges,  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 341.

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|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Spy," Lieut. G. Raymond, Coast of Africa | { | Hamburg, Dec. 19, 1842. |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 21, "         |
|   |   | Bremen, " 21, "         |

No. 342.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Hamburg, March 19, 1844.  
(Received March 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 27th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose 12 warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.  
&c. &c. &c.*

Warrants enclosed in No. 342.

| Ship.      | Name of Commander.       | Date.         |               |               | Station.              |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|            |                          | Hamburg.      | Bremen.       | Lubeck.       |                       |
| Ardent .   | Com. J. Russel (B) . .   | March 4, 1844 | March 4, 1844 | March 6, 1844 | West Coast of Africa. |
| Prometheus | Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco | ..            | ..            | ..            |                       |
| Growler .  | Com. C. H. M. Buckle .   | ..            | ..            | ..            |                       |
| Gorgon .   | Capt. C. Hotham . .      | ..            | ..            | ..            |                       |

No. 343.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Colonel Hodges,  
&c. &c.*

Warrants returned in No. 343.

“Prometheus,” Lieut. W. Pasco, W. Coast of Africa { Hamburg, March 4, 1844.  
Bremen, .. 4, ..  
Lubeck, .. 6, ..

No. 344.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Hamburg, April 19, 1844.  
(Received April 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the commanding officer of Her Majesty's ship

"Larne" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 344.

|   |   |                          |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| "Larne," Com. J. W. D. Brisbane, W. Coast of Africa | } | Hamburg, April 10, 1844. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 15, "          |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 10, "          |

No. 345.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Hamburg, April 22, 1844.*

(Received April 26.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of April 12, 1844, I have consulted with Doctor (now Senator) Haller, on the case of the Hamburg barque "*Louise*," detained by Her Majesty's sloop "*Grecian*," on suspicion of Slave Trade; and I have based the enclosed copy of a note to Syndicus Sieveking on his legal opinion, which I trust your Lordship will approve. Owing to Dr. Haller's having been promoted to the Senate, he has transferred the above case to Dr. Knaut.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen,*  
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 345.

*Colonel Hodges to Syndicus Sieveking.*

*Hamburg, April 22, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, &c. &c., having been instructed by the Earl of Aberdeen to make enquiries into the present state of the question respecting the affairs of the Hamburg barque "*Louise*," detained in 1841 by Her Majesty's ship "*Grecian*," on suspicion of Slave Trade, begs to inform his Magnificence Syndicus Sieveking, that as the Commander of the "*Grecian*" has formerly applied to the Senate, through his attorney here, for the recovery of the expenses incurred by the detention and bringing in of the "*Louise*," and as this demand was not complied with, the Commander has now applied to Her Majesty's Government for their interference and support,

From the investigation of the law papers in this case it appears, that although the confiscation of the barque "*Louise*" was not pronounced by the Tribunal of Commerce, owing to various arguments drawn from the nature of the case, still the detention and bringing in of the "*Louise*" has been declared just and lawful, in virtue of existing Treaties.

Under these circumstances, therefore, nothing can be clearer to the Undersigned than the right of the detaining officer to claim from the Hamburg State a full reimbursement of all consequent expenses, insomuch that, according to the principles of the Treaty, the British navy are to be considered in this case as acting in the service of the Republic of Hamburg, as it effectually suppresses all abuse of her flag from being used for purposes of Slave Trade.

The Undersigned has consulted Captain Smyth's lawyer in Hamburg, who informs him that he will renew his petition by direct application to the Senate.

The Undersigned, in accordance with his instructions, begs most strenuously to urge Captain Smyth's claim to be reimbursed by the Government of Hamburg the sum of 259*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, for expenses incurred.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed)

G. LLOYD HODGES.

*His Magnificence Syndicus Sieveking,*  
&c. &c.

No. 346.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrants returned in No. 346.

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Wasp," Com. Bagot, N. America and W. India station   | { | Hamburg, Aug. 2, 1843.  |
|   |   | Bremen, " 2, "          |
|   |   | Lubeck, July 29, 1843.  |
| "Pantaloons," Lieut. Lapidge, Coast of Africa station | { | Hamburg, March 9, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 9, "          |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 9, "          |

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No. 347.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 16, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrants returned in No. 347.

|  |   |                         |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| "Ringdove," Com. Daniell, N. Amer. and W. Indies | { | Hamburg, June 15, 1842. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 15, "         |
|  |   | Lubeck, " 15, "         |

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No. 348.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Hamburg, June 7, 1844.*  
(Received June 19.)

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatches, Slave Trade, of the 22nd May, I have now the honour to enclose 12 warrants, issued by the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 348.

| Ships.      | Commanders.           | Date.         |               |                | Station. |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
|             |                       | Hamburg.      | Bremen.       | Lubeck.        |          |
| Frolic . .  | Com. C. B. Hamilton . | May 29, 1844. | May 29, 1844. | June 1, 1844.  | Brazil.  |
| Wasp . . .  | Com. Henry Bagot . .  | " "           | " "           | " "            | Africa.  |
| Ringdove .  | Com. Sir W. Daniell . | " "           | " "           | " "            | "        |
| Albatross . | Com. Reginald Yorke   | " "           | " "           | June 11, 1844. | "        |

## No. 349.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

## Warrants returned in No. 349.

| Ships.      | Commanders.           | Date.          |                |                | Stat on.        |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|             |                       | Hamburg.       | Bremen.        | Lubeck.        |                 |
| Arrow . . . | Lieut. Robinson . . . | Dec. 19, 1842. | Dec. 21, 1842. | Dec. 21, 1842. | Cape Good Hope. |
| Pearl . . . | Com. Stopford . . .   | Feb. 23, 1843. | Feb. 22, 1843. | Feb. 22, 1843. | Brazil.         |

## No. 350.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities, under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

## Warrants returned in No. 350.

"Daphne," Capt. Onslow, Brazil station { Hamburg, October 12, 1842.  
Bremen, " 14 "  
Lubeck, " 12 "

No. 351.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE received your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 7th instant. I herewith return to you the warrants therein enclosed, issued by the Hanseatic authorities on the 29th May and 1st instant, to enable Commander Henry Bagot, of Her Majesty's ship "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled; and that you will at the same time request the issue of similar warrants to Commander Sidney H. Ussher, who has been appointed to the command of the "Wasp," in the room of Commander Bagot.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 352.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, June 29, 1844.**(Received July 5.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatches, Slave Trade, of the 15th and 17th of June, I have now the honour to transmit warrants from the Hanse Towns for Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," and Commander John Hay, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 352.

|   |   |                           |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| "Cygnet," . Com. H. Layton, Coast of Africa .             | { | Hamburg, June 26, 1844.   |
|   |   | Bremen       "   24   "   |
|   |   | Lubeck       "   22   "   |
| "Prometheus," Com. J. Hay                               " | { | Hamburg,       "   26   " |
|   |   | Bremen       "   24   "   |
|   |   | Lubeck       "   22   "   |

No. 353.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, July 12, 1844.**(Received July 16.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, Slave Trade, of the 29th and 30th ultimo, and in compliance with the instructions contained in last-mentioned, I have now the honour to transmit warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp" to act on the Africa station, under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 353.

|                                      |   |                         |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| "Wasp," Com. Ussher, Coast of Africa | } | Hamburg, July 8, 1844.  |
|                                      |   | Bremen        " 8,    " |
|                                      |   | Lubeck        " 6,    " |

No. 354.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

Colonel Hodges,  
&c.        &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)        ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 354.

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Madagascar," Capt. Foote . Coast of Africa     | } | Hamburg, Nov. 29, 1841  |
|   |   | Bremen Dec. 1,    "     |
|   |   | Lubeck        " 1,    " |
| "Growler" . Com. Buckle, E. Coast of S. America | } | Hamburg, June 15, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen        " 15,   " |
|   |   | Lubeck        " 15,   " |

No. 355.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

Colonel Hodges,  
&c.        &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)        ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 355.

|   |   |                          |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| "Spy," Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge, Africa station, | } | Hamburg, July 19, 1843.  |
|   |   | Bremen,        " 18,   " |
|   |   | Lubeck,        " 15,   " |

No. 356.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

Colonel Hodges,  
&c.        &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)        ABERDEEN.



Warrant returned in No. 356.

"Ardent," Com. J. Russell, Brazil station

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| { | Hamburg, March 9, 1842. |
| { | Bremen, " 9, "          |
| { | Lubeck, " 9, "          |

No. 357.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen**Hamburg, October 1, 1844.**(Received October 6.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of September 10th, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 357.

"Conway," Capt. W. Kelly, Cape of Good Hope

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| { | Hamburg, Sept. 16, 1844. |
| { | Bremen, " 16, "          |
| { | Lubeck, " 14, "          |

No. 358.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.**Foreign Office, October 9, 1844.*

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*Colonel Hodges,*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants returned in No. 358.

"Fawn," Lieut. J. Foote, Brazil station

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| { | Hamburg, May 15, 1840. |
| { | Bremen, April 18, "    |
| { | Lubeck, May 1, "       |

No. 359.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.**Foreign Office, October 12, 1844.*

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

*Colonel Hodges,*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrants returned in No 359.

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Albatross," Com. R. Yorke, C. of Good Hope station | { | Hamburg, June 15, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 15, "         |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 15, "         |

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No. 360.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 360.

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Fair Rosamond," Com. A. G. Bulman, North America<br>and West India station . . . . . | { | Hamburg, March 9, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 9, "          |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 9, "          |

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No. 361.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, November 12, 1844.**(Received November 16.)*

MY LORD,

In reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 26th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 361.

|  |   |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|
| "Eclair," Com. W. G. B. Estcourt, Africa station . . . . . | { | Hamburg, Nov. 4, 1844. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 5, "         |
|  |   | Lubeck, " 6, "         |

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No. 362.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I herewith transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
&c. &c.  
CLASS C.

Warrants returned in No. 362.

|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| "Griffon," Lieut. Jenkin, N. America and W. Indies. | { | Hamburg, Dec. 19, 1842. |
|   |   | Bremen, " 21, "         |
|   |   | Lubeck, " 21, "         |

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No. 363.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanseatic authorities under the Convention of June 9, 1837, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Hanseatic authorities, in order that they may be cancelled.

*Colonel Hodges,*  
*&c. &c.*

I am, &c.  
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrants returned in No. 363.

|  |   |                         |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| "Hornet," Lieut. Miller, N America and W. Indies | { | Hamburg, Dec. 19, 1842. |
|  |   | Bremen, " 21, "         |
|  |   | Lubeck, " 21, "         |

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No. 364.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, December 28, 1843.*

*(Received February 16, 1844.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Slave Trade Despatch of the 27th October last; and to enclose herewith the warrant issued by the Government of this Republic for the use of Her Majesty's ship "Star."

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 364.

"Star," R. J. U. Dunlop (no station mentioned) December 21, 1843.

No. 365.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, February 7, 1844.*

*(Received March 8.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, 1st, 5th, 7th, 11th, 15th November, and 29th December last; and to transmit herewith the warrants issued by the President of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships named in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 365.

"Illustrious" Capt. T. Erskine N. America and W. India station, Feb. 6, 1844.

"Helena" . Sir C. Ricketts . Cape of Good Hope station . . . . . "

"Sealark" . Com. Gooch . West Coast of Africa . . . . . "

"Eurydice" . Capt. G. Elliott, N. America and W. India station . . . . . "

No. 366.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 15, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their

Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Haytian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 366.

“Cygnet” . Lieut. Edmund Wilson Coast of Africa, May 15, 1843.  
 “Pantaloons” Lieut. C. H. Lapidge .                   ”                   ”  
 “Bonetta” . Lieut. E. E. Gray .                   ”                   ”

No. 367.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, February 20, 1844.  
(Received March 26.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 6th ultimo, and herewith enclose the warrant issued by the President of Hayti for Her Majesty's sloop “Hyacinth,” Commander Francis Scott.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c.                   &c.                   &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 367.

“Hyacinth,” Com. F. Scott, N. America and W. India station, Feb. 19, 1844.

No. 368.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 368.

“Wasp,” Com. Bagot, North America and West India station, Sept 5, 1843.

No. 369.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 21, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 369.

“Arrow,” Lieut. Robinson, Cape of Good Hope station, May 13, 1843.

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No. 370.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen,*

*Port Republicain, Hayti, May 23, 1844.*

*(Received June 25.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, Circular, of December 31, 1843, and those of the 31st January, the 27th February, and the 15th March, of the present year.

I have the honour to transmit herewith enclosed the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

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Warrants enclosed in No. 370.

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| “Satellite”(B.) | Com. R. H. B. Rowley | Coast of Africa, | May 22, 1844. |
| “Ardent”        | Com. J. Russell      | “                | “             |
| “Prometheus”    | Lieut. W. Pasco      | “                | “             |
| “Growler”       | Com. C. H. Buckle    | “                | “             |
| “Gorgon”        | Capt. C. Hotham      | “                | “             |

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No. 371.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Thomas Ussher, Esq.*

&c.

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Warrant returned in No. 371.

“Daphne,” Capt. Onslow, Brazil station, May 30, 1843.

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No. 372.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE received your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 23rd ultimo. I herewith return to you the warrant therein enclosed, issued by the Haytian Government on the 22nd ultimo, to enable Lieutenant Pasco, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel “Prometheus,” to act on the Africa station, under the Convention of December 23, 1839, between Great Britain and Hayti, for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and I have to desire that you will return the same to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

By my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 17th instant, you have already been instructed to apply to the Haytian Government for a similar warrant for Commander John Hay, who has been appointed to the command of that vessel.

I have at the same time to refer you to my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 22nd ultimo, desiring you to apply for a warrant to enable Commander Bagot, of Her Majesty's ship "Wasp," to act on the Africa station, under the above-mentioned Convention, and to acquaint you that Commander Sidney H. Ussher has been appointed to the command of that ship in the room of Commander Bagot; you will accordingly apply to the Haytian Government for a warrant for that officer in lieu of the warrant which you will have applied for for Commander Bagot, which latter warrant will be returned to the Haytian Government to be cancelled as soon as it shall have been received.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

No. 373.

*Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, June 23, 1844.  
(Received July 20.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 30th March and 11th May; and to transmit herewith enclosed the Slave Trade warrant issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ship described in the margin.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) HARRISON J. THOMPSON,  
*Vice-Consul in Hayti.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in 373.

"Larne," Com. Brisbane, Coast of Africa, June 7, 1844.

No. 374.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 25, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 374.

"Madagascar," Captain Foote, Coast of Africa, May 13, 1843.

No. 375.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 2, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December

23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 375.

"Spy," Lieut S. O. Wooldridge, West Coast of Africa, August 31, 1843.

No. 376.

*Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, July 23, 1844.  
(Received August 20.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 22nd May last, and to transmit herewith enclosed the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's sloops described in the margin.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) HARRISON J. THOMPSON,  
*Vice-Consul in Hayti.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 376.

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| "Albatross" | Com. Yorke          | . . . | Coast of Africa, July 21, 1844. |
| "Wasp"      | Com. Bagot          | . . . | " "                             |
| "Ringdove"  | Com. Sir W. Daniell | . . . | " "                             |
| "Frolic"    | Com. Hamilton       | . . . | " "                             |

No. 377.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 27, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued ; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.  
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 377.

"Wasp," Com. Bagot, Coast of Africa station, July 12, 1844.

No. 378.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, September 23, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December



23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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Warrant returned in No. 378.

"Conway," Capt. R. Fair, Cape of Good Hope, Sept. 16, 1843.

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No. 379.

*Mr Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Port Republicain, September 26, 1844.*  
(Received November 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of June 15, 17, 21, 29, and 30, and of July 25, and August 2; and to transmit the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I beg leave at the same time respectfully to observe to your Lordship, that the absence of his Excellency the President from the capital has been the cause of my not being able to obtain these warrants at a more early period.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) HARRISON J. THOMPSON,  
*Vice-Consul in Hayti.*

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrants enclosed in No. 379.

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| "Cygnet".    | Com. Layton. | Coast of Africa | September 24, 1844 |
| "Prometheus" | Com. Hay     | "               | "                  |
| "Wasp"       | Com. Ussher  | "               | "                  |

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No. 380.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Thomas Ussher, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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Warrant returned in No. 380.

"Fair Rosamond," Com. A. G. Bulman, N. America and W. Indies, May 13, 1843.

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No. 381.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Thomas Ussher, Esq.*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 381.

"Griffon," Lieut. Jenkin, North America and West Indies, May 30, 1843.

No. 382.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.*

MY LORD,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Haytian Government under the Convention of December 23, 1839, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued; and I have to desire that you will return it to the Haytian Government, in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Thomas Ussher, Esq.*

&amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant returned in No. 382.

"Hornet," Lieut. Miller, North America and West Indies May 30, 1843.

No. 383.

*Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Port Republicain, November 6, 1844.**(Received December 13.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, of the 27th August, and the 10th and 23rd September, and to transmit the Slave Trade warrant issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ship described in the margin.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) HARRISON J. THOMPSON,

*Vice-Consul in Hayti.**The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 383.

"Conway," Com. Kelly, Cape of Good Hope station, Nov. 4, 1844.

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No. 384.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Captain Elliot.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 6, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Francis Scott, of Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1843, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*Captain Elliot, R.N.*  
&c.      &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)      ABERDEEN.

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No. 385.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Captain Elliot.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, of Her Majesty's ship "Satellite," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*Captain Elliot, R.N.*  
&c.      &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)      ABERDEEN.

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No. 386.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Captain Elliot.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 27, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue warrants to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's steam-vessels therein also named, on the West Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

*Captain Elliot, R.N.*  
&c.      &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed)      ABERDEEN.

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Warrants requested in No. 386.

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|--------------|-----|------------------------|
| "Ardent"     | . . | Com. John Russell.     |
| "Prometheus" | . . | Lieut. W. J. G. Pasco. |
| "Growler"    | . . | Com. C. H. M. Buckle.  |
| "Gorgon"     | . . | Capt. C. Hotham.       |

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No. 387.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Captain Elliot.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, March 30, 1844.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, of Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

Captain Elliot, R.N.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 388.

*Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

New Orleans, March 7, 1844.

(Received April 15.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatches of January 31st of this year, and I avail myself of this occasion to transmit 47 sets of instructions issued by the Government of Texas for certain of Her Majesty's ships and vessels under the Treaty for the suppression of Slave Trade. I observe that there are several mistakes in these instructions, both in the names of the Commanders and of the vessels; and I shall therefore procure from the Secretary of State of Texas a general authority, enabling the proper officers in England to correct these errors.

I also acknowledge the Circular of December 31, 1843.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 388.

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| "Ferret" . . .      | Com. Josiah Oake . . .        | W. Coast of Africa | Jan. 22, 1844. |
| "Rapid" . . .       | Lieut. E. C. Earle . . .      | "                  | "              |
| "Spy" . . .         | Lieut. S. O. Wooldridge . . . | "                  | "              |
| "Espoir" . . .      | Com. A. Morrell . . .         | "                  | "              |
| "Alert" . . .       | Com. C. J. Bosanquet . . .    | "                  | "              |
| "Albert" . . .      | Lieut. Daniel Woodruffe . . . | "                  | "              |
| "Hydra" . . .       | Com. N. B. Young . . .        | "                  | "              |
| "Penelope" . . .    | Capt. Wm. Jones . . .         | "                  | "              |
| "Winchester" . . .  | Capt. Charles Eden . . .      | Cape of Good Hope  | "              |
| "Isis" . . .        | Capt. Sir J. Marshall . . .   | "                  | "              |
| "Cleopatra" . . .   | Capt. C. Wyvill . . .         | "                  | "              |
| "Bittern" . . .     | Com. E. Peel . . .            | "                  | "              |
| "Arrow" . . .       | Lieut. W. Robinson . . .      | "                  | "              |
| "Thunderbolt" . . . | Com. G. N. Broke . . .        | "                  | "              |
| "Sappho" . . .      | Com. Hon. G. Rose . . .       | "                  | "              |
| "Conway" . . .      | Capt. Robert Fair . . .       | "                  | "              |
| "Alfred" . . .      | Capt. J. B. Purvis . . .      | Brazil station     | "              |
| "Daphne" . . .      | Capt. J. J. Onslow . . .      | "                  | "              |
| "Frolic" . . .      | Com. W. A. Willis . . .       | "                  | "              |
| "Ardent" . . .      | Com. J. Russell . . .         | "                  | "              |
| "Growler" . . .     | Com. C. H. M. Buckle . . .    | "                  | "              |
| "Viper" . . .       | Lieut. Jas. Carter . . .      | "                  | "              |
| "Spider" . . .      | Lieut. R. E. Pym . . .        | "                  | "              |
| "Gorgon" . . .      | Capt. C. Hotham . . .         | "                  | "              |
| "Curaçoa" . . .     | Capt. Sir. T. Pasley . . .    | "                  | "              |
| "Racer" . . .       | Com. A. Reed . . .            | "                  | "              |
| "Dolphin" . . .     | Lieut. W. O. B. Hoare . . .   | "                  | "              |

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| "Illustrious"   | Capt. J. E. Erskine . . .           | N. Amer. and W. Ind. Jan. 22, 1844.   |
| "Pique"         | Capt. Hon. M. Stopford . . .        | , , , ,                               |
| "Spartan"       | Capt. Hon. C. G. J. B. Elliot . . . | , , , ,                               |
| "Volage"        | Capt. Sir W. Dickson, Bt. . . .     | , , , ,                               |
| "Electra"       | Com. A. Darley . . . .              | , , , ,                               |
| "Albatross"     | Com. R. Yorke . . . .               | , , , ,                               |
| "Ringdove"      | Com. Sir W. Daniell . . . .         | , , , ,                               |
| "Scylla"        | Com. Robt. Sharpe . . . .           | , , , ,                               |
| "Wasp"          | Com. Henry Bagot . . . .            | , , , ,                               |
| "Griffon"       | Lieut. Chas. Jenkin . . . .         | , , , ,                               |
| "Pickle"        | Lieut. J. A. Bainbridge . . . .     | , , , ,                               |
| "Fair Rosamond" | Lieut. A. G. Bulman . . . .         | , , , ,                               |
| "Hornet"        | Lieut. R. B. Miller . . . .         | , , , ,                               |
| "Hermes"        | Lieut. W. Carr . . . .              | , , , ,                               |
| "Rose"          | Com. N. R. Sturt . . . .            | , , , ,                               |
| "Inconstant"    | Capt. C. N. Fremantle . . . .       | , , , ,                               |
| "Star"          | Com. R. I. W. Dunlop . . . .        | Coast of Africa . . . .               |
| "Sealark"       | Com. Thos. L. Gooch . . . .         | W. Coast of Africa . . . .            |
| "Eurydice"      | Capt. Geo. Elliot . . . .           | N. Amer. and W. Ind. . . .            |
| "Helena"        | Sir C. Rickets, Bt. . . .           | (No station mentioned) Feb. 17, 1844. |

No. 389.

*Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*New Orleans, March 15, 1844.  
(Received April 16.)*

MY LORD,

HEREWITH I have the honour to transmit the copy of a note from Mr. Jones, covering an authentic copy of the Declaration which your Lordship instructed me to propose to the Government of Texas, respecting the removal of slaves captured in Texian vessels on the coast of Brazil to Trinidad or Demerara.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

First Enclosure in No. 389.

*Mr. Jones to Captain Elliot.*

*Department of State,  
Washington, February 16, 1844.*

THE Undersigned, Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note which Mr. Elliot, Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, addressed him on the 4th ultimo, acquainting him with the wish of Her Majesty's Government to be enabled, with the consent of this Government, to send to Trinidad or Demerara any negroes who may be captured on board Texian vessels on the coast of Brazil, under the Treaty between Great Britain and Texas for the suppression of the African Slave Trade.

In reply, the Undersigned has the pleasure to state to Mr. Elliot that no objection exists on the part of this Government to the proposed arrangement; but, on the contrary, it is believed, the proposed modification to the 16th Article of said Treaty will be advantageous to all parties who may hereafter become affected by the stipulations therein contained. In accordance, therefore, with the request of Mr. Elliot, the Undersigned will, on the part of this Government, sign the declaration forwarded by Lord Aberdeen, and accompanying Mr. Elliot's note.

The Undersigned avails, &c.  
(Signed) ANSON JONES.

*Captain Elliot, R.N.*  
&c. &c.

Second Enclosure in No. 389.

*Declaration supplemental to Texian Slave Trade Treaty.*

WHEREAS, by the 16th Article of the Treaty concluded at London on the 16th November, 1840, between Her Majesty and the Republic of Texas, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, it is stipulated that slaves found on board Texian vessels detained on the coast of Brazil shall be carried or sent at once by the Commander of the capturing cruizer to one of the British settlements on the coast of Africa; and, whereas it has been considered expedient by the Government of Her Britannic Majesty that British cruizers should be enabled to carry or send to Trinidad or Demerara slaves so captured, instead of carrying or sending them back to the coast of Africa as aforesaid; and, whereas there exists on the part of the Republic of Texas no objection to slaves so captured being so disposed of:

We the Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires in Texas, and the Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, being duly authorized by our respective Governments, hereby agree and declare that, notwithstanding the above-cited stipulation of the 16th Article of the Treaty above-mentioned, the Commanders of British cruizers, duly authorized under that Treaty, may carry or send to Trinidad or Demerara slaves found on board Texian vessels captured on the coast of Brazil.

In witness whereof we have signed this Declaration, and have hereunto affixed the seals of our arms.

Done at Washington, the 16th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

(L.S.) (Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.  
(L.S.) ANSON JONES.

No. 390.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander C. B. Hamilton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Frolic," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires,*  
&c. &c.

No. 391.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 22, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue warrants to enable the respective officers named in the margin of this Despatch to act in command of Her Majesty's sloops therein also named, on the Coast of Africa station, under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires*  
&c. &c.

Warrants requested in No. 391.

- "Wasp" . Com. Henry Bagot.
- "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell.
- "Albatross" Com. Reginald Yorke.

No. 392.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, May 28, 1844.*

I HEREWITH transmit to you a copy of a communication received at this office from the Admiralty, enclosing 13 warrants issued by the Texian Government to enable Her Majesty's ships to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade, and requesting that these warrants may be returned to the Texian Government to be cancelled, and that application may be made for proper warrants for the Hon. George Hope, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," and Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," employed on the Cape of Good Hope station.

I have to instruct you to make the necessary application to the Texian Government, and to forward the warrants to this office, in order that they may be sent to the Admiralty.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires,*  
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 392.

*Sir J. Barrow to Viscount Canning.*

MY LORD,

*Admiralty, May 4, 1844.*

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith the warrants supplied by the Government of Texas to enable Her Majesty's ships named in the enclosed list to act under the Convention with Texas for the suppression of Slave Trade, the same not being available, for the reasons severally expressed against the ships' names; and their Lordships request that the Earl of Aberdeen will cause the said warrants to be returned to the Texian Government to be cancelled, and that application may be made for proper warrants for Commanders the Hon. George Hope, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," and Sir Cornwallis Ricketts, of Her Majesty's sloop "Helena," both of which vessels are employed on the Cape of Good Hope station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN BARROW.

*The Viscount Canning,*  
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in Enclosure in No. 392.

| Name of Vessel. | Name of Commander.            | Date.         | Station.                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Helena . .      | Commander Sir C. Ricketts .   | Feb. 17, 1844 | Not mentioned.               |
| Sappho . .      | „ Hon. G. Hope .              | Jan. 22, 1844 | Cape of Good Hope.           |
| Frolic . .      | „ W. A. Willis .              | „             | Brazil.                      |
| Spy . .         | Lieutenant S. O. Wooldridge . | „             | West Coast of Africa.        |
| Arrow . .       | „ W. Robinson .               | „             | Cape of Good Hope.           |
| Volage . .      | Captain Sir W. Dickson, Bart. | „             | North America and West India |
| Daphne . .      | „ J. J. Onslow .              | „             | Brazil.                      |
| Gorgon . .      | „ C. Hotham .                 | „             | „                            |
| Growler . .     | Commander C. H. M. Buckle .   | „             | „                            |
| Ardent . .      | „ J. Russell .                | „             | „                            |
| Wasp . .        | „ Henry Bagot .               | „             | North America and West India |
| Ringdove . .    | „ Sir W. Daniell .            | „             | „                            |
| Albatross . .   | „ R. Yorke .                  | „             | „                            |



## Sub-Enclosure in Enclosure in No. 392.

*List of Slave Trade Warrants from the Government of Texas returned to the Foreign Office to be cancelled, for the reasons severally expressed against the ships' names.*

*Admiralty, May 4, 1844.*

“Gorgon” . ordered from Brazil to the Coast of Africa.  
 “Ardent” .                    ”    ”  
 “Growler” .                    ”    ”  
 “Albatross” ordered from West Indies to the Coast of Africa.  
 “Ringdove”                    ”    ”  
 “Wasp” .                        ”    ”  
 “Daphne” . ordered from Brazil to the Pacific.  
 “Volage” . returned from North America and West India station.  
 “Spy” . . coming home from Coast of Africa.  
 “Arrow” .                        ”    Cape of Good Hope.  
 “Frolic” . another officer appointed in lieu of Com. Willis.  
 “Sappho” . warrant improperly addressed to Com. Rose, instead of Com. Hope.  
 “Helena” . warrant addressed to Her Majesty’s ship “Hebra,” instead of “Helena.”

No. 393.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty’s sloop “Cygnet,” about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires,*  
 &c.    &c.

No. 394.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 17, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Henry Layton, of Her Majesty’s steam-vessel “Prometheus,” about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires,*  
 &c.    &c.

No. 395.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 30, 1844.*

I HAVE to refer you to my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 22nd ultimo, desiring you to apply for a warrant to enable Commander Bagot, of Her Majesty’s sloop “Wasp,” to act on the Africa station under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade; and to

acquaint you, that Commander H. Ussher has been appointed to the command of that ship in the room of Commander Bagot; you will accordingly apply to the Texian Government for a warrant for that officer, in lieu of the warrant which you will have applied for for Commander Bagot, which latter warrant will be returned to the Texian Government to be cancelled, as soon as it shall have been received.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires,*  
&c. &c.

No 396.

*Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Galveston, April 6, 1844.*  
(Received July 6.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit a warrant issued by this Government for Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," under the Treaty of November 16, 1840; and I also beg to forward an authentic copy of an authorization by the Secretary of State of Texas to arrest any errors which may from time to time find place in these instruments.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 396.

*Washington, March 25, 1844.*

IT being possible that clerical errors may, from time to time, find place in the names of the ships or Commanders in the warrants issued by this Government under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between the Republic of Texas and Great Britain, for the suppression of Slave Trade, &c.; this is to authorize the proper authorities in Great Britain to make the necessary corrections in the names of the Commanders or ships specified in the warrants aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the town of Washington, the twenty-fifth day of March, 1844.

(Signed) ANSON JONES.

No. 397.

*Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, July 26, 1844.*  
(Received August 30.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatches of the 22nd May, and I take this opportunity to transmit five warrants issued by the Government of Texas for Her Majesty's ships and vessels named in the margin.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 397.

|              |                |                       |                |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| "Larne"      | Com. Brisbane, | West Coast of Africa, | June 11, 1844. |
| "Growler"    | Com. Buckle    | "                     | "              |
| "Gorgon"     | Capt. Hotham.  | "                     | "              |
| "Prometheus" | Lieut. Pasco   | "                     | "              |
| "Ardent"     | Com. Russell   | "                     | "              |

## No. 398.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty's Charge d' Affaires.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office September 10, 1844.*

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Texian Government to issue a warrant to enable Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Her Majesty's Chargé d' Affaires,*  
&c. &c.

## No. 399.

*Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Philadelphia, October 18, 1844.**(Received November 15.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatches to the 30th of June, Slave Trade; and I take the same occasion to transmit warrants for the undermentioned vessels—"Wasp," "Ringdove," "Albatross," "Frolic."

I may mention, with reference to your Lordship's instructions respecting the warrant for Her Majesty's sloop "Wasp," that the names of the Commanding Officers are not filled up in these warrants, and I have therefore transmitted it in its present form.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

## Warrants enclosed in No. 399.

|             |                          |                  |                 |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| "Wasp"      | (no Commander mentioned) | Coast of Africa, | Sept. 17, 1844. |
| "Ringdove"  | "                        | "                | "               |
| "Frolic"    | "                        | Brazil station   | "               |
| "Albatross" | "                        | Coast of Africa  | "               |

## No. 400.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Galveston, October 26, 1844.**(Received December 17.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 10th ultimo.

In accordance with your Lordship's instruction, I have transmitted to the Government of this Republic an application for the warrant necessary to enable Captain Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," to act under the Treaty of

November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 401.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Galveston, November 11, 1844.*  
(Received December 17.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a warrant from the proper Department of the Government of Texas, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Conway" to act under the Treaty of November 16, 1840, between Great Britain and Texas, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I also transmit enclosed a copy of the communication which accompanied the warrant.

I beg to state that your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade Circular, of the 15th of August last, came to hand on the 6th instant, and that, as directed by your Lordship, I have communicated to the Government of Texas one of two copies received by me of Instructions recently issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Warrant enclosed in No. 401.

"Conway" (no Commander mentioned) Cape of Good Hope station, Oct. 30, 1844.

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Enclosure in No. 401.

*Mr. Jones to Mr. Kennedy.*

SIR,

*Washington, October 30, 1844.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note, addressed to this Department, under date of 21st instant, communicating the request of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, that a warrant, under the provisions of the Slave Trade Treaty between the Republic of Texas and Great Britain, be issued to Captain William Kelly, of Her Majesty's ship "Conway," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station; and to forward herewith the warrant as requested.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) ANSON JONES.

*W. Kennedy, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 402.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Galveston, December 15, 1843.*  
(Received January 15, 1844.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st October last, communicating the opinion of the law adviser of the Crown as to the operation of the provisions of the Statute of 5 Geo. IV. cap. 113, in reference to the illegal acts alleged against Messrs. Frankland and Co., of Galveston and London, in my Despatches of the 6th and 17th July last, of this year's series.

I have &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 403.

*Mr Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Galveston, December 26, 1843.*  
(Received February 23, 1844.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE to inform your Lordship, that a vessel named the "*Rover*," sailing under the Texian flag, has recently arrived at this port from New Orleans, having 31 negro slaves on board. The "*Rover*" was purchased at New Orleans two or three months ago, by Mr. Henry A. Cobb, of this place, in whom, conjointly with a brother, the ownership is *understood* to be vested. The Messrs. Cobb are British subjects, and Mr. Henry A. Cobb is, and has been for some time, Vice-Consul of France at the Port of Galveston.

I beg to enclose from the "*Galveston Civilian*" newspaper the published announcements of the arrival of the brig "*Rover*," and of her sailing for another port, together with an advertisement of the sale of a "negro at auction," by H. A. Cobb and Brother.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 403.

*Extracts from the "Galveston Civilian" newspaper.*

MARINE LIST.

Arrived.—December 16, brig "*Rover*," Falvel, New Orleans; December 18, sloop "*Jane Eliza*," Knapps, Velasco; December 18, schooner "*Luda*," Hurd, Velasco.

Cleared.—December 20, schooner "*Conchita*," Sanchez, Havana.

PASSENGERS.

Per brig "*Rover*," Hector Vandedrickson, Verplank L. Kirkman, Capt. J. B. Sealy, James L. Worley, Edward Dwyer,—Lewis, and 31 negroes on deck.

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## FOR PORT LAVACCA.

December 23.

The brig "*Rover*," Capt. Falvel, will leave for the above port on Sunday the 24th instant. For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board, or to

H. A. COBB &amp; BRO.

## NEGRO AT AUCTION.

December 23.

On this day, after sale of potatoes on Menord's Wharf, the subscribers will sell to the highest bidder a fine likely negro man, aged 22 years, a good character, and title indisputable. Terms specie.

H. A. COBB & BRO. *Auctioneers*.

No. 404.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Galveston, December 26, 1843.

(Received February 23, 1844.)

MY LORD,

IN a communication, marked Private, and dated 10th of last July, I expressed a fear, that "if British law could not be vindicated in such a case as that of the steamer '*Caroline*,' Messrs. Frankland and Co. would, ere long, find many imitators." My Despatch of this day's date, informing your Lordship of the introduction of slaves from the United States, by Messrs. Cobb, British subjects, in the Texian brig "*Rover*," will show that my apprehensions were not without foundation.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 405.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Galveston, March 22, 1844.

(Received May 16.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st December last, which reached me, enclosing two copies of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98; and I beg respectfully to state, that my most earnest endeavours will be devoted to carrying out each particular of the instructions conveyed to me in that Despatch.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

&amp;c.

No. 406.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Galveston, May 4, 1844.

(Received June 15.)

MY LORD,

IN a Despatch, dated the 22nd of March, I had the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st December, of last year's series, and to assure your Lordship that my most earnest endeavours would be devoted to carrying out each particular of the instructions therein conveyed. I have now to inform your Lordship, that in conformity with this assurance I caused a copy of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, to be affixed in a conspicuous part

of my office, and omitted no occasion which personal intercourse afforded to make its purport known to the British subjects within this Consulate.

Having, after due deliberation, arrived at the conclusion that no inconvenience could result to the public service from the proceeding, I transmitted to the Galveston newspapers an official notification of the character and object of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, and of the fact of its being open to the inspection of British residents at the office of the Consulate.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Galveston newspaper, containing the official notification; and also a copy of the notification *merely*, extracted from the same journal, which is one of the organs of the Government.

I beg to observe, that the number of slaves actually within the limits of the Galveston Consulate, and owned by British subjects, is not considerable; that the cotton and sugar plantations are all upon the main land; and that administrative equity will not have attained its object unless speedy steps be taken for making parties contemplated by the "Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and who hold slaves upon the main land, aware of the existence of that Act, and acquainted with the general effect and tendency of its provisions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 406.

*Notice in the "Civilian, and Galveston Gazette."*

*Consulate of Her Britannic Majesty,  
Galveston, Republic of Texas.*

IN accordance with instructions received from the Earl of Aberdeen, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and in order that the Law may be known by all to whom this notice is addressed—

I, the undersigned Consul, do hereby notify all British subjects whomsoever, resident within the Consulate of Galveston,

That a copy of an Act passed at the last Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," (6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98), in which it is declared that all the several matters and things prohibited in the Act 5 Geo. IV. cap. 113, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the abolition of the Slave Trade," are forbidden to be done by British subjects, wheresoever residing or being, whether in any countries or settlements not belonging to the British Crown, or within the British dominions, colonies, or settlements, is affixed for inspection in the office of said Consul, and may be inspected accordingly, from the hour of twelve to three P.M. daily (Sundays excepted.)

Given under my hand, at Galveston, this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 1844.

WILLIAM KENNEDY,  
*Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.*

No. 407.

*Mr. Kennedy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Galveston, June 14, 1844.*

*(Received July 29.)*

MY LORD,

AMONG the recently published Acts of the Eighth Congress of the Republic of Texas, is one having reference to the apprehension of runaway slaves. As my official duty may be reasonably supposed to include an early report of local legislation in relation to matters interesting to Her Majesty's Government, or bearing upon our national welfare, I have the honour to transmit a copy of the main sections of this Act, together with a copy of an Act to which it is supplementary, and of two sections of other Acts declaratory of the punishment to be



inflicted on whites, and free persons of colour, convicted of stealing or enticing away slaves, or aiding and assisting in the flight of fugitive slaves.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM KENNEDY.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 407.

*Laws of the Republic of Texas, in relation to Runaway Slaves.*

ACT OF CONGRESS.

(Passed February 5, 1841.)

*Section 1st.*—Where any slave is now in the gaol of any county of this Republic, or shall hereafter be committed to the gaol thereof, as a runaway, a notice of the apprehension and commitment, with a full description of said slave, shall be published weekly in one of the Gazettes at the seat of Government, for the space of one month, and printed copies thereof shall be furnished to the Clerk of the County Court of the county in which the commitment is made, to be carefully filed and preserved in his office; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff, or gaoler, having custody of such slave, to ascertain as nearly as may be, the name of the owner thereof, and to address him, or her, by regular post, at least twice, giving a full description of said runaway slave, in such manner as may best lead to the discovery and restoration.

*Section 2nd.*—If said slave, being a runaway, shall not be claimed and proved by the owner thereof within six months from the first publication of his commitment, the sheriff of the county in which the commitment was made shall expose said slave to sale at the Court House of his county, upon giving at least 30 days' notice of such sale, by advertisement posted up at, at least, two public places in said county, and published in some Gazette of the county in which the sale is to take place, or in the next nearest county having a Gazette; and, out of the proceeds arising from the sale of any runaway slave, as aforesaid, the sheriff shall be entitled to the same commission and fees as are allowed in cases of execution, and the balance, after paying all prison fees, or fees for the maintenance of said runaway while in custody, clerk's fees, and expenses of apprehending and advertising, shall be paid into the county treasury for the use of the proper county: Provided, that if the owner of any runaway slave thus sold shall prove his property within three years after said sale, the proper county shall pay to him the amount that shall have been paid into the county treasury on account of the sale of said slave; but the right to any slave sold as aforesaid, shall be and remain vested in the purchaser under the sale made by the sheriff as aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Section 3rd.*—The sheriff making the sale of any runaway slave as aforesaid shall return a full and clear account and statement of such sale, under his hand and seal, to the clerk of the County Court, who shall record the same among his record of deeds.

*Section 4th.*—All runaway slaves shall be lawfully apprehended by any person, and carried before the next Justice of the Peace, who shall either commit them to the county gaol, or to the custody of the sheriff, or send them to the owner, if known, who shall pay for every slave so taken up the sum of ten dollars to the person apprehending him or her, and all reasonable costs and damages: and if said owner shall fail or refuse to pay said reward and reasonable expenses, the person apprehending and delivering said runaway slave as aforesaid shall be entitled to have his action, for the recovery of the same, before any Justice of the Peace of the district or precinct in which said owner resides, or in which said slave is delivered up to the owner.

*Section 5th.*—If any person or persons be convicted of harbouring or concealing any negro or negroes belonging to any person or persons whomsoever, or suffering the same to be harboured or concealed with his consent or knowledge, the said person or persons shall, for each offence, be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, and shall be imprisoned not less than one calendar month, nor exceeding six calendar months, and shall be liable in damages to the party owning the slave or slaves, to be recovered by action on the case before any Court having competent jurisdiction.

## ACT OF CONGRESS.

(Supplementary to the preceding Act, passed January 27, 1844.)

*Section 1st.*—It shall be lawful hereafter for any person or persons who may apprehend and commit to gaol any runaway slave or slaves on or west of the San Antonio river, to demand and receive the sum of fifty dollars for each and every slave so apprehended; Provided said slave or slaves be so secured that the property shall come safely to the possession of the owner, to be paid upon the delivery of such slave or slaves to the owner thereof, or his authorized agent; and the person or persons apprehending such slave or slaves shall have a lien on the same until the reward specified as aforesaid shall be paid.

*Section 2nd.*—In all cases in which any slave or slaves shall have been apprehended and delivered to the owner at his residence, it shall be lawful for the person apprehending and delivering such slave or slaves to demand and receive for each slave so apprehended and delivered, in addition to the sum specified as aforesaid, the further sum of two dollars for every thirty miles he may travel in going to and returning from the residence of said owner, the distance to be computed over the shortest route travelled at the time; and to have a lien upon the slave or slaves for the payment of the same, as provided for in the first section of this Act.

*Section 3rd.*—The provisions of the second section of this Act shall extend to persons apprehending runaway slaves in any part of the Republic; Provided said slave or slaves are delivered by the apprehender to the owner at his or her residence.

*Section 4th.*—If no owner appears to claim any slave or slaves so apprehended, and the same be sold under the provisions of the Act to which this is a supplement, then, and in that case, it shall be the duty of the sheriff to pay over to the person or persons apprehending such slave or slaves the reward prescribed by the provisions of the first section of this Act; Provided that the sheriff shall take, in writing, the testimony on which the claim to the reward is admitted, and that the same be filed in the office of the clerk of the County Court.

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In reference to the foregoing laws it is to be observed, that by section 6 of an Act of Congress, passed December 21, 1836, it is enacted, "That every person who shall steal, or entice away any slave out of, or from the possession of the owner or owners of such slave, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof shall suffer death."

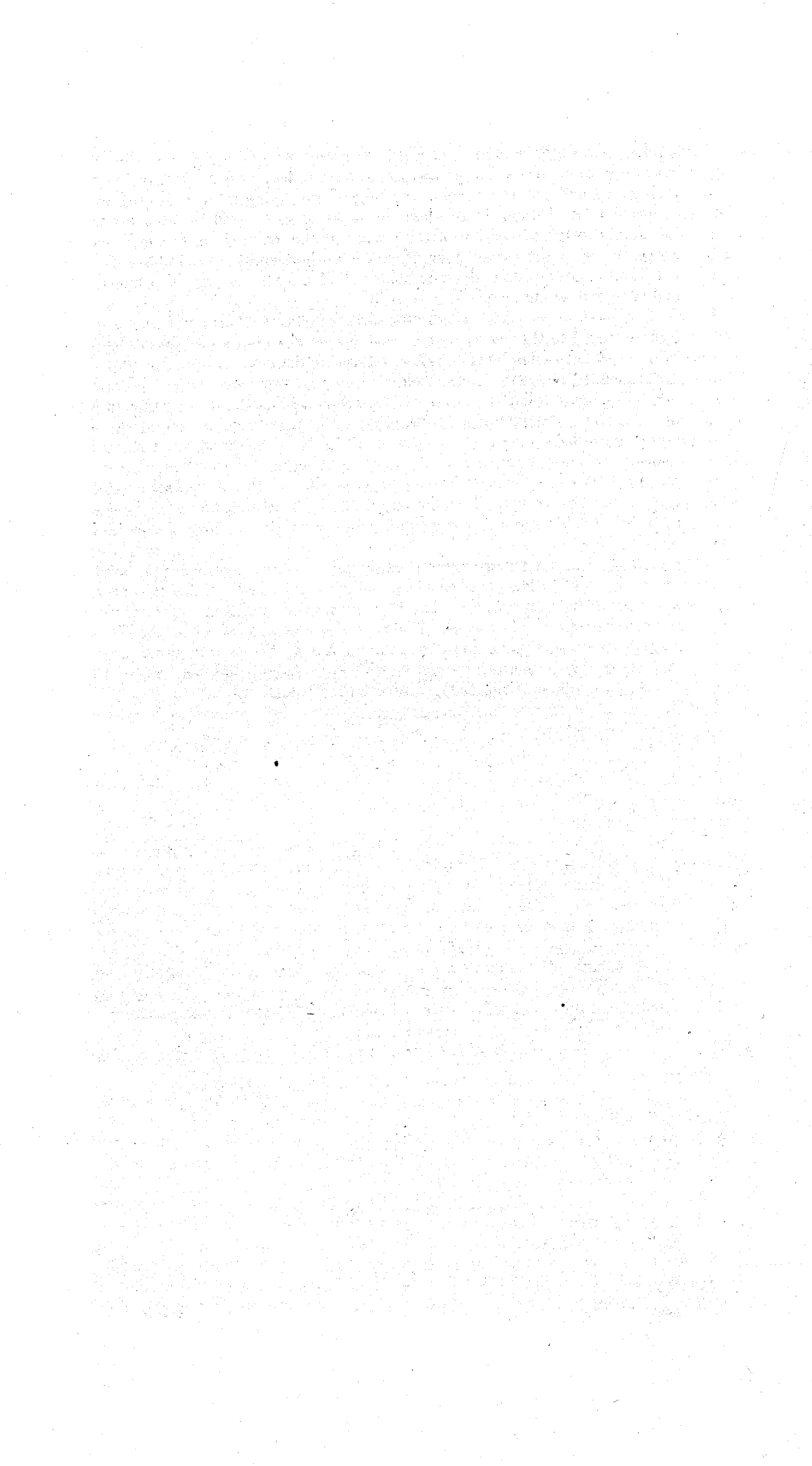
It is further to be observed, that by section 2 of an Act of Congress, passed December 14, 1837, it is enacted, "That it shall not be lawful for any *free person of colour* to inveigle or entice away from their owner or master any slave or slaves, nor to aid or assist any slave or slaves in leaving the Republic, without the consent of the owner of such slave or slaves; nor shall it be lawful for any *free person of colour* to conceal, or render aid or assistance to any runaway slave, with the intent to prevent the return of such runaway to his or her owner; and, upon conviction of any of the foregoing offences before a District Court, such *free person of colour* shall be fined in a sum equal to the value of such slave or slaves, and, on failure to pay the said fine, shall be sold as a slave for life."

These several laws, and sections of laws, are at present in force in the Republic of Texas.

WILLIAM KENNEDY, *Consul.*

Galveston, June 14, 1844.

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## MEXICO.

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No. 408.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 17, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander Francis Scott, and to be employed on the North America and West India station.

*C. Bankhead, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 409.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead,*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 27, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-ship "Penelope," of 20 guns, commanded by Captain William Jones, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

*C. Bankhead, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 410.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, and to be employed on the Brazil station.

*C. Bankhead, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 411.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's sloop "Volage," on the North America and

West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 412

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 1, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government that Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch ("Gorgon," "Ardent," and "Growler," steam-vessels from the Brazil station; "Ringdove," "Albatross," and "Wasp," sloops from the North America and West India station), which were supplied with warrants authorizing them to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of Slave Trade, have been ordered to proceed to the Coast of Africa, to which station they are to be attached.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 413.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 21, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," of four guns, commanded by Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 414.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 30, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, and to be employed on the coast of Africa station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 415.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, April 20, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 416.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Mexican Republic, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," of six guns, commanded by Commander Henry Layton, and to be employed on the coast of Africa station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 417.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 17, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Mexican Republic, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," of five guns, commanded by Commander John Hay, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 418.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 26, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ketch "Arrow," on the Cape of Good Hope station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 419.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, July 4, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Daphne," on the Brazil station, authorizing

her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

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No. 420.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, August 14, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brig "Spy," on the Coast of Africa station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

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No. 421.

*Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Mexico, August 29, 1844.  
(Received October 8.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 15th, 17th, and 26th of June last, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) C. BANKHEAD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 422.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, October 31, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of the Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," of four guns, commanded by Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.  
&c. &c.

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No. 423.

*Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Mexico, September 29, 1844.  
(Received November 9.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 4th July, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) C. BANKHEAD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 424.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Mexican Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's schooner "Fair Rosamond," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*C. Bankhead, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 425.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brig "Griffon," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*C. Bankhead, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 426.

*Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Mexico, October 30, 1844.*  
(Received December 12.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 14th August, marked Slave Trade, and of your Lordship's Circular of the 15th of that month.

*The Right. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) C. BANKHEAD.



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MEXICO. (*Consular*)—*Vera Cruz.*

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No. 427.

*Mr. Giffard to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Vera Cruz, April 1, 1844.*  
(*Received May 8.*)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 31st December last, on the subject of the Slave Trade, and to state in reply, that the instruction it conveys shall be strictly attended to.

I take leave to observe, however, to your Lordship my firm conviction, that not one single man in this country, nor one single dollar of its capital, is directly or indirectly employed in that traffic.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. GIFFARD.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 428.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 4, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Lily," on the Cape of Good Hope station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 429.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 4, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's ship "Illustrious," of 72 guns, commanded by Captain John E. Erskine, and to be employed on the North America and West India station.

I am, &c.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 430.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 4, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's ships "Iris," "Cygnet," and "Kite," on the West Coast of Africa station, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 431.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 9, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Bonetta," on the Coast of Africa station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between

Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

No. 432.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Caracas, November 9, 1843.  
(Received January 9, 1844.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 7th and the 20th ultimo, I have duly communicated to the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's sloop "Acorn" has been cancelled, and that a warrant has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Hydra."

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 433.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 17, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Hyacinth," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander Francis Scott, and to be employed on the North America and West India station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

No. 434.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 27, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-ship "Penelope," of 20 guns, commanded by Captain William Jones, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

No. 435.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the

Venezuelan Government, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Satellite," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander Robert H. B. Rowley, and to be employed on the Brazil station.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 436.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, January 31, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Avon," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 437.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 1, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Venezuela, that Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch ("Gorgon," "Ardent," and "Growler," steam-vessels from the Brazil station; "Ringdove," "Albatross," and "Wasp," sloops from the North America and West India station), which were supplied with warrants authorizing them to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, have been ordered to proceed to the Coast of Africa, to which station they are to be attached.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 438.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 3, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Curlew," on the Brazil station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 439.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Caracas, December 8, 1843.  
(Received February 16, 1844.)

MY LORD,

A NUMBER of the official "Gazette of the Equador" has reached my hands, in which is republished a Decree of the Peruvian Government permitting the import of foreign slaves into Peru.

As this Decree is of importance, and it is probable that any copy thereof forwarded from Peru by the way of Cape Horn or Panama, may not as yet have reached your Lordship, I take the liberty of herewith enclosing one, together with its corresponding translation; and in doing so I beg to refer your Lordship to my Despatch from Lima, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th of January, 1840, an extract of which is published in the series of Slave Papers, Class D. that were presented to Parliament in that year.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&amp;c.

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(Translation.)

Enclosure in No. 439.

Number 506.

*Extract from the "Gaceta del Ecuador."*

Quito, Domingo, Septiembre 17, 1843.

THE Consul-General of the Ecuador having requested the Government to declare whether the fugitive slaves of that country, who should enter Peru, were to be considered free in virtue of the laws in force in the Republic, and whether any persons might obtain the slaves they wanted, and under what conditions, with regard to the authority to be held over them, the following Decree has been issued:—

*Decree.*

Lima, August 12, 1843.

Whereas the last provision of our laws respecting the condition of slaves arriving in the territory of the Republic is contained in the 146th Article of the Constitution of 1834, which declares them to be free; and whereas this Constitution was abolished by the Constitution of 1839, and which does not contain this provision, it is hereby declared that, from the publication of the said Constitution of 1839, the Government recognises no law that alters the condition of foreign slaves who may enter the territory of Peru. Let this be duly communicated and published.

Vivanco.

By order of his Excellency,

PARDO.

No. 440.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Caracas, December 31, 1843.  
(Received February 16, 1844.)

MY LORD,

IN the execution of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 1st, the 5th, and the 11th ultimo, I have duly communicated to the Government of Venezuela, that warrants under the Treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the abolition of the Slave Trade, have been issued to Her Majesty's ships "Star" and "Eurydice;" and that the warrants issued under the same Treaty

to Her Majesty's ships "Tweed" and "Volage," have been returned to the Lords of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

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No. 441.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, February 21, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," of four guns, commanded by Lieut. W. M. J. G. Pasco, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*

&c.

&c.

No. 442.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Caracas, January 30, 1844.*

*(Received March 8.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 19th and 29th of December, of last year, I have duly communicated to the Venezuelan Government the issue of warrants, under the Treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the abolition of the Slave Trade, to Her Majesty's sloops "Sealark" and "Helena."

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

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&c.

No. 443.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 12, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Spy," on the Coast of Africa station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*

&c.

&c.

No. 444.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, March 30, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the



Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Larne," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander J. W. D. Brisbane, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

No. 445.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Caracas March 1, 1844.*  
*(Received April 9.)*

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the annual report upon the internal affairs of Venezuela, recently presented to Congress by the Secretary of State for Justice and the Home Department, I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that during the year ended the 31st of December last, seven female slaves and 18 male slaves have been purchased by the State and manumitted, whilst 581 children of slaves, of whom 284 were males, and 297 females, born during the year 1825, having obtained the age of 18 years, have been apprenticed to trades or rural occupations until the age of 25 years, when they will enter upon the unrestricted enjoyment of their freedom, all in conformity to law.

Copies of the principal Laws relating to slavery in Venezuela were transmitted to your Lordship in Mr. O'Leary's Despatch of the 4th of May, 1842; and such full particulars respecting the question were furnished in my Despatch, Slave Trade, of last year, that I should not have brought the subject again under your Lordship's notice were it not for the painful necessity of reporting to your Lordship a case recently made public, exhibiting a lamentable want of zeal in the faithful execution of the law of manumission.

A person of the name of Chaves died in the year 1841, leaving property to the amount of about 300,000 dollars, at exchange of six dollars and a quarter to the pound sterling, to 48,000*l.*

Being bequeathed to a stranger in blood, this property became chargeable with a legacy duty of 10 per cent. in favour of the fund for the manumission of slaves; and as the laws upon the subject are very stringent, in ordinary cases they would have been enforced, but unfortunately, in the present instance Mr. Perez, the executor, is a man possessed of great influence on account of his wealth, and more particularly as a principal shareholder and director of the National Bank; and as the value of money in Venezuela varies from three-fourths to two per cent. per month, Mr. Perez has a positive interest in the prevention of a speedy liquidation of the estate of Chaves, who was besides his partner in business; for in the meantime a large portion of the funds remain under his sole management and for his personal benefit.

Hence, under the most frivolous and vexatious pretexts, he has hitherto not only successfully evaded a liquidation of Chaves' estate, but also the payment of 30,000 dollars—4,800*l.* due to the manumission fund, the authorities not having as yet enforced upon the occasion a faithful observance of the laws.

Had these been honestly and fearlessly executed, about 200 slaves still retained in bondage would, since 1841, have been purchased and set free with the proceeds of the legacy duty on Chaves' estate.

The case has been denounced in a public paper of this capital as a flagrant violation of one of the fundamental laws of the Republic; and attention being thus boldly called to the subject, it is to be hoped the proper authorities will eventually cause justice to be done; and General Soubllette, the President, and Mr. Manrique, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, have assured me that such will be the case.

It is but just to say, that the Executive Government seems well disposed to perform its duty in all matters connected with the question of slavery, and has announced to Congress, that it is actually preparing regulations for the more efficient collection and disbursement of the tax (legacy duty) for the manumission

of slaves, and, if necessary, will apply to Congress for further powers; and that these are required seems fully proved by the apparent inability of the Executive to prevent hitherto the practical evasion of the law of manumission in the case herein submitted to your Lordship.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 446.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

Caracas, March 5, 1844.

(Received April 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, from the 4th January last to the 1st ultimo, and in obedience to your Lordship's orders I have duly communicated their contents to the Venezuelan Government,

I have also to acknowledge the receipt, on the 29th ultimo, of your Lordship's Circular Despatch, of the 31st of December of last year, together with its Enclosure, and I shall pay all proper attention to the instructions therein contained.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

No. 447.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 20, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 448.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 26, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brig "Pantaloan," on the Coast of Africa station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 449.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Caracas, April 2, 1844.  
(Received May 8.)*

MY LORD,

IN the execution of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 31st of December last, received at this Legation on the 29th ultimo, I have drawn up, and caused to be printed in a newspaper of this capital, a public notice, two copies of which are herewith enclosed, calling the attention of Her Majesty's subjects to the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade.

So many British subjects being resident in the interior of the country, this measure has appeared to me to be the only effective one for making known to them the purport of that Act, therefore I trust it will meet your Lordship's approbation.

In my Despatches, Slave Trade, of the 4th of August, of last year, and of the 1st ultimo, of the present year, full information is given respecting the actual state of the laws relating to slavery in Venezuela; to which I have nothing to add, excepting that greater zeal and activity in the execution of those laws might beneficially be displayed, especially by the local authorities.

I, however, beg to report to your Lordship, that some of the principal estates in Venezuela, on which slave labour is in part employed, are under the terms of long leases, in the hands of British subjects, and are worked principally by British capital. The fact is notorious, although it would be scarcely possible to substantiate it by legal evidence; and it is for your Lordship to determine whether the hiring and employing slaves, after the passing of the Act in question, in cases not excepted by that Act, is comprised within the general prohibition against dealing in or holding slaves.

An estate situated in the province of Caracas, upon which there are numerous slaves, is, I have every reason to believe, the property of British subjects, or of a British firm established in London, and, under the management of a British subject, is worked by British capital; but I have also reason to believe that such British subjects became entitled to this property in 1828, in liquidation of a debt, therefore prior even to the extinction of slavery in the British dominions.

It is not uncommon for British subjects in Venezuela to purchase, hire, and employ slaves as domestic servants; and without any positive evidence of the fact, I incur little risk in assuming, that they also purchase or hire them for employment on estates, and in other occupations.

As regards slaves acquired after the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, coming into operation, I presume British subjects would not be entitled to claim the protection of this Legation, or of Her Majesty's Consulates, in the event of wrong or injustice being done to them in respect of such property; but I submit this point to your Lordship's decision. Also, whether the commission of either of the acts of dealing or trading in, purchasing, selling, bartering, or transferring slaves, excepting where by the Act itself special exceptions are made to the general prohibition, would deprive British subjects of the protection of Her Majesty's Government in any case arising out of such transactions, or in respect of any property or estate belonging to or rented by them, on which such slaves are employed, in violation of the laws of England. And what course ought a Consul to pursue, in respect to slaves included amongst the effects of a British subject dying without will or testament, in the event of his being officially called upon to take charge of, or to administer to such effects.

Your Lordship has been informed, by my Despatches before cited, that the children of female slaves born after the 19th of July, 1821, are free; nevertheless, save in exceptional cases, they are bound to work for the owners of their mothers until the age of 18, in respect of those born prior to the 2nd of October, 1830; and to the age of 21, in respect of those born after that date; and on the expiration of these periods respectively, they are apprenticed to trades, or rural occupations, until the age of 25, when they enter upon the unrestricted enjoyment of their freedom.

The first period, that is, until the children arrive, as the case may be, at the ages of 18 or 21, I consider to be practically a state of slavery; the second period is one of compulsory labour, under the denomination of *apprenticeship*;

but as the law in respect to apprentices is at present enforced, that state cannot, I think, strictly speaking, be considered as an absolute state of slavery, because the apprentices receive wages for their services, although less than the current rate for free labour; and because, by a recent declaration of the Government, they are not bound to apprentice themselves to the owners of their mothers, or former patrons, if they are unwilling to do so, and can find any other persons to receive them as apprentices.

But as a considerable number of the persons employed by British subjects on estates rented by them belong to one or other of the two classes above described, they will be naturally anxious to know whether it is lawful for them to purchase or hire such services.

There is a third species of transaction, which in practice has been found to work beneficially, tending greatly to diminish the number of slaves, but concerning the legality of which it is nevertheless desirable to remove the possibility of any doubt. I have described such transactions in my before cited Despatch of the 4th of August, of last year, but will again do so.

The price of slaves is regulated by a legal tariff, according to age, without distinction of sex; and no owner can refuse to manumit a slave who offers to pay to him his or her legal value. Therefore a person satisfied of the good conduct of a slave, and desirous to obtain his services, advances the requisite funds to enable him to purchase his freedom, on his assurance that on obtaining it he will remain with the lender as a free servant, at the usual rate of wages paid for free labour, until he has repaid out of his wages, or otherwise, the sum advanced to procure his liberty. On becoming free he enters into a civil contract to this effect, unless, as often occurs, free persons are willing to become sureties for the repayment of the money; but in no case can he be again subjected to a state of slavery, or in any respect be treated as a slave.

Females are very frequently the objects of such transactions; and the services of children of slaves, until they attain the ages of 18 or 21, in the cases before described, as well as of apprentices, are in like manner obtained; and since domestic servants in the Caracas are chiefly slaves, or else belong to one or other of these two classes, it is most difficult and expensive to procure free servants, which is not the case in other Spanish American capitals, as Santiago de Chile, Sucre, Lima, Quito, Bogota, or Mexico.

British vessels, I conceive, cannot lawfully receive on board and convey a slave accompanying his master in the character of a domestic servant from one part of the Venezuelan coast to another part of that coast; but as a contrary opinion exists, it is advisable to obtain your Lordship's decision upon the subject.

However unwilling I am to intrude upon your Lordship's time, all the above points being of considerable importance to British residents in Venezuela, I have ventured to submit them to your Lordship's consideration.

Herewith I beg also to enclose copies of two Circulars which I have addressed to the British Consuls in Venezuela in reference to these Acts.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

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First Enclosure in No. 449.

*Extract from the "El Liberal," of April 2, 1844.*

NOTICE.

*Her Britannic Majesty's Legation, Caracas, March 25, 1844.*

BELFORD Hinton Wilson, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires to the Republic of Venezuela, hereby requests the serious attention of all Her Majesty's subjects resident in the said Republic, to an Act passed during last Session of Parliament, 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade."

By this Act it is declared, among other things, that all the provisions of the consolidated Slave Trade Act, 5 Geo. IV. cap. 113, as well as of the present

Act above recited, shall from and after the coming into operation of this Act, be deemed to extend and apply to British subjects wheresoever residing or being, and whether within the dominions of the British Crown or of any foreign country; and all the matters and things prohibited by the said consolidated Slave Trade Act or by the said Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade, when committed by British subjects, whether within the dominions of the British Crown or in any foreign country, shall be deemed and taken to be offences committed against the said several Acts respectively, and shall be dealt with and punished accordingly.

Amongst other things, it is made unlawful by these Acts to ship, tranship, embark, receive, detain, confine on board of vessels or boats any persons as slaves, or to contract for, to lend or advance, or become security for the loan or advance of money, goods, or effects, employed or to be employed in slave dealings; or directly or indirectly to be concerned in any way, as a partner, agent, or otherwise, in the accomplishment of such matters and things, and of certain other practices tending to promote and encourage the Slave Trade; and more especially it is made unlawful for any British subject, wherever he or she may be, to be employed in dealing, or in trading in, purchasing, selling, bartering, or transferring slaves, excepting where by the Act itself special exceptions are made to the general prohibition.

Copies of these Acts may be seen and read, and copies thereof may be taken, by any British subject, on application at Her Majesty's Legation at Caracas, or at the British Vice-Consulate at La Guayra, on any day, Sundays excepted.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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Second Enclosure in No. 449.

*Circular from Mr. Wilson to British Vice-Consuls in Venezuela.*

SIR,

*Caracas, March 12, 1844.*

I SHALL feel obliged by your stating in reply, whether it is the practice of the Foreign Office to address to you Despatches upon the subject of the Slave Trade, and more especially whether you have received Lord Aberdeen's Despatch, of the 31st of December, of last year, enclosing two copies of the 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, by which, amongst other matters, British subjects resident in foreign countries are prohibited from holding or dealing in slaves, and which Despatch and Enclosure are to serve as Enclosures 22 B. and 22 C. to General Consular instructions.

Should you have received this Circular, you will be pleased to inform me of the steps taken by you for communicating to British subjects the provisions of the Act above-mentioned.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The British Vice-Consuls,*  
&c. &c.

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Third Enclosure in No. 449.

*Circular from Mr. Wilson to British Vice-Consuls in Venezuela.*

SIR,

*Caracas, April 2, 1844.*

I HAVE drawn up a public notice which I have caused to be published in the "Liberal," one of the principal journals of this capital, calling the serious attention of Her Majesty's subjects to the provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, "for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and stating that a copy of this Act may be seen and read, and a copy thereof taken, by any British subject, on application at this Legation, or at the Vice-Consulate at La Guayra.

I shall feel obliged by your affixing the enclosed copy of this notice in some conspicuous place in your office, and by your taking all proper steps for making its purport known to Her Majesty's subjects resident within your Vice-Consulate.

In the event of your having been furnished by the Foreign Office with a copy of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, you will doubtless have acquainted Her Majesty's

subjects within your Vice-Consulate that they may read, and take a copy of it, upon application at your office; but if you have not done so, I have to request that you will immediately issue a notification to that effect.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The British Vice-Consuls,*  
&c. &c.

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No. 450.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Caracas, May 3, 1844.*  
(Received June 6.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches from February 3 to March 30 last; and, in obedience to your Lordship's instructions, have duly communicated their contents to the Venezuelan Government.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 451.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," of six guns, commanded by Commander Henry Layton, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 452.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 17, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus," of five guns, commanded by Commander John Hay, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 453.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, June 26, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's sloop "Pearl," on the Brazil station, and to

Her Majesty's ketch "Arrow," on the Cape of Good Hope station, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 454.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR, *Foreign Office, July 4, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Daphne," on the Brazil station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 455.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD, *Caracas, July 2, 1844.*  
(Received August 6.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 20th and 26th of April last, the contents of which I have duly communicated to the Government of Venezuela.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 456.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR, *Foreign Office, August 7, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Venezuela, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Madagascar," authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 457.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR, *Foreign Office, August 12, 1844.*

I HAVE received, and have referred to the law advisers of the Crown, your Despatch of the 2nd April last, stating the steps which you had taken, in pursuance of my instruction of the 31st December last, upon the Act 6 & 7 Vict. cap. 98, entitled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade," and desiring further instruction on several points arising out of the construction of the Act in question.

Her Majesty's law officers have reported their opinion, that no specific instructions can be given upon the various points suggested in your Despatch above-mentioned. They observe, that the application of the law to any case of the buying or selling of a slave, must depend on the facts and circumstances of that particular case, and that it is impossible beforehand to lay down any general rule as to the applicability of laws so highly penal as those against the Slave Trade.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 458.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR, *Foreign Office, August 14, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brig "Spy," on the Coast of Africa station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 459.

*M. Fortique to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

(Translation.) *22, Wimpole Street, August 15, 1844.*  
(Received August 28.)

ALEJO Fortique presents his compliments to the Earl of Aberdeen, and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of his note of the 8th instant, which accompanied a copy of the instructions recently issued to Her Britannic Majesty's naval officers employed in suppressing Slave Trade.

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No. 460.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD, *Caracas, July 29, 1844.*  
(Received September 17.)

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, from June 15th to June 26th last, I have duly communicated to the Government of Venezuela, that warrants under the Treaty between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of the Slave Trade, have been respectively issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet" and to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Prometheus;" and that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's sloop "Pearl" and to Her Majesty's ketch "Arrow," under the same Treaty, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 461.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR, *Foreign Office, October 31, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Venezuela, that a warrant under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the



Republic of Venezuela, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Eclair," of four guns, commanded by Commander W. G. B. Estcourt, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 462.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Caracas, September 30, 1844.*  
(Received November 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches from the 4th of July to the 16th of August last, and to report that I have duly communicated to the Government of Venezuela the fact of the cancellation of the warrants to Her Majesty's ships "Daphne," "Madagascar," and "Spy."

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 463.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 11, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Venezuelan Government, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's schooner "Fair Rosamond," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

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No. 464.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

*Caracas, October 18, 1844.*  
(Received November 19.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 17th ultimo, of your Lordship's Despatch of the 15th of August last.

With reference to the announcement contained in it, that your Lordship therewith transmitted to me two copies of the instructions recently issued for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade, I beg respectfully to state, that no copies of these instructions have been received by me; and as two mails, namely, of the 3rd and 17th ultimo, have since arrived from England without the omission being rectified, no other course is left to me than to report the circumstance to your Lordship, assuring your Lordship at the same time, that whenever I shall be furnished with copies of these instructions I will comply with your Lordship's directions, and communicate one copy to the Government of Venezuela for their information, and retain the remaining copy in the archives of Her Majesty's Mission at Caracas.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 465.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Venezuela, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brig "Griffon," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the suppression of Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No 466.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Wilson.*

SIR,

*Foreign Office, December 7, 1844.*

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Venezuela, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's brigantine "Hornet," on the North America and West India station, authorizing her to act under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and the Republic of Venezuela, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, has been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

*Belford Hinton Wilson, Esq.*  
&c. &c.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 467.

*Mr. Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.*

MY LORD,

*Caracas, November 13, 1844.*  
(Received December 23.)

By the English middle packet, which reached La Guayra yesterday, I had the honour to receive a copy of the instruction for the guidance of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade; and in obedience to the orders contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 13th of August last, I have at once communicated this copy to the Government of Venezuela; but to enable me to give full effect to your Lordship's orders, I respectfully request that another copy of these instructions may be forwarded to me for preservation in the archives of Her Majesty's Mission at Caracas.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*  
&c. &c. &c.

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