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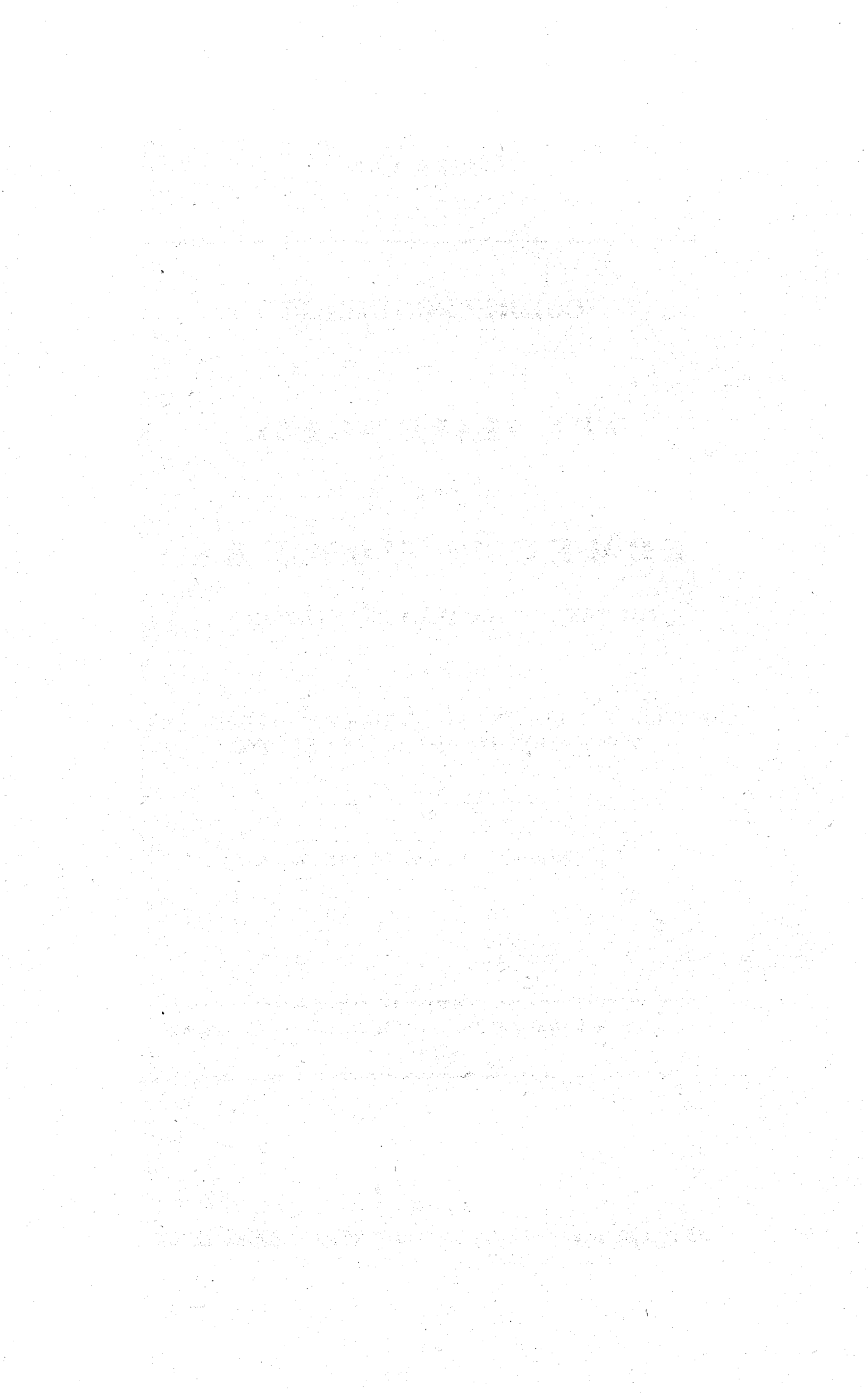
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AUSTRIA.

No. 1.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 9, 1845.

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 R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," 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, &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 Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Berlin, Copenhagen, Tunis, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affaires at St. Petersburg and Hamburg; and Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 2.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 11, 1845.

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 T. F. Birch, of Her Majesty's brig, "Waterwitch," 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

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No. 3.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 14, 1845.

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 E. Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloön," 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

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No. 4.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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 James Anderson (b), of Her Majesty's ship "Ranger," 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

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No. 5.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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 E. Bingham, of Her Majesty's sloop "Acorn," 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 Ambassador at Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Berlin, Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affaires at St. Petersburg and Hamburgh; and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 6.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 6.

H.M.S. "Isis," Capt. Sir T. Marshall, Cape of Good Hope Station, Feb. 8, 1844.

No. 7.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, January 24, 1845.**(Received February 3.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the two Warrants issued by the Austrian Government at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," and Commander R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT GORDON.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 7.

H.M. sloop "Espoir," Com. G. S. Hand, W. Coast of Africa Station, Jan. 21, 1845.
H.M. sloop "Mutine," Com. R. B. Crawford, Cape of Good Hope Station, „

No. 8.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 8.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. W. O. B. Hoare, Brazil Station, Feb. 8, 1844.

AUSTRIA.

No. 9.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.**Foreign Office, February 7, 1845.*

SIR,

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 Coryton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian," 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 issued, under the same date, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Berlin, Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affaires at St. Petersburg and Hamburg; and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 10.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, February 1, 1845.**(Received February 10.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship two Warrants issued by the Austrian Government at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable Commander Edmund Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloön," and Commander Thomas Francis Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," to act under the Treaty of 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT GORDON.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 10.

H.M. sloop "Pantaloön," Com. Edm. Wilson, W. Coast of Africa, Jan. 29, 1845.
H.M. brig "Waterwitch," Com. Thomas Francis Birch, Cape of Good Hope,
Jan 29, 1845.

No. 11.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.**Foreign Office, February 19, 1845.*

SIR,

WITH reference to your Excellency's Despatch of the 1st instant, enclosing two warrants issued by the Austrian Government to enable Her Majesty's ships "Pantaloön" and "Waterwitch" to act under the Treaty of 20th December, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade; I have to observe to your Excellency, that on examination of these warrants it appears that the Austrian warrant for Her Majesty's ship "Waterwitch" has been issued for the *Cape of Good Hope station*, instead of for the *West Coast of Africa station*, as requested in my Despatch to you of the 11th ultimo.

I accordingly return the warrant to your Excellency, that you may make the necessary application to the Austrian Government to have the mistake rectified. When rectified, you will return to me the warrant, in order that it may be forwarded to Her Majesty's ship "Waterwitch."

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

No. 12.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 25, 1845.

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 Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, and Russia, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

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

&c.

&c.

Warrants applied for in No. 12.

H.M. S.V. "Firebrand"	Brazil station	Capt. James Hope.
H.M.S. "Lily"	Coast of Africa	Com. C. J. F. Newton.
H.M. brig ^e . "Dolphin"	Brazil station	Lieut. R. T. J. Levinge.
H.M.S. "Actæon"	West Coast of Africa	Capt. Geo. Mansel.

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

No. 13.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, February 10, 1845.**(Received February 28.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship two warrants, issued by the Austrian Government, at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable Commander James Anderson, of Her Majesty's ship "Ranger," and Commander John E. Bingham, of Her Majesty's ship "Acorn," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa and the Brazil station, respectively, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 13.

H.M.S. "Ranger"	Com. Jas. Anderson	W. Coast of Africa	9th Feb. 1845.
H.M.S. "Acorn"	Com. J. S. Bingham	Brazil station	"

No. 14.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, February 26, 1845.**(Received March 9.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship two warrants, issued by the Austrian Government, at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable Commander W. Pelly, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," and Commander Henry Coryton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 14.

H.M. sloop "Persian"	Com. H. Coryton	N. America and W. India station,	Feb. 25, 1845.
H.M. sloop "Rose,"	Com. R. W. Pelly	N. America and W. India station,	Jan. 6, 1845.

No. 15.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, March 11, 1845.

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 Commanders of Her Majesty ships named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, 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.

Warrants applied for in No. 15.

H.M.S. "Rolla" . Com. John Simpson . . . W. Coast of Africa station.
H.M.S. "Comus" . Com. Thomas S. Thompson . Brazil station.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued, under the same date, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Lisbon, Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affairs at St. Petersburg and Hamburgh; and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 16.

Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Vienna, March 7, 1845.

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 19th ultimo, returning the Warrant for Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwich," which had been erroneously issued for the Cape of Good Hope instead of the West Coast of Africa station, I have now the honour of transmitting to your Lordship the enclosed Warrant, which has been issued by the Austrian Government for the proper station, dated the 6th instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. GORDON.

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

No. 17.

Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Vienna, March 17, 1845.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship four Warrants issued by the Austrian Government, at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable the ships named below to act under the Treaty of December 20th, 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. GORDON.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 17.

H.M.S.V. "Firebrand" . Captain J. Hope . Brazil station . March 15, 1845.
H.M. brig. "Dolphin" . Lieut. R. T. Levinge . ditto . "
H.M.S. "Lily" . . . Com. C. J. F. Newton . Coast of Africa . "
H.M.S. "Actæon" . . . Captain G. Mansel . W. Coast of Africa . "

No. 18.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir R. Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 7, 1845.

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 Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named below, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, 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.

Warrant applied for in No. 18.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . . . Capt. Geo. Bohun Martin, C.B. South-East Coast of America.
H.M.S. "Vindictive" Capt. Michael Seymour . . . North America and West India Station.

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

No. 19.

Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Vienna, April 3, 1845.**(Received April 14.)*

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship two Warrants, issued by the Austrian Government at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Rolla" and "Comus" to act under the provisions of the Treaty of December 20th, 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. GORDON.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 19.

H.M.S. "Rolla" Com. J. Simpson . . . W. Coast of Africa March 29, 1845.
H.M.S. "Comus" Com. T. Thomson . . . Brazil "

No. 20.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 30, 1845.

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 Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named below, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of December 20th, 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.

Warrants applied for in No. 20.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish" Com. Robert Harris . . . W. Coast of Africa.
H.M.S. "Grecian" . . . Com. Alex. J. Montgomery S. E. Coast of America.
H.M.S. "Racer" . . . Com. Archd. Reed . . . W. Coast of Africa.

AUSTRIA.

No. 21.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, April 26, 1845.**(Received May 4.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour, in reply to your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade, of the 7th ult., to transmit two Warrants issued by the Austrian Government to enable Captain George Bohun Martin, C.B., of Her Majesty's ship "Eagle," and Captain Michel Seymour, of Her Majesty's ship "Vindictive," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 21.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . . . Capt. B. Martin . . . S. E. Coast of Africa . . . April 24, 1845.
H.M.S. "Vindictive" Capt. M. Seymour, N. America and W. Indies . . . "

No. 22.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.**Foreign Office, May 20, 1845.*

SIR,

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 Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named below, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of the 20th December, 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.

Warrants required in No. 22.

H.M. S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. George W. D. O'Callaghan, N. America and W. India St.
H.H.S. "Melampus," Captain J. M. Campbell . . . South-East Coast of America.

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

No. 23.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, May 23, 1845.**(Received June 1.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed Warrants issued by the Austrian Government, at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Flying Fish," "Grecian," and "Racer," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

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

&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 23.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish" Com. Harris . . . W. Coast of Africa . . . May 21, 1845.
H.M.S. "Grecian" . . . Com. Montgomery S. E. Coast of America . . . "
H.M.S. "Racer" . . . Com. Reed . . . W. Coast of Africa . . . "

No. 24.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Dietrichstein.

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

Foreign Office, May 30, 1845.

THE solemn Resolution by which the Emperor of Austria, in common with the other European Powers assembled in Congress at Vienna on the 8th of February, 1815, and at Verona on the 28th of November, 1822, declared the interest felt by his Government in everything that might secure and accelerate the complete and final abolition of the Slave Trade, and the cordial support which His Imperial Majesty has since given to the principles recorded in that declaration, make it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to take an early opportunity of apprising your Excellency that the negotiations which have recently been carried on in London between the Governments of Great Britain and France for the adoption of new and more efficacious measures against the traffic in Slaves have come to a satisfactory termination.

I herewith enclose to your Excellency, for transmission to the Court of Vienna a copy of the Convention which is the result of these negotiations, and which was signed yesterday by the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers.

In communicating this document to the Austrian Cabinet, it is a source of high satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government to know that the honourable solicitude which the Emperor has always evinced for the furtherance of the great object to which the Convention is directed will lead His Imperial Majesty to attach due importance to that provision of it by which the two high contracting parties engage to maintain upon the west coast of Africa a combined force of not less than twenty-six vessels of each nation.

Her Majesty's Government confidently trust that the continued presence upon the coast of so large a force, acting in concert, and exercising respectively the authority which other Powers have conceded to the cruisers of the two nations, will have a more decisive and permanent effect than any measure hitherto adopted in suppressing the criminal traffic, which has its only support in the fraud and violence of piratical adventurers, and the cupidity of barbarous chiefs.

Her Majesty's Government are convinced that, should their expectations be realised, no member of that league in which the great Powers of Europe have bound themselves will more rejoice at such a result than the Government of Austria.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

His Excellency Count Dietrichstein,
&c. &c.

No. 25.

*Count Dietrichstein to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, le 2 Juin, 1845.**(Received June 3.)*

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

J'AI l'honneur de vous accuser la réception de la lettre par laquelle vous avez bien voulu me transmettre une copie de la Convention pour la Suppression de la Traite des Noirs, signée le 29 du mois passé entre les Plénipotentiaires de Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français.

Je ne manquerai pas de transmettre à mon Gouvernement la copie de cette Convention, et vous prie, Monsieur le Comte, de recevoir l'assurance de la considération distinguée avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

(Signé)

DIETRICHSTEIN.

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

No. 26.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

&c.

&c.

Warrants returned in No. 26.

H.M.S. "Viper"	Com. Carter	Brazil Station	Feb. 8, 1844.
" " "Rose"	Com. Sturt	N. A. & W. I. Station	"
" " "Illustrious"	Capt. Erskine	"	"
" " "Electra"	Com. Darley	"	"
" " "Inconstant"	Capt. Freemantle	"	"

No. 27.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 20, 1845.

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 Commanders of Her Majesty's steam vessels named in the margin, 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

&c.

&c.

Warrants required in No. 27.

"Styx"	Com. W. W. Hornby.
"Hecate"	Com. Joseph West.

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

No. 28.

*Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, June 11, 1845.**(Received June 23.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed warrants issued by this Government, for enabling the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Vesuvius" and "Melampus" to act under the Treaty of 20th December, 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT GORDON.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants returned in No. 28.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. O'Callaghan, N. America and W. India, June 6, 1845.
 H.M.S. "Melampus," Capt. Campbell, S. E. Coast of America, "

No. 29.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, July 2, 1845.

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 Capt. John C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," about to be employed on the South-East Coast of America Station, to act under the Treaty of the 20th December, 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 issued, under the same date, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Berlin, Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés d'Affaires at St. Petersburg and Hamburg; and to Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 30.

Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Vienna, July 8, 1845.

(Received July 16.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship two warrants, issued by the Austrian Government at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels "Hecate" and "Styx" to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841 for the Suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. GORDON.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 30.

H.M.S. "Styx"	Com. Hornby	West Coast of Africa	July 4, 1845.
" " "Hecate"	Com. West	" "	" "

No. 31.

Sir Robert Gordon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Vienna, July 23, 1845.

(Received August 3.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant issued by the Austrian Government, at the request of that of Great Britain, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon" to act under the provisions of the Treaty of 1841 for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. GORDON.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 31.

H.M.S. "Vernon"	Capt. Fitzgerald	South-East Coast of America,	July 22, 1845.
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No. 32.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Robert Gordon.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Austrian Government under the Treaty of December 20th, 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 enclosed in No. 32.

H.M.S.V.	"Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	West Coast of Africa.	March 18, 1844.
H.M.S.	"Rapid"	Com. Earle	Coast of Africa	Feb. 8, 1844.
"	"Bittern"	Com. Peel	Cape of Good Hope	"
"	"Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	Brazil	June 4, 1844.
"	"Alfred"	Commodore Purvis	Brazil	Feb. 8, 1844.
"	"Ferret"	Com. Oake	West Coast of Africa.	"

No. 33.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 3, 1845.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Austrian Government to issue a Warrant to enable Commander Robert F. Gambier, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of December 20th, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the Suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN

A. C. Magenis, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued, under the same date, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris; to Her Majesty's Ministers at Berlin, Copenhagen, Turin, Florence, and Naples; to Her Majesty's Chargés de Affaires at St. Petersburg and Hamburg; and Her Majesty's Consul in Hayti.

No. 34.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrants described 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

To A. C. Magenis, Esq.

Warrants returned in No. 34.

H.M.S.	"Espoir"	Com. Morrell	W. Coast of Africa	Feb. 8, 1844.
"	"Spartan"	Capt. Elliot	N. American and W. I. station	"

No. 35.

Mr. Magenis to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Vienna, September 18, 1845.
(Received September 28.)

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to inclose herewith a Warrant issued by the Austrian Government at my request, to enable Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," Commander R. J. Gambier, about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the provisions of the Treaty of December, 1841, for the Suppression of Slave Trade.

(Signed)

I have, &c.
ARTHUR C. MAGENIS.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 35.

H.M.S. "Sappho" . Com. Gambier . Cape of Good Hope station . Sept. 17, 1845.

No. 36.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 15, 1845

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's ship "Heroine," 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

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

No. 37.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 37.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla," . Capt. Robt. Sharpe . N. America and W. India station,
Feb. 8, 1844.

„ "Growler," Com. C. H. M. Buckle West Coast of Africa,
March 18, 1844.

No. 38.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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 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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 38.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Com. Russell, West Coast of Africa, March 18, 1844.

No. 39.

*Mr. Magenis to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Vienna, November 8, 1845.**(Received November 16.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Slave Trade Despatches, to that of the 16th ultimo inclusive, by the messenger Johnson; and, in obedience to the instructions contained in that of the 15th ultimo, I transmit herewith the necessary warrant from the Austrian Government, to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ARTHUR C. MAGENIS.

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

Warrant returned in No. 39.

"Heroine," Com. C. Edwards, Nov. 3, 1845.

No. 40.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 19, 1845.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "President," Capt. William P. Stanley, 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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

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

No. 41.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 20, 1845.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Austrian Government to issue a warrant, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Kingfisher," Charles F. Brown, 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

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

No. 42.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 42.

H.M.S.V. "Albert"	Lieut. Woodruffe	Coast of Africa station,	Feb. 8, 1844.
H.M.S. "Ringdove"	Com. Sir Wm. Daniell (dead)	"	June 4, 1844.
H.M.S.V. "Éclair"	Com. Escourt (dead)	"	Nov. 14, 1844.

No. 43.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Dietrichstein.**Foreign Office, December 11, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Dietrichstein, and has the honour to enclose to him a copy of the Protocol of Conference held at this office on the 3rd of October last.

N.B.—A similar note was addressed, under the same date, to the Russian and Prussian Ministers.

Enclosure in No. 43.

Protocole d'une Conférence tenue au Foreign Office, le 3 Octobre, 1845.
Présens—les Plénipotentiaires, d'Autriche, de la Grande Bretagne, de Prusse, et de Russie.

LES Plénipotentiaires des Cours d'Autriche, de la Grande Bretagne, de Prusse, et de Russie, prenant en considération la teneur de l'Article V. du Traité conclu à Londres le 20 Décembre, 1841, relativement à la suppression de la traite des noirs, lequel réserve aux Hautes Parties contractantes le droit d'apporter d'un commun accord aux instructions annexées au dit Traité, telles modifications que les circonstances pourraient rendre nécessaires, ont constaté qu'il s'est présenté des cas où le commerce légitime a été interrompu, et où des navires

marchands destinés, soit au passage d'émigrés libres, soit au transport de bétail, ont été empêchés de se livrer à cette opération par l'application rigoureuse des restrictions continues dans le § 5, Article IX., en vertu duquel tout bâtiment ayant à bord une plus grande provision d'eau en barriques ou en réservoirs, que ne l'exigent les besoins de l'équipage, se trouve exposé à être détenu comme soupçonné d'avoir été équipé pour le trafic des noirs.

Reconnaissant la nécessité d'écarter cet empêchement auquel se trouve assujéti un commerce régulier et licite, les Plénipotentiaires ont résolu d'apporter aux instructions dont les croiseurs sont munis, la modification ci-après.

“ S'il se trouvait à bord d'un bâtiment marchand de l'une ou de l'autre des Hautes Parties contractantes, une plus grande provision d'eau en barriques ou en réservoirs, que ne l'exigent les besoins de l'équipage, cette circonstance seule ne sera point considérée comme un motif valable pour autoriser l'arrestation et la détention du susdit navire, pourvu que les papiers de bord dont il est muni soient en règle, de manière à constater qu'il est engagé à faire un trafic licite.”

En consignnant cette résolution dans le présent Protocole, les Plénipotentiaires des Cours d'Autriche, de la Grande Bretagne, de Prusse, et de Russie déclarent, que leur unique objet est de protéger le commerce licite, et de n'admettre aucune restriction à ce commerce au delà de ce qui puisse être nécessaire, pour donner effet aux mesures arrêtées en commun, afin de parvenir à la Suppression de la traite des noirs.

Dans ce bât, et d'après les principes énoncés dans le présent Protocole, les Hautes Parties contractantes continueront à s'entendre et à agir dans un parfait accord, jusqu'au moment où l'abolition de ce trafic aura finalement accompli l'objet de leurs efforts réunis.

(Signée)

DIETRICHSTEIN.
ABERDEEN.
BUNSEN.
BRUNNOW.

No. 44.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis,

Foreign Office, December 11, 1845.

SIR,

I HEREWITH transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a Protocol of Conference, held at this office on the 3rd October, 1845, between the Plenipotentiaries of the Powers, contracting parties to the Treaty of the 20th December, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
&c. &c.

For Enclosure in No. 44, *See* Enclosure in preceding.)

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

No. 45.

Mr. Magenis to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Vienna, December 9, 1845.

(Received Dec. 17.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, up to that of the 28th ultimo.

In conformity with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 19th and 20th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose herewith the necessary Warrants from the Austrian Government to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships marked in the margin, to act under the Treaty of December, 1841, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ARTHUR C. MAGENIS.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 45.

H.M.S. "President" . Capt. Stanley . Cape of Good Hope . Dec. 6, 1845.
 ,, "Kingfisher" . Com. Brown . W. Coast of Africa . ,,

No. 46.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 26, 1845.

IN accordance with an application which has been made to me by the Admiralty, I have to instruct you to request the Austrian Government to issue Warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships, named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of December 20th, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the Suppression of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

A. C. Magenis, Esq.
 &c. &c.

Warrants applied for in No. 46.

H.M.S. "Alecto" . Com. Francis W. Austen . S. E. Coast of America station.
 ,, "Alarm" . Capt. Chas. C. Frankland . N. American and W. Ind. station
 ,, "Endymion" . Capt. Geo. F. Lambert . " "
 ,, "Lizard" . Lieut. Henry M. Tylden . S. E. Coast of America station.
 ,, "Bittern" . Com. Thos. Hope . W. Coast of Africa station.

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

No. 47.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Magenis.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 30, 1845.

By the 17th Article of the Treaty for the final abolition of the Slave Trade, ratified on the 19th of February, 1842, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, the high contracting parties agree to invite the maritime Powers of Europe which have not yet concluded treaties for the same object, to accede to that compact. Her Majesty's Government are not aware that up to this time any step has been taken by the Austrian Government in fulfilment of the above engagement. They are, however, of opinion that this should not longer be delayed, inasmuch as the cause of the abolition of the Slave Trade may be materially furthered, and a beneficial influence exercised upon public opinion out of Europe, by showing to the world that there is not in this quarter of the globe a single Christian state, whose flag is known upon the seas, that has not openly and formally condemned the traffic, and, so far as lies in its power, guarded that flag from being abused for the protection of the lawless men who embark in it.

It is with this view that the Dispatch of which I enclose a copy has been addressed to Her Majesty's Ministers in Belgium, Greece, and Hanover; and I have now to instruct you to communicate that Dispatch to the Austrian Government, and to request that, in accordance with the engagement to which I have already referred, the representatives of Austria at the above-mentioned Courts may be directed to join in inviting the Governments to which they are accredited to become acceding parties to the Treaty of 1842.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

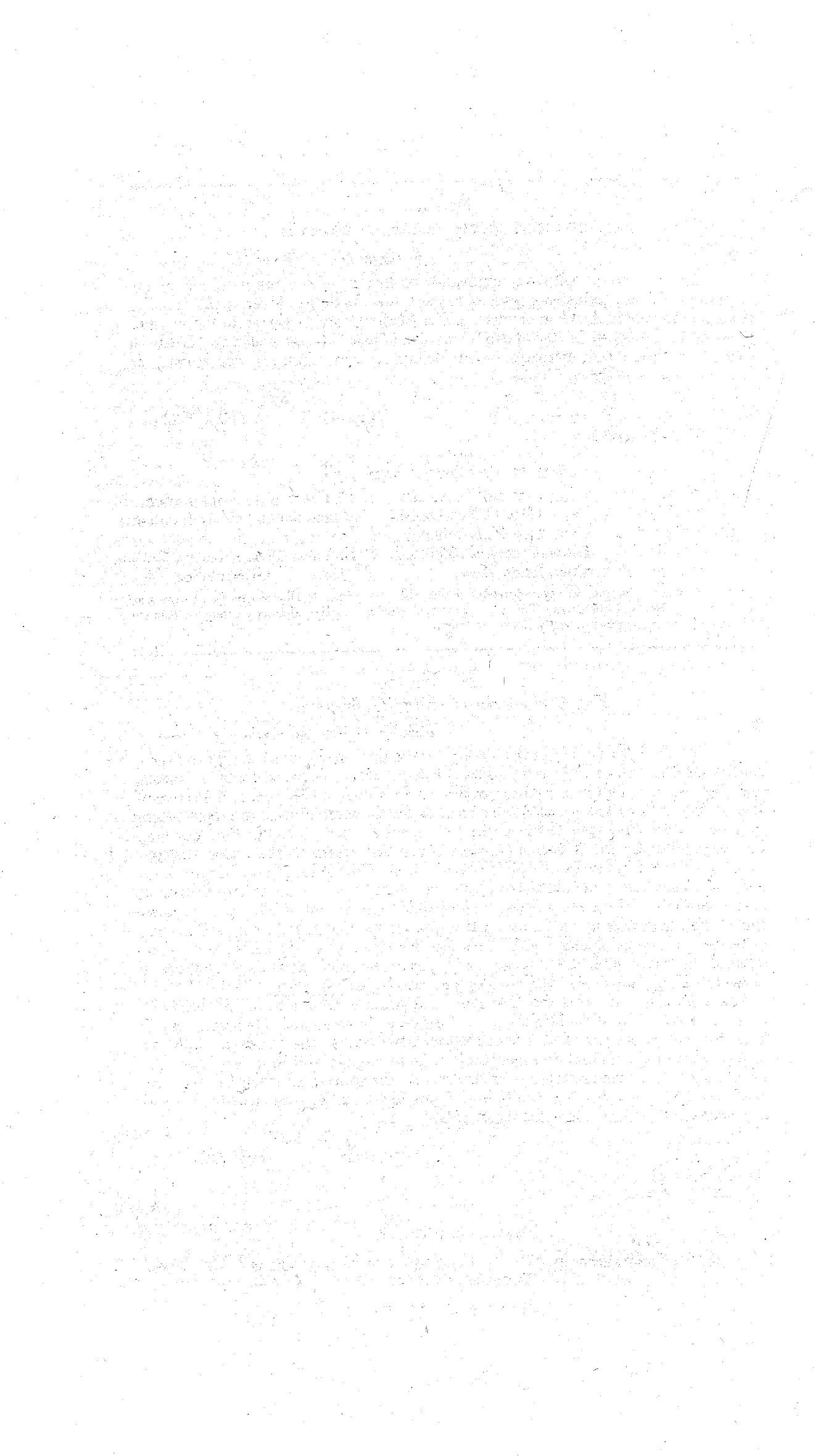
A. C. Magenis, Esq.
 &c. &c.

Enclosures in No. 47.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Seymour, Sir E. Lyons, and Mr. Bligh,
December 30, 1845.

(See Class D, No. 2.)

CLASS C.



P R U S S I A.

No. 48.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, January 6, 1845.

(Received January 14.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Dispatches marked Slave Trade, of the 19th and 21st December, 1844, I have the honour to enclose the Warrants which have been delivered by Baron Bülow to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's sloops "Espoir" and "Rose" to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 48.

H.M.S. "Espoir" Comr. S. Hand . W. Coast of Africa . . . Jan. 4, 1845.
,, "Rose" . Com. R. W. Pelly N. America and West Indies ..

No. 49.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrant described below, 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. 49.

H.M.S. "Isis," Capt. Sir T. Marshall, Cape of Good Hope Station, Nov. 16, 1843.

No. 50.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, January 28, 1845.

(Received Feb. 4.)

MY LORD,

THE enclosed are the Warrants which Baron Bülow has delivered in compliance with the requests conveyed in your Lordship's Dispatches to me marked "Slave Trade," of the 9th, 11th, and 14th inst., for the Commanders of Her Majesty's sloops "Mutine," "Waterwitch," and "Pantaloon," in order to enable them

to act under the Treaty of the 20th December, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 50.

H.M. sloop "Mutine" . . .	R. B. Crawford .	Cape of Good Hope .	Jan. 26, 1845.
" " "Waterwitch" . . .	T. F. Birch . . .	W. Coast of Africa . . .	" "
" " "Pantaloons" . . .	E. Wilson . . .	" "	" "

No. 51.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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 enclosed in No. 51.

H.M.S. "Dolphin" , Lieut. O. B. Hoare . Brazil Station . November 16, 1845.

No. 52.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Berlin, February 19, 1845.

(Received February 28.)

I HAVE herewith the honour to transmit to your Lordship the warrants for the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Ranger" and "Acorn," for which your Lordship directed me to apply to the Prussian Government in your Despatches marked Slave Trade of the 25th ultimo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

P.S.—Since writing the above I have received the enclosed warrant for Her Majesty's sloop "Persian."

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Warrants enclosed in No. 52.

H.M.S. "Persian" . . .	Com. H. Coryton .	W. India Station .	Oct. 18, 1845.
" " "Acorn" . . .	J. E. Bingham . . .	Brazil	Oct. 14, 1845.
" " "Ranger" . . .	Jas. Anderson . . .	Coast of Africa . . .	" "

No. 53.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Berlin, March 19, 1845.

(Received March 31.)

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the warrants for the commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Firebrand," "Lily," "Dolphin," and

"Actæon," for which your Lordship directed me to apply to the Prussian Government in your Despatch marked Slave Trade of the 25th ultimo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 53.

H.M.S.V. "Firebrand"	Capt. James Hope	Brazil Station	March 14, 1845.
H.M.S. "Lily"	Com. C. J. F. Newton	Coast of Africa	"
" "Dolphin"	Lieut. A. T. J. Levinge	Brazil Station	"
" "Actæon"	Capt. G. Mansel	W. Coast of Africa	"

No. 54.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, March 31, 1845.

(Received April 7.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th instant, I have the honour to enclose the warrants which have been delivered by Baron Bülow to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Rolla" and "Comus" to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 54.

H.M.S. "Rolla"	Com. J. Simpson	W. Coast of Africa	27 March, 1845.
" "Comus"	Com. J. J. Thompson	Brazil	"

No. 55.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, April 23, 1845.

(Received April 28.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the warrants for the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Eagle" and "Vindictive," for which your Lordship directed me to make application to the Prussian Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 55.

H.M.S. "Eagle"	Capt. G. B. Martin	S.E. Coast of America	April 22, 1845.
" "Vindictive"	Capt. M. Seymour	N. Amer. & W. Indies	"

No. 56.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, May 16, 1845.

(Received May 22.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the warrants for the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Flying-fish" and "Racer," for which your Lordship desired me to make application to the Prussian Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 56.

H.M.S. "Flying-fish" . Com. Harris . W. Coast of Africa . May 16, 1845.
 „ "Racer" . . . Com. Reed . „ „ „

No. 57.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Chevalier Bunsen.

MONSIEUR LE CHEVALIER,

Foreign Office, May 30, 1845.

THE solemn resolution by which the King of Prussia, in common with the other European Powers assembled in Congress at Vienna on the 8th of February, 1815, and at Verona on the 28th of November, 1822, declared the interest felt by His Government in everything that might secure and accelerate the complete and final abolition of the Slave Trade, and the cordial support which His Majesty has since given to the principles recorded in that declaration, make it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to take an early opportunity of apprising you that the negotiations which have recently been carried on in London between the Governments of Great Britain and France for the adoption of new and more efficacious measures against the traffic in slaves have come to a satisfactory termination.

I herewith enclose to you, for transmission to the Court of Berlin, a copy of the Convention which is the result of these negotiations, and which was signed yesterday by the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers.

In communicating this document to the Prussian Cabinet, it is a source of high satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government to know that the honourable solicitude which the King has always evinced for the furtherance of the great object to which the Convention is directed will lead His Majesty to attach due importance to that provision of it by which the two high contracting parties engage to maintain upon the West Coast of Africa a combined force of not less than 26 vessels of each nation.

Her Majesty's Government confidently trust that the continued presence upon the coast of so large a force, acting in concert, and exercising respectively the authority which other Powers have conceded to the cruizers of the two nations, will have a more decisive and permanent effect than any measure hitherto adopted in suppressing the criminal traffic, which has its only support in the fraud and violence of piratical adventurers and the cupidity of barbarous chiefs.

Her Majesty's Government are convinced that, should their expectations be realised, no member of that League in which the great Powers of Europe have bound themselves will more rejoice at such a result than the Government of Prussia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Chevalier Bunsen.

&c. &c.

No. 58.

*The Chevalier Bunsen to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, ce 2 Juin, 1845.**(Received June 6.)*

MY LORD,

J'AI eu l'honneur de recevoir la note que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser sous la date du 30 Mai, avec la copie du Traité récemment conclu entre les Gouvernemens Britannique et Français pour la suppression de la traite des noirs.

En exprimant à votre Excellence mes remerciemens de cette obligeante communication, dont j'ai porté le contenu sans perte de tems à la connaissance du Roi, mon auguste Maître, je profite de cette occasion pour vous réitérer, my Lord, l'assurance de la haute considération avec laquelle

J'ai l'honneur d'être, &c.

(Signé)

BUNSEN.

Son Excellence le Comte de Aberdeen, K.T.

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 59.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, June 2, 1845.

(Received June 9.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose the warrants which have been delivered by Baron Bülow to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Vesuvius" and "Melampus" to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 59.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius" . Com. O'Callaghan, . N. America and W. Indies,

May 31, 1845.

H.M.S. "Melampus" Com. Campbell, . . S.E. Coast of America, . . "

No. 60.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrants described below, 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 enclosed in No. 60.

H.M.S. "Viper" .	Comr. Carter .	Brazil Station . . .	Nov. 16, 1843.
„ "Rose" .	Comr. Sturt .	N. America & W. Indies .	„
„ "Illustrious" .	Capt. Erskine .	„	„
„ "Electra" .	Comr. Darley .	„	„
„ "Inconstant" .	Capt. Freemantle .	„	„

No. 61.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, June 17, 1845.

(Received June 23.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch marked "Slave Trade," of the 30th April last, I have the honour to enclose the Warrant which has been delivered by Baron Bülow to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Grecian" to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 61.

H.M.S. "Grecian," Com. Montgomery, S. W. Coast of America, June 15, 1845.

No. 62.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Berlin, July 9, 1845.
(Received July 15.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the Warrants for the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Styx" and "Hecate," for which your Lordship directed me to make application to the Prussian Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 62.

H.M.S.V. "Styx" . Com. Hornby . W. Coast of Africa . July 6, 1845.
" "Hecate" . Com. West . " "

No. 63.

*The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Berlin, July 14, 1845.
(Received July 21.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the Warrant for Captain J. C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," for which your Lordship directed me to make application to the Prussian Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WESTMORLAND.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 63.

H.M.S., "Vernon," Capt. Fitzgerald, S. E. Coast of America, July 12, 1845.

No. 64.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrants described below, 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 enclosed in No. 64.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon" . Capt. Hotham March 10, 1844.
H.M.S. "Rapid" . . Com. Earle . . Coast of Africa . . Nov. 16, 1843.
" "Bittern" . . Com. Peel . . Cape of Good Hope . . "
" "Frolic" . . Com. Hamilton June 11, 1844.
" "Alfred" . . Commod. Purvis . Brazil Nov. 16, 1843.
" "Ferret" . . Com. Oake . . W. Coast of Africa . . "

No. 65.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the Warrants described below, 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 enclosed in No. 65.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. Morrell . W. Coast of Africa . . . Nov. 16, 1843.
 ,, "Spartan," Capt. Elliot. . N. America & W. India Station ..

No. 66.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Berlin, September 29, 1845.**(Received October 6.)*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship the warrant for Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," for which your Lordship desired me to make application to the Prussian Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 66.

H.M.S. "Sappho" Com. R. H. Gambier . Cape of Good Hope . Sept. 28, 1845.

No. 67.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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. 67.

H.M. S.V. "Scylla" . Capt. Robt. Sharpe . N. Amer. and W. I. Station
 Nov. 16, 1843.
 ,, "Growler" . Com. C. H. M. Buckle . W. Coast of Africa
 March 10, 1844.

No. 68.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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. 68.

H.M. S.V. "Ardent" . Com. Russell . March 10, 1844.

No. 69.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Berlin, October 27, 1845.**(Received November 3.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 15th and 16th instant, which were delivered to me by the messenger Townley, who proceeded immediately on his route for St. Petersburg.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 70.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Berlin, November 4, 1845.**(Received November 10.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 27th October, and to transmit herewith the warrant for Her Majesty's ship "Heroine," for which your Lordship desired me to make application to the Prussian Government in your Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 15th ultimo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 70.

H.M.S. "Heroine" . Com. Chas. Edmunds . W. Coast of Africa . Nov. 3, 1845.

No. 71.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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. 71.

H.M.S.V. "Albert,"	Lieut. Woodruffe, Com.,	C. of Africa Station,	Nov. 16, 1843.
H.M.S. "Ringdove"	Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead)	"	June 11, 1844.
H.M.S.V. "Eclair,"	Com. Estcourt (dead)	"	Nov. 12, 1844.

No. 72.

The Earl of Westmorland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Berlin, December 10, 1845.

(Received December 19.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith to your Lordship the warrants for Her Majesty's vessels "Kingfisher" and "President," for which your Lordship directed me to make application to the Prussian Government in your Despatches marked Slave Trade of the 19th and 20th ultimo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WESTMORLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 72.

H.M.S. "President"	Capt. Stanley	. Cape of Good Hope,	December 8, 1845.
" "Kingfisher"	Com. Brown	. W. Coast of Africa,	"

No. 73.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Earl of Westmorland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, December 30, 1845.

By the 17th Article of the Treaty for the final abolition of the Slave Trade, ratified on the 19th of February, 1842, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, the high contracting parties agree to invite the maritime Powers of Europe which have not yet concluded treaties for the same object, to accede to that compact.

Her Majesty's Government are not aware that up to this time any step has been taken by the Prussian Government in fulfilment of the above engagement. They are, however, of opinion that this should not longer be delayed, inasmuch as the cause of the abolition of the Slave Trade may be materially furthered, and a beneficial influence exercised upon public opinion out of Europe, by showing to the world that there is not in this quarter of the globe a single Christian state whose flag is known upon the seas that has not openly and formally condemned the traffic, and, so far as lies in its power, guarded that flag from being abused for the protection of the lawless men who embark in it.

It is with this view that the Dispatch, of which I enclose a copy, has been addressed to Her Majesty's Ministers in Belgium, Greece, and Hanover; and I have now to instruct you to communicate that Dispatch to the Prussian Government, and to request that, in accordance with the engagement to which I have already referred, the representatives of Prussia at the above-mentioned Courts may be directed

RUSSIA.

No. 74.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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.

I am, &c.

A. Buchanan, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 74.

H.M.S. "Iris," Capt. Sir F. Marshall, Cape of Good Hope Station, Oct. 8, 1843.

No. 75.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, January 21, 1845.

(Received February 4.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatches, marked "Slave Trade," of the 19th and 21st ultimo; and in conformity with your instructions I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, Warrants to enable Commander G. S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa Station, and Commander Richard W. Pelly, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," dated January 5, 1845, about to be employed on the North American and West Indian 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 have also informed Count Nesselrode that the Warrants issued for the former Commanders of these vessels will be returned forthwith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

No. 76.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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 Com-
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mander, 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.

A. Buchanan, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 76.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. O'B. Hoare, Brazil Station, October 8, 1843.

No. 77.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, February 1, 1845.

(Received February 19.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatch of the 9th ultimo, marked "Slave Trade;" and in obedience to the instructions contained in it, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a Warrant to enable Commander R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 77.

H.M.S. "Mutine," Commander R. B. Crawford, Jan. 20, 1845.

No. 78.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, February 3, 1845.

(Received February 19.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th ultimo, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander Thomas Francis Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 78.

H.M.S. "Waterwitch," Com. T. F. Birch (no station mentioned), Jan. 20, 1845.

No. 79.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, February 4, 1845.

(Received February 19.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 14th ultimo, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable

mander Edmund Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloön," 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 79.

H.M.S. "Pantaloön," Com. Edmund Wilson (no station mentioned), Jan. 20, 1845.

No. 80.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, February 15, 1845.
(Received March 6.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th ultimo, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to enclose herewith, a warrant to enable Commander James Anderson, of Her Majesty's ship "Ranger" to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant returned in No. 80.

H.M.S. "Ranger," Com. James Anderson (no station mentioned), Feb. 3, 1845.

No. 81.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, February 17, 1848.
(Received March 6.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th ultimo, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander John E. Bingham, of Her Majesty's ship "Acorn," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 81.

H.M.S. "Acorn," Com. J. E. Bingham, (no station mentioned), Feb. 3, 1845.

No. 82.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, March 1, 1845.
(Received March 20.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 4th and 7th ultimo.

In obedience to your Lordship's instructions, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander Henry Coryton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 82.

H.M.S. "Persian," . . . Com. Hen. Coryton . (no station mentioned),
February 15, 1845.

No. 83.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, March 25, 1845.
(Received April 15.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th ultimo, I have procured from the Imperial Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, Russian warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of December, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 83.

H.M.S.V. "Firebrand,"	Brazil station	Capt. James Hope	March 12, 1845.
H.M.S. "Lily,"	Coast of Africa	Com. J. F. Newton	"
" "Dolphin,"	Brazil station	Lieut. R. J. Levinge	"
" "Actæon"	W. Coast of Africa	Capt. George Mansel	"

No. 84.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, March 31, 1845.
(Received April 15.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to your Lordship's instructions contained in your Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th instant, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Commander Simpson, of Her Majesty's ship "Rolla," and Commander Thompson, of Her Majesty's ship "Comus," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 84.

H.M.S. "Comus" . Com. T. S. Thompson . (no station) . March 19, 1845.
" "Rolla" . Com. J. Simpson " "

No. 85.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, April 26, 1845.
(Received May 12.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 7th instant, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 85.

H.M.S. "Vindictive," Capt. M. Seymour, (no station mentioned), April 13, 1845.
" "Eagle," Capt. G. B. Martin " "

No. 86.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, May 13, 1845.
(Received May 26)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions containing in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th of April, I have obtained from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 86.

H.M.S. "Flying-fish" . Com. Harris . (no station mentioned) . May 1, 1845.
" "Racer" Com. Reed "
" "Grecian" Com. Montgomery "

The Earl of Aberdeen to Baron Brunnow.

MONSIEUR LE BARON,

Foreign Office, May 30, 1845.

THE solemn resolution by which the Emperor of Russia, in common with the other European Powers assembled in Congress at Vienna on the 8th of February, 1815, and at Verona on the 28th of November, 1822, declared the interest felt by His Government in everything that might secure and accelerate the complete and final abolition of the Slave Trade, and the cordial support which His Imperial Majesty has since given to the principles recorded in that declaration, make it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to take an early opportunity of apprising you that the negotiations which have recently been carried on in London between the Governments of Great Britain and France for the adoption of new and more efficacious measures against the traffic in slaves have come to a satisfactory termination.

I herewith enclose to you, for transmission to the Court of St. Petersburg, a copy of the Convention which is the result of these negotiations, and which was signed yesterday by the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers.

In communicating this document to the Russian Cabinet, it is a source of high satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government to know that the honourable solicitude which the Emperor has always evinced for the furtherance of the great object to which the Convention is directed will lead His Imperial Majesty to attach due importance to that provision of it by which the two high contracting parties engage to maintain upon the West Coast of Africa a combined force of not less than 26 vessels of each nation.

Her Majesty's Government confidently trust that the continued presence upon the coast of so large a force, acting in concert, and exercising respectively the authority which other Powers have conceded to the cruizers of the two nations, will have a more decisive and permanent effect than any measure hitherto adopted in suppressing the criminal traffic, which has its only support in the fraud and violence of piratical adventurers and the cupidity of barbarous chiefs.

Her Majesty's Government are convinced that, should their expectations be realised, no member of that League in which the great Powers of Europe have bound themselves will more rejoice at such a result than the Government of Russia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Baron Brunnow,
&c. &c.

No. 88.

*Baron Brunnow to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, ce Mai 19-31, 1845.**(Received May 31.)*

MY LORD,

J'AI eu l'honneur de recevoir la communication en date d'hier, par laquelle votre Excellence a bien voulu m'inviter à porter à la connaissance de ma Cour la Convention conclue le 29 de ce mois par les Plénipotentiaires de S. M. Britannique et ceux de S. M. le Roi des Français, relativement aux mesures à adopter par les deux Gouvernemens afin de concourir plus efficacement à la suppression de la traite des noirs.

Conformément à votre désir, je me ferai un devoir, my Lord, de placer cette transaction sous les yeux du Cabinet Impérial, et vous prie d'agréer mes remerciemens pour l'obligeant empressement avec lequel vous avez bien voulu me la communiquer.

Je saisis cette occasion pour vous renouveler l'assurance des sentimens de haute considération avec lesquels

J'ai l'honneur, &c.

(Signé)

BRUNNOW.

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

No. 89.

*Baron Brunnow to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, ce Juin 13, 1845.**(Received June 13.)*

LE soussigné Envoyé Extraordinaire et Minister Plénipotentiaire de S. M. l'Empereur de toutes les Russies, en réponse à la note que son Excellence Monsieur le Comte Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de S. M. Britannique ayant le Département des Affaires Etrangères, lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser sous la date du 10 Juin—s'empresse de l'informer qu'il ne manquera pas de porter à la connaissance du Cabinet Impérial la Convention conclue le 29 Mai entre S. M. Britannique et S. M. le Roi des Français relativement à la répression du trafic des noirs.

Le soussigné saisit cette occasion de réitérer à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte Aberdeen l'assurance de sa haute considération.

(Signé) BRUNNOW.

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

No. 90.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, June 7, 1845.**(Received June 16, 1845.)*

MY LORD,

IN obedience to your Lordship's instruction, marked Slave Trade, of the 20th ultimo, I have procured from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Commander George W. D. O'Callaghan, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Vesuvius," and Captain J. N. Campbell, of Her Majesty's ship "Melampus," to act 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) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 90.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. O'Callaghan (no station mentioned), May 25, 1845.

H.M.S. "Melampus," Capt. Campbell " "

No. 91.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

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.

Andrew Buchanan, Esq.
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 91.

H.M.S. "Viper" . . .	Com. Carter . . .	October 8, 1843.
" "Rose" . . .	Com. Sturt . . .	"
" "Illustrious" . .	Capt. Erskine . .	"
" "Electra" . . .	Com. Darley . . .	"
" "Inconstant" . .	Capt. Freemantle .	"

No. 92.

*Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. Petersburg, July 26, 1845.
(Received August 4.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 18th and 20th ultimo, and 2nd instant, which were delivered to me the day before yesterday by the messenger, Fricker.

In conformity with the instructions conveyed to me by the two latter of these Despatches, I have procured from the Imperial Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, Russian warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels named in the margin, about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station; and Captain John C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," about to be employed on the South-East Coast of America 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 have also, in obedience to your Lordship's instructions, returned to Count Nesselrode, in order that they may be cancelled, five Russia warrants, which were transmitted to me in your Lordship's Despatch of the 18th ultimo, and which are no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and officers for whom they were issued.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 92.

H.M.S.V. "Styx"	Com. Hornby	(no station mentioned)	July 13, 1845.
" " "Hecate"	Com. West	"	"
H.M.S. "Vernon"	Capt. Fitzgerald	"	"

No. 93.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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.

Andrew Buchanan, Esq.

&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 93.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	October 8, 1843.
H.M.S. "Rapid"	Com. Earle	"
" " "Bittern"	Com. Peel	"
" " "Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	May 25, 1844.
" " "Alfred"	Commod. Purvis	October 8, 1843.
" " "Ferret"	Com. Oake	"

No. 94.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*St. Petersburg, August 23, 1845.
(Received September 1.)*

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th instant, transmitting to me six warrants issued by the

Russian Government under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and which being no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their commanders for whom they were issued, I have, in accordance with your Lordship's instructions, returned to Count Nesselrode, in order that they may be cancelled.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

No. 95.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Buchanan.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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.

Andrew Buchanan, Esq.
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 95.

H.M.S. "Espoir" . Com. Morrell . October 8, 1843.
" "Spartan" . Capt. Elliot . "

No. 96.

Mr. Buchanan to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, September 27, 1845.
(Received October 11.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of your Lordship's instructions, I have obtained from the Imperial Government a Warrant to enable Commander Robert F. Gambier, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," to act under the Treaty concluded between Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, and Russia, in December, 1841, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and have the honour to transmit it herewith.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 96.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier (no station mentioned), Sept. 13, 1845.

No. 97.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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.

CLASS C.

Warrants returned in No. 97.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla" . Capt. Robert Sharpe . N. Amer. & W. India Station,
 Oct. 8, 1843.
 „ . "Growler" Com. C.H. M. Buckle . W. Coast of Africa, „

No. 98.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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.

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

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 98.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Comr. Russell, Oct. 8, 1843.

No. 99.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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.

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

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 99.

H.M.S.V. "Albert" . Lieut. Woodruffe, Com. . C. of Africa St. Oct. 8, 1843.
 H.M.S. "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) „ „
 H.M.S.V. "Eclair" . Com. Estcourt (dead) . „ Oct. 30, 1844.

No. 100.

Mr. Bloomfield to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. Petersburg, November 6, 1845.

(Received November 25.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch marked "Slave Trade," of the 15th ultimo, I have obtained from the Russian Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a Warrant to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine," to act under the Treaty of December 20, 1841, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

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

(Signed) J. A. D. BLOOMFIELD.

Warrant enclosed in No. 100.

H.M.S. "Heroine," Com. Edmunds (no station mentioned), Oct. 24, 1845.

No. 101.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bloomfield.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 30, 1845.

By the 17th Article of the Treaty for the final abolition of the Slave Trade, ratified on the 19th of February, 1842, between Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, and Russia, the high contracting parties agree to invite the maritime Powers of Europe which have not yet concluded treaties for the same object, to accede to that compact.

Her Majesty's Government are not aware that up to this time any step has been taken by the Russian Government in fulfilment of the above engagement. They are, however, of opinion that this should not longer be delayed, inasmuch as the cause of the abolition of the Slave Trade may be materially furthered, and a beneficial influence exercised upon public opinion out of Europe, by showing to the world that there is not in this quarter of the globe a single Christian state whose flag is known upon the seas that has not openly and formally condemned the traffic, and, so far as lies in its power, guarded that flag from being abused for the protection of the lawless men who embark in it.

It is with this view that the Despatch, of which I enclose a copy, has been addressed to Her Majesty's Ministers in Belgium, Greece, and Hanover; and I have to instruct you to communicate that Despatch to the Russian Government, and to request that, in accordance with the engagement to which I have already referred, the representatives of Russia at the Courts of Greece and Hanover may be directed to join in inviting the Governments to which they are accredited to become parties to the Treaty of 1842.

I am, &c.

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

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 101.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Seymour, Sir Ed. Lyons, and Mr. Bligh,
December 30, 1845.

(See Class D, No. 2.)

FRANCE.

No. 102.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, January 8, 1845.*

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 28th ultimo, has the honour to transmit to him five warrants, enabling the Commanders of the French vessels-of-war "*Jouvencelle*," "*Decidée*," "*Doris*," "*Estafette*," and "*Génie*," 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.

No. 103.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, January 9, 1845.

THE French Ambassador has delivered to me a Despatch from his Government, in which M. Guizot describes in strong terms the feeling which has prevailed for some time past in the French Chambers, and generally in France, relative to the right of search. After detailing at length the reasons which have induced him to arrive at such a conclusion, he suggests to Her Majesty's Government the expediency of appointing a joint Commission, for the purpose of inquiring whether means may not be discovered for the suppression of the Slave Trade as effectual, or even more effectual, than those afforded by the treaties which confer the mutual right of search.

A copy of this Despatch is enclosed for your Excellency's information.

M. Guizot correctly states, that when, at the close of the year 1843, the Count de St. Aulaire announced to me the intentions of the French Government to propose certain measures, which they felt satisfied would be found preferable to the exercise of the right of search, and better calculated to attain the objects in view, I at that time informed the French Ambassador that my conviction of the sincerity and zeal of M. Guizot for the abolition of the Slave Trade would induce me to receive any suggestions from him on the subject, and to submit them for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

Your Excellency may assure M. Guizot that Her Majesty's Government attach no special value to the right of search, except in so far as it affords an effectual means of suppressing the Slave Trade. They are, indeed, aware that the exercise of this right cannot fail to be attended with some inconvenience; and they would willingly see the adoption of any measures which should be as effectual for the accomplishment of the great end in view, and which should not be liable to the same objections. I am bound, however, in candour to declare that I have not hitherto seen any plan proposed which could safely be adopted as a substitute for the right of search. And when M. Guizot recollects how earnestly the people of this country have desired the abolition of the Slave Trade, and the enormous sacrifices which they have made, and are daily making, to secure the attainment of this object, he will not be surprised if we hesitate to abrogate treaties, the stipula-

tions of which have been found efficient, until we are satisfied that the measures about to be proposed will be attended with equal success.

I abstain from inquiring into the causes which have led to the great change of sentiment in France respecting these treaties, which up to a recent period the French Government had united with that of Her Majesty in pressing on the adoption of other nations. Be these causes what they may, I fully admit that such engagements, if not executed with cordiality and zeal by both the contracting parties, must become less likely to answer the purpose intended, and their value be greatly impaired. It is unnecessary, therefore, to dwell on the means taken by Her Majesty's Government to remove all reasonable grounds of objection to the exercise of the right of search, and on the care with which the instructions recently delivered to the officers engaged in the service have been prepared. The mere fact, officially declared by M. Guizot, that the Government, the Legislature, and the people of France, earnestly demand a revision of these engagements, while they profess an undiminished desire to attain the objects for which they were contracted, would afford to Her Majesty's Government a sufficient reason for agreeing to the proposed inquiry.

But in assenting to this suggestion of M. Guizot, your Excellency cannot too strongly impress upon his mind how much will depend on the character of the persons who may be selected as Commissioners, in order to inspire the necessary degree of confidence, and to insure any useful result. It appears to Her Majesty's Government to be indispensable that the Commission should be composed of individuals of high station and of enlightened views; men perfectly independent, and well known for their attachment to the great cause of freedom and humanity. It must clearly be made known that the object of the Commission is not to get rid of the treaties, but to ascertain the possibility of adopting measures by which they may advantageously be replaced. It appears essential, also, that whatever substitute may be proposed, if any be found, should be considered in the first instance only an experiment, but by which the operation of the treaties in this respect would necessarily be suspended, until its success or failure had been made manifest.

To a Commission thus constituted and thus instructed, Her Majesty's Government could not only entertain no objection, but would be disposed, in common with all who sincerely desire the early and complete abolition of this detestable traffic, to look with hope and satisfaction.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

Enclosure in No. 103.

Mons. Guizot to Count St. Aulaire.

MONS. LE COMTE,

Paris, 26 Décembre, 1844.

L'AN dernier, à pareille époque, je vous invitai à appeler l'attention de Lord Aberdeen sur la grave question du droit de visite, et sur les motifs puissans qui nous portaient à desirer que les deux Cabinets se concertassent en vue de substituer à ce mode de répression de la traite des noirs, un mode nouveau qui, tout en étant aussi efficace pour notre but commun, n'entraînât pas les mêmes inconvéniens ni les mêmes périls.

Lord Aberdeen, à la communication que vous lui fîtes, répondit que, parfaitement convaincu de ma résolution sincère de travailler avec persévérance à la suppression de la traite, toute proposition fait par moi serait accueillie par lui avec confiance, et examinée avec la plus religieuse attention.

Si, depuis lors, je me suis abstenu, M. le Comte, de vous entretenir, dans ma correspondance officielle, de cette importante affaire, si j'ai différé l'envoi des instructions que je vous avais annoncées, ce n'est assurément pas que le Gouvernement du Roi ait perdu de vue, un seul jour, le but qu'il devait se proposer, ni que ses convictions se soient affaiblies. Vous connaissez les diverses causes, intérieures et extérieures, qui en nous obligeant à consacrer à des questions urgentes tous nos efforts, nous ont fait une loi de suspendre la négociation dont

vous aviez été chargé de provoquer l'ouverture à Londres, sur la question des moyens de répression de la traite : le moment est venu de la reprendre.

Ainsi que je vous le disais tout à l'heure, M. le Comte, notre conviction sur la nécessité de recourir, de concert avec l'Angleterre, à un nouveau mode de répression de la traite, est entière et profonde.

Tous les évènements qui sont survenus, toutes les réflexions que nous avons été appelés à faire, depuis que cette question s'est élevée, nous ont fait plus fortement sentir la nécessité de modifier le système actuellement en vigueur. Pour que ce système soit efficace et sans danger, il ne suffit pas que les deux Gouvernemens soient animés d'un bon vouloir et d'une confiance réciproques.

Incessamment exposé dans son application, à contrarier, à gêner, à blesser des intérêts privés, souvent légitimes et inoffensifs, ce système entretient au sein d'une classe nombreuse, active, et nécessairement rude dans ses mœurs, un principe d'irritation qui peut bien sommeiller pendant un tems plus au moins long, mais qu'un incident de mer imprévu, que la moindre oscillation dans les rapports politiques des deux états, peut à tout moment développer, échauffer, propager, et transformer en un sentiment national, puissant, et redoutable. Arrivé à ce point, le système du droit de visite, employé comme moyen de la répression de la traite, est plus dangereux qu'utile ; car il compromet, tout à la fois, la paix, la bonne intelligence entre les deux pays, et le succès même de la grande cause qu'il est destiné à servir.

Ce n'est point là, M. le Comte, une simple conjecture ; c'est aujourd'hui un fait démontré par l'expérience. Pendant dix ans le droit de visite réciproque a été accepté et exercé par la France et par l'Angleterre d'un commun accord, et sans aucun sentiment prononcé, sans aucune manifestation de méfiance ni de répulsion. Par des causes qu'il est inutile de rappeler, il n'en est plus de même aujourd'hui. Ce système est fortement repoussé chez nous par le sentiment des Chambres et du pays. Ce n'est pas, M. le Comte, que la France soit aujourd'hui plus indifférente qu'elle ne l'étoit, il y a quelques années, aux horreurs de la traite ; mais on est convaincu en France (et le Gouvernement du Roi partage cette conviction) qu'il est possible de trouver d'autres moyens tout aussi efficaces, plus efficaces même, que le droit de visite réciproque, pour atteindre cet infame trafic. Pour obtenir le concours du pays et des Chambres, leur concours sérieux, actif, infatigable, à la répression de la traite, l'adoption d'un système différent est désormais indispensable.

Mais quel doit être le nouveau système ? Par quelle mesure, par quel ensemble de mesures, peut on raisonnablement se flatter d'obtenir en fait de répression des résultats au moins égaux à ceux que le droit de visite a pu faire espérer ? Je pourrais, M. le Comte, indiquer ici quelques uns de ces moyens ; mais dans une matière où nécessairement les hommes spéciaux des deux pays doivent être entendus, il me parait préférable que le soin de réunir et d'examiner tous les élémens de la question soit d'abord confié à une Commission mixte. Cette commission, qui siégerait à Londres, devrait, je pense, être formée d'hommes considérables dans leurs pays respectifs, bien connus par leur franche sympathie pour la cause de la répression de la traite, et par leur entière liberté d'esprit relativement aux moyens d'atteindre ce noble but. Et quand la Commission aurait profondément examiné la question, quand elle aurait bien recherché et déterminé quels nouveaux moyens de répression de la traite pourraient être aussi efficaces, plus efficaces même que le système actuellement en vigueur, son travail serait présenté aux deux Gouvernemens, et soumis à leur décision.

Veillez, Monsieur le Comte, mettre cette proposition sous les yeux de Lord Aberdeen. J'ai la confiance que, dans la communication que vous lui donnerez de la présente dépêche, il verra un nouveau témoignage de notre sollicitude constante pour les deux grands intérêts que nous avons également à cœur, le maintien de la paix et de la bonne intelligence entre les deux pays, et la répression de la traite des noirs.

Son Excellence Count St. Aulaire,
&c. &c.

Recevez, &c.
(Signé) GUIZOT.

Translation.

M. Guizot to Count St. Aulaire.

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

Paris, December 26, 1844.

LAST year, about this time, I requested you to call the attention of Lord Aberdeen to the important question of the right of search, and to the powerful motives which led us to desire that the two Cabinets should concert together with the view of substituting, for this mode of repressing the Slave Trade, a new mode which, whilst equally efficacious for our common object, should be free from the same inconveniences and the same dangers.

To the communication which you made to Lord Aberdeen, his Lordship answered that, being perfectly convinced of my sincere resolution to labour perseveringly for the suppression of the trade, any proposition made by me would be received by him with confidence, and examined with the most scrupulous attention.

If since that time I have abstained, Monsieur le Comte, from treating of this important affair in my official correspondence with you, if I have delayed sending the instructions which I had announced to you, it certainly has not been that the Government of the King have lost sight for a single day of the object which they had to propose to themselves, nor that their convictions had become less strong. You know the various causes, internal and external, which, by obliging us to devote all our efforts to urgent questions, have made it imperative on us to suspend the negotiation, the opening of which in London you had been charged to call for, on the question of the means of repressing the Slave Trade: the time is now arrived for resuming it.

As I have already mentioned to you, Monsieur le Comte, our conviction of the necessity of having recourse, in concert with England, to a new mode of repressing the Slave Trade, is undiminished and profound: all the events which have occurred, all the reflections which have forced themselves upon us since this question was raised, have made us feel more strongly the necessity of modifying the system actually in force. In order that this system should be effectual and without danger, it is not sufficient that the two Governments are animated by reciprocal good-will and confidence.

Constantly liable in its application to oppose, cramp, and injure private interests, often legitimate and inoffensive ones, this system keeps up in the minds of a numerous class, active and necessarily rough in manners, a source of irritation which, though it may sleep for a time more or less long, may, by an unforeseen accident at sea, or by the slightest disturbance in the political relations of the two states, be at any moment developed, inflamed, extended, and transformed into a powerful and formidable national sentiment. This being so, the system of the right of search, used as a means for repressing the Slave Trade, is more dangerous than useful, for it compromises, at one and the same time, peace, good understanding between the two countries, and even the success of the great cause which it is intended to serve.

This, M. le Comte, is not a mere conjecture; it is a fact which experience has now demonstrated. During ten years the reciprocal right of search was accepted and exercised by France and by England with common consent, and without any declared feeling, or any manifestation of mistrust or of repulsion. Owing to causes which it is useless to revert to, the case is now different. The feeling of the Chambers and of the country is strongly averse to this system. Not, M. le Comte, that France is at present more indifferent than she was some years ago to the horrors of the Slave Trade; but a conviction exists in France (and the Government of the King shares this conviction) that it is possible to find other means quite as effectual, more effectual even, than the reciprocal right of search, by which the infamous traffic may be reached.

In order to obtain the co-operation of the country and of the Chambers, their earnest, active, indefatigable co-operation for the repression of the trade, the adoption of a different system is henceforth indispensable.

But what ought to be the new system? By what measure, by what combination of measures, can we reasonably hope to obtain results in the way of repression, at least equal to those which the right of search has led us to hope for? I might, M. le Comte, here point out some of these measures; but in a matter on which the men of the two countries specially qualified must of necessity be heard, it appears to me preferable that the task of collecting and examining all the

elements of the question should, in the first instance, be confided to a Mixed Commission. This Commission, which would hold its sittings in London, ought, I think, to be composed of men of consideration in their respective countries, well known for their sincere sympathy for the cause of repressing the Slave Trade, and by their entire freedom of judgment relative to the means of attaining this noble end. And when the Commission shall have thoroughly examined the question, when it shall have searched well and determined what new means of repressing the trade may be as efficacious, or even more efficacious, than the system at present in force, its work should be presented to the two Governments, and submitted for their decision.

Have the goodness, M. le Comte, to place this proposal before the eyes of Lord Aberdeen. I am confident that, in the communication which you will make to him of the present Despatch, he will see a new evidence of our constant solicitude for the two great interests which we have equally at heart, the maintenance of peace and of a good understanding between the two countries, and the repression of the Slave Trade.

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

I am, &c.
(Signed) GUIZOT.

No. 104.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, January 12, 1846.
(Received January 14.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 9th instant, which reached my hands yesterday afternoon, by the messenger Fennessey.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

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

No. 105.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, January 13, 1845.
(Received January 15.)

MY LORD,

THE messenger Fennessey arrived at Paris on Saturday the 11th instant, and delivered to me your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 9th instant.

I immediately directed a copy of it to be prepared, and placed it in the hands of the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the course of that day.

After reading that Despatch with attention in my presence, His Excellency said that he entirely concurred in the views therein taken by your Lordship respecting the engagements entered into by the two Governments for the suppression of the traffic in slaves. He admitted, likewise, that since the conclusion of the Treaties of 1831 and 1833 a great change had taken place in the opinions of the Chambers, as well as of the public generally, upon the question of the right of search. It would be useless, he said, to enter into any examination of the causes which had led to that change; he would only say that the prejudice existing throughout France against the exercise of that right was unconquerable, and was daily increasing.

I might, therefore, he continued, form some judgment of the degree of satisfaction with which he had received the communication which I had just made to him, announcing the acquiescence of Her Majesty's Government in the proposal of that of France for the appointment of a joint commission for the purpose of inquiring whether means as effectual as the mutual right of search might not be resorted to for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

He was fully aware of the feelings of the people of England on the subject of this

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odious traffic, and of the jealousy with which the proceedings of the proposed Commission would be watched, and I might therefore be assured that the compliance of Her Majesty's Government in the proposed inquiry would be justly appreciated by the Government, the Legislature, and the People of France.

His Excellency then informed me that the Duc de Broglie would be charged with this important Commission; and I am certain your Lordship will be of opinion that a better selection for that purpose could not have been made. The Duc de Broglie has for many years been a strenuous advocate for the abolition of the Slave Trade, and it was under his auspices, as Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the supplementary Convention of 1833 was concluded. It is not likely, therefore, that he will propose, or will himself be satisfied with, any measures for the suppression of the traffic in Slaves less efficacious than those at present in force under the Treaties.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

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

No. 106.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 23 Janvier, 1845.
(Received January 25.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France 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 suppression de la traite, à M. Ducre de Villeneuve, commandant la goelette " la Levrette " dans les Indes Occidentales; ce mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment en France.

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

Warrant returned in No. 106.

" Levrette," Capt. Ducre de Villeneuve, West Indies, May 20, 1842.

No. 107.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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. 107.

H.M.S. " Isis," Capt. Sir J. Marshall, Brazil Station, March 19, 1842.

No. 108.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Paris, January 27, 1845.
(Received January 29.)

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 21st December, 1844, I have the honour to enclose the accompanying warrant, which has been issued by the French Government to enable the Commanding officer of Her Majesty's sloop, "Rose," to act under the Conventions 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. 108.

H.M.S. "Rose," . Com. R. D. Pelly, . N. America & W. India station,
January 14, 1845.

No. 109.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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. 109.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. O'B. Hoare, Brazil station, October 3, 1843.

No. 110.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

I TRANSMIT herewith to your Excellency an extract from a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Rio de Janeiro, and a copy of its Enclosures, containing information respecting the French schooner "Fourmi," G. Meynier, master, which cleared out on the 30th November last from Rio de Janeiro for Angola and Benguela, apparently destined for the Slave Trade.

I have to desire that your Excellency will communicate the intelligence contained in the enclosed papers to the Government of His Majesty the King of the French.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

Enclosure in No. 110.

Mr. Hesketh to the Earl of Aberdeen, December 14, 1844.

(See Class B, No. 332, page 403.)

No. 111.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, February 5, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., begs to refer His Excellency the Count St. Aulaire, &c., to the note of the 15th August last, from the Undersigned to the Count Jarnac, in reply to a note from Count Jarnac dated the 12th of the preceding month, and enclosing a statement from the master of the French bark, "Fanny," of the manner in which, on the 21st August, 1843, his vessel was searched by an officer and crew belonging to Her Majesty's brig, "Frolic," off the coast of Brazil.

The points of complaint urged by the master of the "Fanny," were—

- 1st. That the shot fired by the "Frolic" to bring him to passed very close to his vessel.
- 2nd. That his vessel was examined without any necessity.
- 3rd. That the search was conducted in a vexatious manner; and
- 4th. That a number of barrels and cases were opened and broken, and the cases not refastened.

In respect to the first and the third points of complaint, the Undersigned, in his note of the 15th August, transmitted a copy of a letter from Captain Willis, of Her Majesty's brig "Frolic," declaring that the shot had been fired well a-head of the "Fanny," and showing that special directions had been given that the master and others on board should be treated with every consideration.

And in respect to the second point of complaint, the Undersigned enclosed to Count Jarnac a copy of a Despatch from the British officers of the Mixed Commission at Rio de Janeiro, respecting the suspicious nature of the cargo which the "Fanny" had taken in at Rio de Janeiro.

But as these papers did not throw the desired light upon all the charges brought forward by the master of that vessel against the officers of the "Frolic," the Undersigned stated to Count Jarnac that he would move the Lords of the Admiralty to require from the boarding officer a full statement of all that passed during the search, and that then the Undersigned would have the honour of communicating again with the French Ambassador upon the subject.

The Undersigned has now the honour to transmit to his Excellency a copy of a letter from Captain Willis, who commanded Her Majesty's brig "Frolic," and of its Enclosure, which is the report of Mr. May, the master of that vessel, who accompanied Lieutenant Cumming, the boarding officer, upon the occasion in question.

Count St. Aulaire will perceive from these papers that, contrary to the allegation of the master of the "Fanny," that the shot fired by Her Majesty's brig "Frolic" passed very close to his vessel, Captain Willis, who personally directed the whole of the proceedings, cautioned the gunner's mate to point the gun well a-head of the French bark, and that in fact it was necessary to obey that direction in order to avoid striking the boats of the "Frolic," which at the time the gun was fired were pulling in a line between the two vessels.

And with respect to the remaining point of complaint, that a number of barrels and cases on board the "Fanny" were opened and broken by officers from Her Majesty's brig "Frolic," and not refastened, Count St. Aulaire will find in the report of Mr. May, which is herewith enclosed, that Lieutenant Cumming and Her Majesty's officers accompanying him found on board the "Fanny" a number of casks and cases with marks, the contents of which, on referring to the manifest, were found not to be mentioned; that this necessarily tended to create suspicion, and that consequently three of the said casks were opened in the presence of the mate and several of the crew of the "Fanny;" and that after Her Majesty's officers had satisfied themselves as to what the casks contained, they were again headed up, and renailed with the same nails.

Moreover, Mr. May states that no vexatious measures were adopted by any officers or men belonging to Her Majesty's brig, "Frolic," everything having been conducted in the most quiet and correct manner. That every article was secured below, the boat on deck alone being left not secured; and that this would have been done had not the master expressed his great anxiety that he should be allowed to proceed, and that Her Majesty's officers should leave him to secure the boat himself.

The Undersigned trusts that this and the former explanation offered in his note of the 15th August last to Count Jarnac will prove satisfactory to the French Government; and that they will agree with Her Majesty's Government that no just ground of complaint existed against Her Majesty's officers or men for their conduct on the occasion of the detention and search of the "*Fanny*."

The Undersigned, &c.

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

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Enclosure 1 in No. 111.

Her Majesty's Ship, "Frolic,"
Rio de Janeiro, November 10, 1844.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant, together with a Letter from the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated 16th August, 1844, with its Enclosures, relative to a complaint as to the mode in which, on the 21st of August, 1843, the French barque "*Fanny*" was searched by an officer of the "*Frolic*," under my command, and directing me to call upon the boarding-officer for a full statement of what occurred on board the said barque "*Fanny*," for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

In obedience to your directions I beg to inform you that the senior officer in the case of the "*Fanny*," Lieutenant Arthur Cumming (whom I selected for that duty on account of his knowledge of the French language, and to whom I gave the necessary documents and full instructions for his guidance), is no longer on board the "*Frolic*," having been invalided in April last.

I have the honour, however, of enclosing a letter of explanation from the next officer in seniority, Mr. F. H. May, master, who was selected by me to assist (and who accompanied) Lieut. Cumming in searching the "*Fanny*."

With regard to the circumstance of my firing a shot a-head of the vessel, I beg to refer you to the explanation of its necessity, contained in my letter of the 24th August, 1843, and addressed to Captain Sir Thomas Pasley, Bart. (then senior officer in this port); to which I have only to add, that being myself on deck on the morning of the 21st August, 1843, I personally directed the whole of the proceedings, and perfectly remember cautioning the gunner's-mate who fired the shot to point the gun well a-head of the French barque, and clear of our own boats, which was done; thus causing the shot to be thrown considerably further from and a-head of the said barque than I should otherwise have considered necessary, on account of my own boats, which were pulling in nearly a line between the two vessels.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. A. WILLIS,
Captain.

Commodore J. B. Purvis, Commander-in-Chief,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 2 in No. 111.

Her Majesty's Sloop, "Frolic,"
Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 10, 1844.

SIR,

IN obedience to your directions I have the honour to inform you, that on boarding the French merchant barque, "*Fanny*," in company with Lieut. R. Cumming, on the 21st of August, 1843, the said Lieutenant Cumming examined the ship's papers, &c.; after which he, with myself and others, examined the holds, and finding a number of casks and cases with marks, but on referring to the manifest no contents whatever were shown or mentioned, which necessarily tended to create a suspicion; consequently three of the said casks were opened in the presence of the mate and several of the crew of the vessel, and after satisfying ourselves as to what they contained they were again headed up and re-nailed with the same nails.

I further beg to remark, that during the time we were on board the "*Fanny*," no vexatious measures were adopted by any of the officers and men of the "*Frolic*," everything having been conducted in the most quiet and correct manner, notwithstanding the apparent excitement and vehemence of the master, who spoke in French.

A strong breeze having sprung up in the meantime, and the master being desirous of proceeding on his voyage, every article was restored below, the boat on deck alone left not secured, which would have been done had the master not expressed his great anxiety to proceed, and that we should leave the boat in that state, and he would secure her himself.

I have, &c.
(Signed) FRANCIS H. MAY, Master.

Captain W. A. Willis.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 112.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, 6 Février, 1845.
(Received February 8.)

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 les mandats autorisant les commandements désignés ci dessous à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais.

M. le Capitaine de corvette "L'Evêque," (François Xavier) commandant la corvette "La Blonde," se rendant à la station des Antilles.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau "Fournier" (Charles Anselme) commandant la canonnière-brick "L'Alsacienne" station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau "Le Rouxeau De Roseneoat," commandant la canonnière-brick "La Maloine," station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau "Guyot de la Hardrouyère," commandant la canonnière-brick "La Tactique," station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau "Saisset," commandant la gabare "La Loire," station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau "Malmanche," commandant la gabare "L'Infatigable," station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

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

No. 113.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, February 7, 1845.
(Received February 10.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 4th instant.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

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

No. 114.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, Février 8, 1845.
(Received February 11.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint trois mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, et qui ont cessé d'être utiles par suite des retours de ces bâtiments en France.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 114.

“*Eglantine*” M. Jance, Lieut. de Vaisseau, W. Coast of Africa, Jan. 26, 1843.
 “*Nisus*” . . M. le Capitaine de corvette Oct. 14, 1842.
 “*Baudin*”
 “*Brillante*” (no name) Gulf of Mexico . Dec. 30, 1841.

No. 115.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.

Foreign Office, February 18, 1845.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to his Excellency Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Excellency's note of the 6th instant, has the honour to transmit to him herewith six warrants, enabling the Commanders of the French vessels-of-war “*Blonde*,” “*L'Alsacienne*,” “*Malouine*,” “*Tactique*,” “*Loire*,” and “*L'Infatigable*” 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. 116.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, February 17, 1845.

(Received February 20.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying three warrants, which I applied for to the French Government, in conformity with your Lordship's instructions, in order to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin 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. 116.

H.M.S. “*Mutine*” . . . Com. Crawford . Cape of Good Hope station Jan. 31, 1845.
 „ “*Waterwitch*” Com. J. F. Birch . W. Coast of Africa station „
 „ “*Pantaloon*” . Com. E. Wilson „ „

No. 117.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, February 21, 1845.

(Received February 26.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose a copy of the answer which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the documents which I forwarded to His Excellency, conformably to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, relative to the French schooner “*Fourmi*,” apparently destined for the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

Enclosure in No. 117.

M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, le 17 Février, 1845.

J'AI reçu la lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire en m'envoyant les copies de pièces jointes à une dépêche que votre Excellence a reçue de son Gouvernement. Il semblerait résulter de ces documents qu'un bâtiment,

sous pavillon Français, le schooner "*La Fourmi*" parti de Rio Janeiro pour la côte d'Afrique le 30 Novembre dernier se rend dans ces passages pour prendre part au commerce de la traite des noirs.

J'ai signalé ce fait à M. le Ministre de la Marine, et je l'ai prié de faire prendre toutes les informations nécessaires pour arriver à découvrir la vérité. Je ne manquerai pas, M. l'Ambassadeur, de vous informer du resultat de cette enquête.

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

Agrééz, &c.
(Signé) GUIZOT.

No. 118.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, February 21, 1845.
(Received February 26.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the accompanying warrant, which I have received from the French Government, to enable Commander James Anderson, of Her Majesty's brig "*Ranger*," to act under the Conventions 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. 118.

H.M.S. "*Ranger*" . Com. J. Anderson . W. Coast of Africa . Feb. 14, 1845.

No. 119.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, February 28, 1845.
(Received March 3.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship two Warrants which I have received from the French Government to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "*Persian*" and "*Acorn*" to act under the Conventions of 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.

Warrants enclosed in No. 119.

H.M.S. "*Acorn*" Comr. J. E. Bingham Brazil Station . . . Feb. 18, 1845.
,, "*Persian*" Comr. H. Coryton . N. Ame. & W. Indies . . .

No. 120.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, March 21, 1845.
(Received March 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying two Warrants, for which I applied to the French Government, in order to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "*Lily*" and "*Actæon*" 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. 120.

H.M.S. "Lily" . Commr. C. F. Newton . W. Coast of Africa March 16, 1845.
 „ "Actæon" Capt. G. Mansel " 14, "

No. 121.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, March 24, 1845.

(Received March 27.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying Warrants, for which I applied to the French Government, in conformity with your Lordship's instructions, in order to enable the Commanding Officers of Her Majesty's ships "Firebrand" and "Dolphin" 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. 121.

H.M.S. "Dolphin" . Lieut. Levinge . Brazil Station . March 14, 1845.
 H.M.S.V. "Firebrand" . Capt. J. Hope " "

No. 122.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, April 3, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency a copy of a Despatch which I have received from Her Majesty's Commissioners at Sierra Leone, enclosing an original letter, addressed to the French Consul at Bombay, which, it appears, was found on board a Brazilian slave-vessel, the "*Imperador Don Pedro*," condemned in the mixed British and Brazilian Commission at Sierra Leone, on a charge of Slave Trade; and I have to instruct your Excellency to forward a copy of the enclosed Despatch, with its original enclosure, to the French Government.

I am, &c.

His Excellency Lord Cowley, G.C.B.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 122.

Her Majesty's Commissioners at Sierra Leone to the Earl of Aberdeen,
December 31, 1844.

(See Class A, No. 20, page 185.)

No. 123.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

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. 123.

H.M.S. "Frolic," Comr. W. A. Willis, Brazil Station, Jan. 27, 1843.

No. 124.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Londres, le 5 Avril, 1845.
(Received April 8.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de réclamer du Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, la délivrance d'un mandat qui autorise le Commandant ci-après désigné à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais: savoir, M. le Capitaine de vaisseau Blanc, commandant la corvette à vapeur "*Le Gassendi*," station des côtes occidentales d'Afrique.

L'Ambassadeur de France renvoie en même temps à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen trois mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais, et qui ont cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour ou du changement de destination des bâtiments dont le Commandant en était porteur.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 124.

"*Alcmène*" . M. Fournier du Plan . Coast of Madagascar . . Dec. 12, 1842.
 "*Messenger*" M. L. de Kerdudal . Bourbon and Madagascar . Feb. 1, 1843.
 "*Sabine*" . M. Guerrin . . . Madagascar May 4, 1843.

No. 125.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., begs to refer his Excellency the Count St. Aulaire, &c., to the Despatch, addressed by M. Desages to his Excellency, on the 28th of May last, and communicated by the Count St. Aulaire to the Undersigned on the 17th of June following, containing an allegation which the commander and crew of the French vessel, the "*Picard*," had made on their return from a voyage to Madagascar, in 1843—that English vessels were in the habit of carrying on the Slave Trade from that Island to the Mauritius; that the masters of those vessels employed not only stratagem but force to kidnap the natives of Madagascar, taking freemen and slaves indiscriminately, and carrying them off to the Mauritius; and and that when imported there the importers received from the authorities of the colony a premium for the importation, and then sold out the persons imported to the highest bidder for a limited time.

The Undersigned transmitted that statement to the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, who called upon the Governor of the Mauritius to inquire into the facts alleged, and to report the result to Her Majesty's Government.

The report of the Governor of the Mauritius has now been received, together with a report from the Chief Commissioner of Police, and from the Protector of Immigrants in that island.

The Undersigned has the honour to transmit copies of these reports entire to the Count St. Aulaire, as containing a full and accurate account of the real circumstances of the case.

These papers will show to the Count St. Aulaire that the statements made by the master and crew of the "*Picard*," which indeed appear by the depositions, communicated to the Undersigned by Count St. Aulaire, to have been based upon hearsay and vague report, are altogether a misrepresentation of the facts.

The Undersigned, &c.,

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

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

Enclosure 1 in No. 125.

Mr. Stephen to Mr. Addington.

SIR,

Downing-street, March 11, 1845.

WITH reference to your Letter of the 28th June last, enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the French Government to the French Ambassador at this Court, respecting an imputation against British subjects of being engaged in kidnapping natives of Madagascar for the purpose of carrying them to Mauritius, there to be sold to the highest bidder, and to my reply of the 9th July—I am directed by Lord Stanley to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before the Earl of Aberdeen, the copy of a report which has been received from the Governor of Mauritius on that subject.

H. U. Addington, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed)

I am, &c.

JAMES STEPHEN.

Enclosure 2 in No. 125.

Lieutenant-General Gomm to Lord Stanley.

MY LORD,

Mauritius, November 30, 1844.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 9th July, with Enclosures, calling for a report from me in reply to a charge brought against the inhabitants of Mauritius by the French Government, upon information received from the captain and crew of a vessel of that nation visiting Bourbon and Madagascar in 1832 and 33.

The charge imputes to British subjects of Mauritius the practice of kidnapping natives from the East Coast of Madagascar and carrying them to Mauritius, where, it is stated, that the importers receive a premium for their importation, and then sell them for a limited period to the highest bidder.

The accompanying reports, furnished me by the Chief Commissary of Police and Protector of Immigrants, will, I trust, relieve the colony in your Lordship's estimation, and eventually in that of the French Government, from the weight of so heavy a charge.

It will be seen, from the first-cited of these reports, that throughout the whole period under review, comprising a course of three years and a half, Tamatave, the seat of the complaint preferred, has contributed only fifty out of the whole number recorded as having arrived in the Island; while Angontcy, to the northward, has furnished little short of two thousand.

The disproportion is thus accounted for by Mr. Baker, already introduced by me to your Lordship's notice in his report accompanying my Despatch of the 22nd instant.

A strong feeling has prevailed along the East Coast of Madagascar for some years past, originating in the abolition of Slavery in Mauritius, for employment as labourers in the colony, and principally among the Batsimisaraka tribes, brought under Hova domination by Radama.

The high rate of wages paid in Mauritius during the period intervening between the abolition of Slavery and full setting in of Indian immigration, formed the principal lure; and certain privileges, ceded by Radama to the tribes in question, furnished the means of carrying their object into effect, and provided the Hova authorities, on points of the coast not so numerous as Tamatave, to connive at a proceeding which was possibly a source of some gain to themselves. Mr. Baker himself constantly assisted at the examination of such immigrants at the moment of their arrival: they all brought with them certificates of permission to emigrate, which he considered, from his long acquaintance with Madagascar forms, there was every reason to regard as genuine documents, signed by the Governor of Angontcy or elsewhere, and countersigned by the officer of the Customs.

Mr. Baker's impression then was, that they invariably came with the full knowledge of the commandant, but without the formal consent of the Queen.

The parties themselves, their names given verbally, agreeing (with rare exceptions) with those written upon their passports, made every profession of independence and freedom of will; and their behaviour while in the colony—seldom ex-

ceeding their twelvemonths' engagements, although in various instances they returned for a second year's service—gave strong colour to their professions.

They made their own bargains for employment, and frequently very hard ones for the planter and others. All this is vouched for, and is fully capable of proof.

Their freedom of choice may be further shown by their never consenting to resort to Bourbon for employment.

Many of them have declared that extraordinary efforts have been made by French traders to this effect, but constantly without success.

So increasing was the desire, however, manifested to resort to Mauritius, that the Hova Government became alarmed; and towards the close of 1842 enforced the prohibition with a vigour which has proved successful.

Your Lordship will perceive, from the Protector's Report, that only twenty-two arrivals are recorded in 1843, and upon these introductions no bounty was allowed by Government.

In 1844 there have been none. The great fall in wages also, consequent upon the renewal of Indian immigration, has removed the inducement further to evade the prohibition on the part of the Malgaches themselves.

Since the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, however, and its Enclosures, I have required it to be intimated to all parties trading from this colony with Madagascar, that no natives of that island, of whatever description, will be permitted from henceforward to land in Mauritius for the purpose of contracting for agricultural or other service in the colony, until its relations with the Hova Government explicitly authorize such a proceeding.

The number at present remaining in the colony the Chief Commissary of Police estimates at between four and five hundred; but of this number few engaged in agricultural service.

In conclusion, I trust your Lordship will consider Mr. Baker borne out by the documents now produced, in his assertion made in the body of a long and detailed report.

"I cannot," Mr. Baker states, "speak to all the details of the manner in which they were obtained in Madagascar."

"I have the confession of some labourers that the Hova authorities were often bribed by the men themselves to let them come; and it is not improbable that they were so by the captains of vessels also.

"I would, however, venture my life on th assertion, that none were obtained by kidnapping or purchase in Madagascar.

"These practices were impossible, as the former would infallably have been discovered here, and the latter was also too expensive and hazardous to have been attempted."

Your Lordship will perceive, from his report, that great care was taken from the outset by the Chief Commissary of Police to ascertain the perfect willingness of all parties so arriving to engage in agricultural or other service in the colony, before they were lost sight of by him; and that officer records several instances honourable to the character of these Madagascar men, while they furnish evidence of the perfect good-will with which they attached themselves to the employment of their choice.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. GOMM, Lieut.-General.

The Right Hon. Lord Stanley.

&c. &c.

Enclosure 3 in No. 125.

Mr. Finniss to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

SIR,

General Police Office, November 19, 1844.

1st.—I HAVE had the honour to receive your letter of the 15th instant respecting a statement made by the Captain and crew of a French vessel, imputing to the inhabitants of Mauritius a practice of kidnapping the natives of Madagascar, and conveying them to this colony, to be sold here to the highest bidder for a limited period of service, and directing me to furnish a detailed report of all the proceedings in regard to immigrants from Madagascar of late years, as well as a statement of the numbers introduced, &c.

2nd. In reply I beg leave to report, that previous to June, 1840, some of the drovers, who came up with cattle from Madagascar, were in the habit of remaining

and employing themselves in various capacities (but not as agricultural labourers). Some of them, when they saved a little money, returned to Madagascar, and some still remain here.

3rd. On the 18th June, 1839, the "Gregorio," a colonial vessel, arrived here from Teneriff, having on board four men, four women, and two children, who stated that they had run away to escape the ill treatment they received from the Ovas. This was reported on the 20th June, 1839, under No. 275; and after remaining some time provisioned by the Government, they were duly authorized to enter into the service of Mr. B. Labutte.

4th. The next arrivals were three, per "Midas," from Teneriff, on the 25th August, 1839, and reported upon the 30th August (No. 475), and 19th November (No. 698).

5th. But the importation of natives of Madagascar as labourers commenced by the arrival of the "Edward," on the 3rd June, 1840, from Angontcy, having on board 36 men, respecting whom I beg leave to refer to my reports of 3rd June No. 654; 4th June, No. 655; and 8th June, No. 668; and the accompanying return will show the number subsequently introduced until the 1st February, 1843, when that branch was removed from the Police to the Protectorate.

6th. I will here explain the mode of proceeding I adopted on all these occasions; and I will not conceal, that in the outset I was under apprehension that some delusive expectations might have been held out to them to induce them to come here, and I acted accordingly.

7th. Immediately on landing they were brought to the Police Office, and not allowed to have any communication with the captain of the vessel or any other person; they were then examined by me individually, through the assistance of Mr. E. Baker, who had resided many years at Madagascar as a missionary, and who has a perfect knowledge of the language, and occasionally the missionaries Jones and Griffiths assisted; and a summary of these examinations was in every case sent to Government.

8th. It was clearly explained to them in my presence, both separately and afterwards collectively, that any promise or engagement they might have made previous to their landing here was entirely null; that if they wished to return they should be sent back to Madagascar, or if they wished to remain here they were at full liberty to choose their own master and make their own terms. They were then allowed free communication; but as the parties with whom they agreed to engage were obliged to obtain the permission of Government before they could be engaged, several days necessarily elapsed before they were actually under engagements.

9th. In January, 1841, Ramindrasina was appointed my interpreter. He had been a judge at Tamatave, but obliged to fly and seek refuge here, in consequence of having assisted in the escape of some natives, who were under sentence of death owing to their having turned Christians. Both he and Mr. Baker were frequently recognized by these people; and so great was their confidence in both, that I am quite satisfied had anything compulsory or unfair have taken place, it could not have failed to become known to me.

10th. I beg to be permitted to observe, that all the men who came before me were young, stout, and healthy, and by no means wanting in intelligence. They seemed perfectly to understand their position, and, I must add to their credit, that although upwards of 2900 were introduced, I cannot call to my recollection more than one or two instances of crime amongst them.

11th. The planters were pleased with them: one Malgache did more work than two Indians. They gave little trouble either to the Stipendiary Magistracy or to the Police; and in general when they had any little grievance they came to the interpreter, through whose means their complaints were in most cases settled without any further intervention. I met in many cases with proofs of good feeling amongst them, but I will confine myself to two.

12th. A gang of about thirty came to me with a complaint against their master of a trivial nature, and upon my representing to them their error in coming to Port Louis instead of addressing themselves to the magistrate upon the spot, by which their master had lost two days' work, they all instantly declared that they were in error; but as their time was nearly up they would make up for it by remaining two days after their engagement had expired.

13th. An inhabitant of Flacq lost some silver forks and spoons, and as two or three Malgaches were about the place, they were taken before the police to be examined. There was not a shadow of proof against them; but the whole gang

came to Port Louis to complain to me of the indignity offered them in being even suspected of theft; and it was with the greatest difficulty I could prevail upon them to return to their work.

14th. I mention these circumstances as proof that we have not had savages to deal with, but men sufficiently intelligent to have stated their grievances, if they had any; and in my opinion it would be a great blessing to the colony if its want of labourers could be supplied by these people instead of those we are receiving from India.

15th. From the 18th June, 1839, to 11th January, 1843, when they ceased to arrive from Madagascar, in consequence of severe orders from the Queen, I perceive 2952 are entered upon the register; of these I calculate that between 400 and 500 may now remain in the colony employed in various ways; but very few as agricultural labourers.

16th. The Queen's prohibition to her subjects leaving Madagascar existed during all this period; but I have reason to believe that its infraction was with the entire concurrence of the chiefs, by some of whom all the passports were signed; but they were very careful in the selection of those who were permitted to come here, being men who had families, who became responsible for their return.

17th. Notwithstanding this, I have reason to believe that some individuals, who were slaves in Madagascar, found means to elude the vigilance of the chiefs there, and to come here. These may, I am informed, be estimated at about 200; and it was discovered by their not returning with the gangs to whom they belonged.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN FINNISS,
Chief Commissary.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 4 in No. 125.

RETURN of Natives of Madagascar introduced as Labourers between 18th June, 1839, and 31st January, 1843.

Name of Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Where from.	No. of Labourers.	Date of Report.
Gregorio	June 18th, 1839	Teneriff	10	20th June, 1839.
Trois Frères	July 7th, 1840	Ditto	5	15th July, 1840.
Edward	June 3rd, "	Angontey	36	3rd and 4th June.
William Allen	" 21st, "	Ditto	15	22nd & 23rd "
Trois Frères	July 8th, "	Teneriff	5	15th July, 1840.
Deux Charles	" 13th, "	Angontey	6	14th Sept, "
Edward	Aug. 26th, "	Ditto	30	27th Aug. "
Trois Frères	Sept. 28th, "	Teneriff	13	28th Sept. "
Etoile	Oct. 6th, "	Tamatave	7	12th Oct. "
Porcupine	" 18th, "	Ditto	6	22nd " "
General Colville	" 24th, "	Angontey	5	27th " "
Edward	" 29th, "	Ditto	10	31st " "
Comet	" 31st, "	Ditto	14	4th Nov. "
Cesar	Nov. 3rd, "	Ditto	21	4th Nov. "
William Allen	" 10th, "	Ditto	25	15th Dec. "
Lord Saumarez	Dec. 5th, "	Ditto	12	11th " "
William Allen	" 11th, "	Ditto	19	15th " "
Cesar	Sept. 2nd, "	Ditto	11	2nd Sept. "
Comet	Oct. 31st, "	Ditto	5	4th Nov. "
Manchester	Nov. 18th, "	Ditto	4	" " "
Deux Charles	Dec. 14th, "	Ditto	12	" " "
Midas	" 11th, "	Ditto	10	" " "
Caledonia	Jan. 1841	Ditto	7	" " "
General Colville	" 25th, "	Ditto	31	1st Feb. "
Cesar	Nov. 3, 1840	Ditto	31	4th Nov. "
Comet	Jan. 9th, 1841	Ditto	14	January, 1841.
Manchester	" 25th, "	Ditto	6	" " "
Midas	" " "	Ditto	7	" " "
King Fisher	March 7th, "	Ditto	13	March, "
Tiger	Jan. 25th, "	Ditto	5	10th Mar. "
General Colville	Feb. " "	Ditto	17	" " "
Edward	Mar. 11th, "	Ditto	18	" " "
Tiger	April 23rd, "	Ditto	41	29th April, "
King Fisher	May 3rd, "	Vohemar	19	8th May, "
Caledonia	" 18th, "	Ditto	7	" " "

Name of Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Where from.	No. of Labourers.	Date of Report.
Cesar	May 31st, 1841	Angontcy	18	1st June, 1841.
King Fisher	June 19th, "	Ditto	35	25th " "
Manchester	" 22nd, "	Ditto	17	" " "
Legère	" 17th, "	Ditto	6	" " "
Gregorio	July 3rd, "	Ditto	7	5th July, "
Eliza Jane	" 4th, "	Ditto	11	7th " "
Saucy Jack	" 24th, "	Ditto	22	26th " "
Tiger	" 29th, "	Anserack	50	30th " "
Tartar	" "	Angontcy	6	" " "
Emma	" 31st, "	Maranset	8	7th Aug. "
Johanna	1st Aug. 1840	Vohemar	11	8th " "
Deux Frères	8th " "	Tamatave	8	" " "
King Fisher	5th " "	Angontcy	22	7th " "
Larch	13th " "	Ditto	32	14th " "
General Colville	" " "	Fort Dauphin	16	17th " "
Uranie	14th " "	Ditto	7	" " "
Lord Saumarez	16th " "	Angontcy	10	20th " "
Cesar	" " "	Ditto	30	18th " "
William Allen	11th Dec. "	Ditto	20	15th Dec. "
Emma	31st July, "	Ditto	3	7th Aug. "
Watkins	20th Aug. "	Fort Dauphin	20	16th " "
William Allen	31st " "	Angontcy	10	" " "
Tartar	7th Sept. "	Ditto	48	28th Oct. "
Lord Saumarez	16th Aug. "	Ditto	3	20th Aug. "
King Fisher	15th Sept. "	Ditto	60	26th Oct. "
Saucy Jack	19th " "	Ditto	16	27th " "
Manchester	3rd Oct. "	Ditto	31	" " "
Larch	6th " "	Ditto	46	29th Oct. "
Ariel	" " "	Ditto	36	" " "
Porcupine	5th " "	Ditto	48	" " "
Cesar	9th " "	Ditto	27	30th Oct. "
Espoir	" " "	Ditto	14	" " "
Edward	13th " "	Ditto	34	18th Oct. "
General Colville	" " "	Ditto	13	26th " "
Watkins	10th Oct. "	Fort Dauphin	12	" " "
Tartar	" " "	Angontcy	18	29th Oct. "
King Fisher	18th " "	Maranset	48	26th " "
General Colville	13th " "	Angontcy	11	" " "
Lady W. Horton	19th " "	Teneriff	6	30th Oct. "
Charles Heddle	21st " "	Angontcy	31	29th " "
William Allen	26th " "	Ditto	63	27th " "
Lord Saumarez	27th " "	Ditto	17	" " "
Cesar	3rd Nov. "	Ditto	4	27th Nov. "
Larch	11th " "	Maranset	5	" " "
Tartar	16th " "	Ditto	15	26th Nov. "
Comet	15th " "	Ditto	28	25th " "
Marie Laure	16th " "	Ditto	36	" " "
Venus	17th " "	Angontcy	71	26th Nov. "
Emma	" " "	Maranset	36	" " "
Porcupine	16th " "	Angontcy	37	25th Nov. "
Mary Mallaby	17th " "	Pointe Laree	8	18th Dec. "
Tiger	19th " "	Maranset	53	25th Nov. "
Saucy Jack	18th " "	Angontcy	22	" " "
King Fisher	19th " "	Maranset	29	26th Nov. "
Marie Laure	16th " "	Ditto	3	25th " "
Queen	12th " "	Ditto	63	17th Dec. "
William Allen	24th " "	Ditto	58	" " "
Cesar	" " "	Angontcy	34	1st Jan. 1842.
Mary Mallaby	17th " "	Pointe Laree	8	18th Dec. 1841.
Charles Heddle	25th " 1841	Manahar	32	17th " "
Arpenteur	" " "	Maranset	94	" " "
General Colville	27th " "	Angontcy	41	" " "
Manchester	1st Dec. "	Ditto	25	" " "
Edward	6th " "	Ditto	40	4th Jan. 1842.
Larch	19th " "	Maranset	34	30th " "
Europe	23rd " "	Ditto	21	1st " "
Comet	24th " "	Ditto	18	" " "
Union	" " "	Manahar	30	28th April, "
Emancipation	25th " "	Angontcy	34	30th Jan. "
Saucy Jack	31st " "	Ditto	40	" " "
William Allen	2nd Jan. 1842	Ditto	66	6th Jan. "
Porcupine	5th " "	Ditto	43	23rd Feb. "
Tartar	6th " "	Manahar	17	10th Jan. "
Mary Mallaby	5th " "	Pointe Laree	13	30th " "
Charles Heddle	9th " "	Manahar	11	23rd Feb. "
Venus	10th " "	Angontcy	43	21st " "
Sans Pareil	8th " "	Fort Dauphin	17	23rd " "

Name of Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Where from.	No. of Labourers.	Date of Report.
Cesar	14th Jan. 1842	Angontcy	17	24th Jan. 1842
Queen	" " "	Vohemar	10	1st Feb. "
Gregorio	24th April, "	Teneriff	13	1st May, "
Comet	29th Jan. "	Pointe Laree	24	30th " "
Arpenteur	18th " "	Maranset	4	" " "
Saucy Jack	11th Feb. "	Angontcy	15	" " "
King Fisher	15th " "	Maranset	6	23rd Feb. "
Charles Hedde	13th " "	Pointe Laree	16	31st May "
Gregorio	22nd Jan. "	Vohemar	4	" " "
Marie Laure	5th " "	Manahar	4	8th Feb. "
Sans Pareil	11th Mar. "	Fort Dauphin	21	1st June, "
Maria	20th " "	Ditto	4	" " "
Williams	12th April, "	Ditto	25	20th May, "
Emma	16th May, "	Ditto	5	5th July, "
Sans Pareil	22nd June, "	Ditto	31	24th June "
Deux Frères	11th July, "	Ditto	20	13th July "
Cesar	19th Sept. "	Pointe Laree	10	20th Sept. "
Larch	30th " "	Angontcy	14	3rd Oct. "
Tiger	2nd Oct. "	Pointe Laree	40	6th " "
Tartar	5th " "	Maranset	17	7th " "
Charles Hedde	" " "	Fort Dauphin	29	27th " "
Ariel	12th " "	Angontcy	16	" " "
Nimble	15th " "	Fort Dauphin	34	19th Oct. "
Caledonia	20th Nov. "	Vohemar	4	22nd Nov. "
Tartar	26th " "	Foul Point	12	29th " "
Tiger	2nd Dec. "	Tamatave	15	10th Dec. "
Emancipation	9th Mar. "	Ditto	5	" " "
Mary Lyon	23rd Dec. "	Ditto	9	2nd Feb. 1843.
Sans Pareil	11th Jan. 1843	Fort Dauphin	11	1st " "
		Total	2,952	

(Signed)

JOHN FINNISS,

*Chief Commissary.**General Police Office, November 19, 1844.*

Enclosure 5 in No. 125.

*Mr. Anderson to the Colonial Secretary.**Protector's Office, Port Louis,
November 16, 1844.*

SIR,

1st. IN compliance with the directions of His Excellency the Governor, communicated to me by your letter of the 15th instant, I have the honour to transmit enclosed a detailed statement of the number of natives of Madagascar, introduced here under the operation of ordinance, No. 8, of 1842, and of those of them who have returned to their native country up to 31st ultimo.

2nd. Although the immigrants comprised in the accompanying statement all declare that they came here of their own free will, no certificate was ever given from this office to the parties by whom they were introduced, and I am therefore induced to believe that no bounty was paid for their introduction.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. ANDERSON.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
&c**&c.*

Enclosure 6 in No. 125.

STATEMENT of the Number of Natives of Madagascar introduced into the Colony as Immigrants under the operation of Ordinance No. 8 of 1842, and of those of them who have returned to their native country.

Date of Landing.	Ship's No.	Ship's Name.	Number Introduced.	Departure up to the 31st Oct. 1844.	Remarks.
1843 August 28 .	72	Manchester .	5	..	See Protector's Report on the 11th September, 1843. Ditto, ditto, 2nd October, 1843. By the same vessel on the 14th October, 1844.
September 15 .	89	Edward . .	17	8	
			22	8	

(Signed) C. ANDERSON, Protector.
Protector's Office, Port Louis, November 16, 1844.

No. 126.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, April 7, 1845.

(Received April 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 3rd instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

COWLEY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 127.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hertford House, Avril 16, 1845.

(Received April 17.)

LE Comte de St. Aulaire présente ses compliments empressés à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui transmettre ci-joint trois mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglaise en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, et qui ont cessé d'être utiles par suite de mutations des bâtiments dont les Commandants en étaient porteurs.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 127.

"*Décidée*" . . Capt. Kerdrain . West Indies . May 20, 1842.

"*Jouvencille*" . Capt. Quesnel . " . "

"*Estafette*" . M. Mancel . . " . Nov. 14, 1842.

No. 128.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, ce 16 Avril, 1845.

(Received April 18.)

LE Comte de St. Aulaire présente ses compliments empressés à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de réclamer du Gouvernement Anglais, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, un mandat qui autorise M. le Lieutenant de vaisseau Salomon, Commandant le bâtiment à vapeur "*le Castor*" (station de la Côte Occidentale d'Afrique), à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Britannique.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 129.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hertford House, Avril 25, 1845.
(Received April 28.)*

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

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 129.

"Doris" . Lieut. de V. Barmon . W. India station . June 19, 1843.

No. 130.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, April 30, 1845.*

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 5th instant, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant, enabling the Commander of the French vessel of war the "*Gassendi*" 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.

No. 131.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, May 5, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to his Excellency Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in His Excellency's note of the 16th ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant, enabling the Commander of the French vessel of war the "*Castor*" 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.

No. 132.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, May 9, 1845.
(Received May 11.)*

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrants, to enable the Officers commanding Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Convention 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. 132.

H.M.S. "Vindictive" . Capt. M. Seymour . N. America and W. Indies,
 April 29, 1845.
 „ "Rolla" . Com. J. Simpson . West Coast of Africa, „
 „ "Comus" . Com. T. S. Thompson . Brazil, „

No. 133.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 28 Mai, 1845.

(Received May 31.)

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 à la Convention relative à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance d'un mandat autorisant M. le Capitaine de corvette Roque Maurel, Commandant le brick *L' Cassard*, à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais dans les station des Indes Occidentales.

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

No. 134.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 31, 1845.

THE negotiations which, as your Excellency is aware, have for some time been carried on in London between the Governments of Great Britain and of France for the adoption of new and more efficacious means for the suppression of the Slave Trade have come to a satisfactory termination; and a Convention, of which I herewith furnish your Excellency with a copy, was signed on the 29th instant by the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

No. 135.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Paris, May 30, 1845.

(Received June 1.)

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the accompanying warrants, issued by the French Government, in order to enable the officers commanding Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Convention 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. 135.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish," Com. Harris . . . W. Coast of Africa . May 20, 1845.
 „ "Grecian," . Com. Montgomery . Brazil
 „ "Racer," . . Com. Reed . . . W. Coast of Africa

(Extract.)

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, June 6, 1845.**(Received June 8.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 31st ultimo, enclosing a copy of a Convention between the Governments of Great Britain and France, for the adoption of new and more efficacious means for the suppression of the Slave Trade, which was signed on the 29th May by the Plenipotentiaries of the two Powers.

The intelligence of the termination of this important measure has been hailed with satisfaction by all the friends and well-wishers of the Government, and will no doubt produce a favourable impression throughout the country.

The provisions of the Convention have, however, as might have been expected, been censured by the opposition press; and it is probable that when the measure is submitted to the Chamber, for the purpose of obtaining the necessary supplies for the fulfilment of the engagements entered into by France, it will be attacked with violence by the parties opposed to the Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 137.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, June 12, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count St. Aulaire, and in pursuance of the request contained in Count St. Aulaire's note of the 28th ultimo, has the honour to transmit herewith to his Excellency a warrant enabling the Commander of the French vessel-of-war the "*Cassard*" 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.

No. 138.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hertford House, 14 Juin, 1845.*

LE Soussigné, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français, près sa Majesté Britannique à reçu l'ordre de son Gouvernement de remettre aux mains de son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique pour les Affaires Etrangères, la copie dûment authentiquée des instructions pour les croiseurs qui, aux termes de l'Article 8 de la Convention conclue à Londres le 29 Mai dernier, pour la répression du trafic des esclaves, doivent être annexées à la dite Convention.

L'engagement pris par le Soussigné, et consigné dans le Protocole d'échange des ratifications de la dite Convention, sous la date du 7 de ce mois, se trouvant accompli au moyen de la remise de ce document authentiqué, le Soussigné prie son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen de vouloir bien lui en accuser réception; et il saisit cette occasion pour lui offrir la nouvelle assurance de sa haute considération.

(Signé)

ST^E. AULAIRE.*Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen,*

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 139.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.**Foreign Office, June 14, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note which his Excellency the Count of St. Aulaire, &c., has this day addressed to him, transmitting, in conformity with the engagement contained in the Protocol of the exchange of the ratifications of the Convention of the 29th of May for the suppression of the Slave Trade, a copy, duly authenticated, of the instructions for cruizers, for the purpose of being annexed to the French ratification of that Convention.

The Undersigned avails himself, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

No. 140.

*Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, le 14 Juin, 1845.**(Received June 17.)*

L'AMBASSADEUR de France presente ses compliments à son Excellence Lord Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint les mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Anglais en exécution des conventions relatives à la répression de la traite à Messieurs Warnier de Wailly, capitaine de corvette commandant le brick "*Le Génie*," dans la station du Mexique, et Massori, capitaine de corvette commandant la corvette de charge "*L'Aube*," dans la station des Indes Occidentales.

Ces mandats ayant cessés d'être utiles par suite du retour de ces bâtimens en France.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 140.

"*Génie*" . Capt. de corvette Warnier de Wailly, Mexican station, Feb. 14, 1843.
"Aube" . , F. X. Massori, West India station, June 8, 1844.

No. 141.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, June 13, 1845.**(Received June 15.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship the enclosed Warrants which I have received from the French Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "*Melampus*" and "*Vesuvius*" to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, signed 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.

Warrants enclosed in No. 141.

H.M.S.V. "*Vesuvius*" . Com. O'Callaghan, N. America and W. Indies,
June 3, 1845.
H.M.S. "*Melampus*" . Capt. Campbell, S.E. Coast of America, ,,

No. 142.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Paris, June 16, 1845.**(Received June 18.)*

MY LORD,

ALL the Deputies of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the "*Projet de Loi*" for providing the funds necessary for carrying into effect

the stipulations of the new Convention for the suppression of the Slave Trade, are favourable to the measure.

The vote, therefore, for the necessary funds for increasing the number of vessels to be employed on the African station will meet with no opposition.

The Convention may, I believe, be considered as generally popular.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

P.S.—Marshal Sebastiani has been named President, and the Marquis de St. Aulaire Secretary of the above Committee.

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

No. 143.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 18, 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. 143.

H.M.S. "Espoir"	Com. Morrell	W. Coast of Africa	July 29, 1843.
" "	" Viper"	Com. Carter	Brazil Station. March 19, 1842.
" "	" Rose"	Com. Sturt	N. A. and W. I. station, July 29, 1843.
" "	" Electra"	Com. Darley	" " March 19, 1842.
" "	" Inconstant"	Capt. Freemantle	" " October 3, 1843.

No. 144.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 28 Juin, 1845.
(Received June 30.)

L'AMBASSADEUR de France 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. de Mouléon, Commandant le brick le "Zèbre," dans la station de côtes occidentales de l'Afrique. Ce mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment en France.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K.T.
&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 144.

"Zèbre." M. de Mouléon, W. Coast of Africa, Debr. 1, 1842.

No. 145.

M. Guizot to Count St. Aulaire.

Paris, le 22 Juin, 1845.

M. LE COMTE,

(Communicated by Count St. Aulaire, July 5, 1845.)

J'AI reçu la lettre que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire le 25 Avril dernier, ainsi que la copie de la note que Lord Aberdeen vous avait adressée avec pièces jointes, en vous transmettant les résultats de l'enquête ordonné par le Gou-

vernement Britannique dans le but de combattre les imputations auxquelles avait donné lieu le transport à l'Île Maurice d'un certain nombre de noirs provenant de Madagascar.

M. le Ministre de la Marine, à qui j'ai communiqué ces documens, n'a pas hésité, ainsi que vous le verrez par la copie de sa réponse que je vous envoie, à reconnaître comme moi que ces imputations tombaient devant les éclaircissemens fournis par les autorités Anglaises. Mais d'un autre côté, il regrette que des explications aussi satisfaisantes n'aient pas encore été données relativement aux nègres Mozambiques embarqués aux Îles Comores vers la fin de 1843, par le navire Anglais "Samson," opération dont les irregularités ont été signalées au Gouvernement Anglais.

Je vous invite, Mons. le Comte, à rappeler à Lord Aberdeen les communications qu'il a dû recevoir de l'Ambassade du Roi sur cet incident. Le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique aura certainement à cœur d'éclaircir des faits qui tendraient à porter atteinte au caractère de ses sujets de l'Île Maurice. Il a en outre montré d'une manière trop éclatante, en maintes occasions, la répugnance que lui inspirait tout ce qui pourrait être considéré comme pouvant entretenir ou encourager l'odieux trafic des noirs, pour que nous ne devions pas attendre qu'il mettra toute sa sollicitude à rechercher et à réprimer les abus et les menées coupables qui transformeraient des opérations licites en une traite des noirs déguisée.

A ce sujet, M. le Ministre de la Marine fait observer avec raison qu'il est très à désirer que l'administration de Maurice en vue de se prévenir des interprétations défavorables, prenne pour constater la légitimité des enrôlemens de noirs Africains, des précautions aussi sages que celles qui ont été prescrites pour les recrutemens des travailleurs Asiatiques. Ces mesures lui semblent d'autant plus nécessaires, que l'administration de la colonie est disposée à donner une grande impulsion aux émigrations de la côte orientale d'Afrique, ce qui aura pour effet de diriger les navires recruteurs vers des parages où la traite des noirs se fait presque aussi activement que sur la côte occidentale.

Lord Aberdeen sentira combien il importe d'appeler sur ces opérations la surveillance des croisières des deux pays, je vous invite en conséquence à lui faire part de ces observations dans une de vos prochaines entrevues.

Recevez, &c.

(Signé) GUIZOT.

M. le Comte de St. Aulaire,
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 145.

Copie d'une Lettre adressée par M. le Ministre de la Marine à M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères.

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE ET CHER COLLEGE,

Le 10 Juin, 1845.

J'AI reçu avec la Lettre de votre Excellence, du 17 Mai, la traduction des rapports émanés des autorités de l'Île Maurice, en réponse aux imputations auxquelles avaient donné lieu les circonstances irrégulières de l'introduction de noirs Malgaches dans cette colonie. J'ai l'honneur de vous remercier de cette communication. Les explications contenues dans ces rapports sont catégoriques en ce qui touche les noirs engagés sur la côte Orientale de Madagascar; elles paraissent établir, d'une manière satisfaisante, que les engagements de ces noirs ont été contractés de plein gré et par des individus libres.

Il serait à désirer que de semblables éclaircissemens eussent été obtenus en ce qui concerne le recrutement des travailleurs opéré aux îles Comores, vers la fin de 1843, par le navire Anglais le "Sampson," opération dont les irrégularités ont déjà été signalées à votre département par mes lettres des 20 Mars et 1er Octobre, 1844.

Je ferai observer au surplus que tant que le Gouvernement de l'Île Maurice n'aura pas pris, pour constater la légitimité des enrôlemens d'Africains aux lieux même où on les embarque, des précautions analogues à celles dont il a si sagement entouré les recrutemens de travailleurs Asiatiques, à l'égard desquels elles étaient

assurément moins nécessaires, ce côté du régime d'immigrations de la colonie en question sera toujours exposé à faire naître des interprétations défavorables et à provoquer de nouvelles investigations.

Cette observation tire des circonstances actuelles une double importance. D'une part le moment approche où les navires des deux nations doivent être replacés sous la surveillance exclusive de leurs croiseurs respectifs et où il sera d'autant plus nécessaire d'avoir de part et d'autre, pour distinguer les opérations licites de celles qui ne le sont pas, des règles dégagées de tout arbitraire.

D'une autre côté, l'Administration de Maurice paraît vouloir donner aux émigrations de la côte Orientale d'Afrique une nouvelle impulsion et un plus grand développement. Elle a publié, le 9 Novembre, 1844, une ordonnance dite, "*Ordonnance pour encourager l'émigration Africaine*," par laquelle il est offert une prime par tête d'émigrants pour l'introduction à Maurice des noirs enrôlés à la *Côte Orientale*.

Cet acte tend à élargir considérablement la sphère des recrutemens de noirs pour cette Ile et à diriger les navires recruteurs vers les côtes, où la traite se fait presque aussi activement que sur le littoral occidental de l'Afrique, où les chefs ne sont guères moins disposés à trafiquer de la personne ou du travail de leurs sujets. J'aurai nécessairement à appeler sur ce point toute l'attention de Monsieur le Commandant de notre station de Madagascar.

Agréez, &c.

(Signé)

BARON DE MACKAU.

No. 146.

Count St. Aulaire to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, Juillet 5, 1845.

(Received July 8.)

MY LORD,

J'ai l'honneur de communiquer à votre Excellence d'après les ordres de mon Gouvernement, copie d'un rapport du Capitaine Baudin, commandant la station des Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique, qui rend compte d'une attaque dont le brick Français le "*Grenadier*" a été l'objet pendant la nuit de la part du croiseur Anglais le "*Star*."

Vous jugerez sans doute, my Lord, que les faits signalés par le Capitaine Baudin sont de nature à appeler l'attention de l'Amirauté, M. le Ministre de la Marine de France propose, pour empêcher à l'avenir de pareils accidents, d'adopter pour la nuit des signaux de reconnaissance entre les croiseurs des deux nations, et je suis chargé de recommander cette proposition à l'attention de votre Excellence.

Veuillez recevoir, my Lord, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

(Signé)

ST^E. AULAIRE.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 146.

Captain Baudin to the Minister of Marine.

*"Grenadier," Rade de Gorée,
Avril 12, 1845.*

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

J'ai l'honneur de rendre compte à votre Excellence d'un événement qui aurait pu avoir des suites fâcheuses, et qui doit faire sentir la nécessité d'avoir des signaux de reconnaissance pour la nuit entre nos croiseurs et ceux de Sa Majesté Britannique.

Le 6 Février, vers minuit, on vint me prévenir qu'un bâtiment qui esfait sourt dans mes eaux depuis un moment venait de tirer un coup de fusil dans notre

direction ; je montai immédiatement sur le pont et m'empressai de commencer à diminuer de voiles ; mais un moment où je me présentai sur la dunette, un nouveau coup de fusil fut tiré, et une balle me siffla aux oreilles ; je fis de suite prendre un fusil au ratelier, et tout en faisant mon branle bas de combat, je fis ajuster le bâtiment. Une troisième balle passant alors au-dessus de nous, je fis feu, et notre coup porta dans le haut du gaillard d'avant de celui qui nous attaquait. Nous étions alors tous les deux sous les huniers ; il vint brusquement au vent en mettant en panne ; j'imitai sa manœuvre, et nous nous trouvâmes, après ce double mouvement, par le travers l'un de l'autre, à une portée de pistolet. Toutes mes pièces étaient pointées sur lui, et à son premier coup de canon à boulet, j'étais décidé à lui répondre de tout ma volée. Ce bâtiment qui m'avait hélé de loin, et dont je n'avais pu distinguer les paroles, mit à la mer un canot qui fit route de notre côté ; avant de le laisser approcher, je lui demandai quelle étaient ses intentions, et à quel titre il paraissait venir à mon bord ; sur sa réponse qu'il était du croiseur Anglais le "Star," Capitaine Dunlop, je lui fis également connaître qui nous étions. Le Capitaine Dunlop, qui était lui-même dans son canot, me demanda l'autorisation de monter à bord, ce qui je lui refusai tout en lui exprimant le regret de ne pouvoir recevoir sa visite au milieu de la nuit, et surtout dans la position qu'il m'avait faite par son attaque précipitée. Ce Capitaine partit fort mécontent de ma manière de recevoir un officier supérieur de Sa Majesté Britannique, quoique certes je n'eusse été que fort poli à son égard, tout en lui faisant comprendre cependant les inconvénients, qu'il pouvait y avoir à mettre tant d'empressement à faire feu sur un bâtiment qui, ne faisant aucune effort pour fuir, lui laissait toute facilité d'éclaircir les doutes, dans le cas où, comme il le disait, il le prendrait pour un négrier qu'il avait perdu de vue la veille.

J'ai la conviction d'avoir, dans cette occasion, agi avec une grande modération, et de n'avoir manqué ni à la dignité ni aux convenances. Cependant, comme j'ai eu l'honneur de le dire au commencement de cette dépêche il serait d'une haute importance d'empêcher le retour de semblables événements. Il ne fallait en effet, pour en faire une déplorable catastrophe, qu'un coup de canon imprudemment ajouté par le Capitaine du "Star," aux trois coups de fusil, déjà de trop, qu'il m'avait envoyés.

Veuillez agréer, &c.

(Signé) A. BAUDIN,

La Capitaine de corvette Commandant la station des
Côtes Occidentales d'Afrique.

Monsieur le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies.

No. 147.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, July 11, 1845.

(Received July 14.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying Slave Trade warrants, which I have received from the French Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Styx" and "Hecate" to act under the conventions between England and France of 1831 and 1833 for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 147.

H.M.S.V. "Styx," . Com. Hornby . W. Coast of Africa . July 4, 1845.
" "Hecate," . Com. West . " . "

CLASS C.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, July 17, 1845.

(Received July 19.)

MY LORD,

ANOTHER discussion took place yesterday in the Chamber of Peers upon the new Convention for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade, brought on by some remarks from the Marquis de Boissy. He was replied to by the Duc de Broglie, whose excellent speech, as given in the enclosed report of the "Journal des Débats" of this date, I beg to recommend to your Lordship's perusal.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 148.

Chambre des Pairs, Présidence de M. de Duc Pasquier. Séance du 16 Juillet.

LA séance est ouverte à deux heures vingt minutes.

M. le Baron Buchet, Lieutenant-Général, élevé à la dignité de pair de France, et dont les titres ont été vérifiés, est introduit, avec le cérémonial accoutumé et prête serment.

L'ordre du jour est la suite de la délibération sur les articles du projet de loi relatif à la fixation du budget des dépenses pour l'exercice 1846.

M. le MARQUIS DE BOISSY—Je demande la permission de revenir sur un point que j'ai traité hier et sur lequel on n'a pas fait de réponse satisfaisante.

L'honorable Duc de Broglie a dit que le Traité de Londres n'avait été conclu qu'après avoir été rédigé par une commission d'officiers Anglais et d'officiers Français ; la vérité est, et c'est Sir Robert Peel qui l'a dit lui-même, que la commission était composée de cinq officiers Anglais et seulement de trois officiers Français ; je demande à M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères s'il connaissait cet état de choses, et pourquoi, dans l'intérêt de la France, dans l'intérêt de sa dignité, il a pu souffrir ainsi que trois officiers seulement se trouvassent contre cinq officiers Anglais. Nous sommes imposés au même nombre de bâtimens ; nos intérêts devaient donc être librement et consciencieusement débattus.

L'Angleterre continue à faire la traite sur le côté orientale d'Afrique, et c'est peut-être à cette circonstance que nous avons dû l'exclusion de nos bâtimens dans ces parages.

L'Angleterre est bien philanthrope, ajoute l'orateur, mais cette philanthropie ne doit durer nominativement que jusqu'en 1852, à moins, toutefois, qu'un nouveau Traité ne prolonge l'état de choses actuel.

La France aussi est philanthrope, elle veut l'abolition de la traite, et cependant il s'exerce de nos jours, à l'égard de nos concitoyens, des traitemens qu'on ne peut trop flétrir et sur lesquels je me réserve de dire quelques mots à la Chambre quand on aura répondu aux premières objections que j'ai faites.

M. le DUC DE BROGLIE—Je n'abuserai pas longtemps des momens de la Chambre. Je ne trouve aucun plaisir, aucun avantage à revenir sans cesse sur des questions épuisées, à discuter sans cesse les mérites et les torts d'un gouvernement qui n'est pas le nôtre, à discuter des accusations qui me paraissent dénuées de toute espèce de fondement.

L'honorable préopinant veut à toute force que le Gouvernement Anglais se soit ménagé, en 1833 et en 1845, les moyens de continuer la traite des noirs sur la côte orientale de l'Afrique.

J'ai déjà eu l'honneur de dire, et je ne puis que répéter, qu'il confond deux choses parfaitement distinctes, l'abolition de l'esclavage et l'abolition de la traite.

La traite des noirs est abolie en Angleterre, c'est-à-dire, l'opération qui consiste à aller sur la côte d'Afrique pour y chercher des nègres et les transporter dans les colonies est abolie en Angleterre depuis 1817 sans exception, sans restriction ni réserve, et aujourd'hui tout sujet de l'Angleterre qui participerait à la traite serait

condamné à mort. Mais l'Angleterre n'a point aboli l'esclavage en même temps que la traite des noirs ; elle a maintenu l'esclavage dans ses colonies longtemps après l'abolition de la traite, et nous ne saurions lui en faire reproche, puisque c'est ce que nous faisons nous-mêmes ; puisque, après avoir aboli la traite depuis trente ans, nous maintenons encore l'esclavage dans nos colonies.

L'Angleterre a maintenu l'esclavage jusqu'en 1833, et en 1833 elle l'a aboli à l'égard de ses colonies des Indes-Occidentales, du Cap de Bonne-Espérance et de Maurice, mais elle l'a maintenu dans ses colonies des Indes-Orientales. C'est cette réserve que l'honorable préopinant a confondue avec le maintien, avec la réserve du droit de faire la traite que l'Angleterre a maintenue dans ses colonies des Indes-Orientales, parce qu'elle ne pouvait pas tout faire à la fois, que les deux opérations étaient distinctes et demandaient des précautions différentes. Dans les Indes-Occidentales, l'esclavage était une institution purement civile et politique, et les esclaves appartenaient à un très petit nombre de sujets Anglais : dans les Indes-Orientales, l'esclavage était une institution religieuse, une institution profondément engagée dans le système des castes, et les esclaves appartenaient aux 140,000,000 de sujets Anglais que la Compagnie des Indes gouverne avec une force Européenne de 25 à 30,000 hommes. Le Gouvernement Anglais ne pouvait donc pas agir partout à la fois ; il a commencé par l'abolition de l'esclavage dans ses colonies des Indes-Occidentales, parce que cette opération, toute difficile qu'elle était, était alors possible, et plus tard il a procédé à l'abolition de l'esclavage dans ses colonies des Indes-Orientales, parce que là l'opération était, plus difficile et plus délicate.

C'est là ce que je prie la Chambre de vouloir bien considérer. L'article que l'honorable préopinant a cité, est donc en faveur de la réserve, du maintien de l'esclavage dans les Indes-Orientales, et non en faveur du maintien de la réserve de la Traite. Du reste, l'esclavage a été aboli, il y a longtemps, par l'Angleterre dans ses colonies des Indes-Orientales, et le Gouvernement Anglais, après avoir terminé cette première opération, en a entrepris une seconde pour ses colonies des Indes-Orientales, de sorte qu'aujourd'hui l'esclavage est aboli dans la totalité des colonies de l'Angleterre.

Voilà ce que j'avais à répondre en premier lieu.

Quant à l'idée que les Commissaires Français auraient abandonné les intérêts de la France, par la raison qu'il ont laissé admettre dans l'enquête un plus grand nombre d'officiers Anglais que celui des officiers Français entendus comme témoins dans cette enquête, l'explication est parfaitement simple.

Lorsque les deux Commissaires Anglais et Français se sont réunis, ils se sont donné mutuellement la liste des témoins qu'ils voulaient faire entendre. J'avais, pour ma part, consulté M. le Ministre de la Marine, et je lui avais demandé quels officiers il désignait à cet égard. Il n'a, du reste, été fait entre les deux Commissaires aucune objection à l'audition d'aucun témoin. On aurait pu en produire quarante, cinquante, et même cent si l'on avait voulu. Quant à nous, nous avons fait entendre tous ceux que M. le Ministre de la Marine a jugés nécessaires.

Originellement, le nombre des témoins était égal de part et d'autre. Ce qui fait que depuis il a été inégal, c'est que, dans le cours de l'enquête, un ou deux officiers Anglais ont invité quelques uns de leurs camarades qui avaient la connaissance de faits particuliers à les accompagner. Mais il n'y a eu aucun motif. J'ajoute que ces témoins n'ont jamais été appelés à délibérer sur aucune question ; j'ajoute qu'aucune délibération n'a été prise par eux à la majorité des voix ; que c'étaient de simples témoins qu'on entendait sur des faits.

Il est vrai qu'après que les dépositions ont été entendues, après que l'enquête a été close, nous nous sommes adressés, ainsi que je l'ai dit à la Chambre, aux officiers Français d'un côté, aux officiers Anglais de l'autre, pour leur demander un plan de répression ; il est très vrai qu'ils ont fourni, chacun de leur côté, les idées qu'ils avaient conçues sur le plan de répression qu'ils nous ont soumis. Il n'y a que nous qui ayons délibéré à cet égard.

Il est très vrai également que ces deux plans étaient conformes dans la plus grande partie des indications qu'ils donnaient ; nous avons dit aux officiers Anglais et Français : Voyez, reprenez un peu ce travail, discutez entre vous pour voir si vous ne pourriez pas vous mettre d'accord. Ils se sont mis d'accord ; les deux plans ont été réduits à un seul. Mais ils n'ont jamais voté ensemble et à la majorité des voix ; ils ont simplement donné leurs idées et des indications, et ce sont les Commissaires qui ont ensuite rédigé la Convention, il n'y a qu'eux deux (et ils étaient en nombre égal) qui aient délibéré dans cette affaire.

Maintenant, que faut-il penser de la contradiction que l'honorable préopinant a cru devoir indiquer entre ce que je viens de dire à la Chambre, et qui est parfaitement simple, je crois, et parfaitement clair, et l'affirmation du Premier Ministre de la Grande Bretagne, que les dépositions n'ont pas servi de base à la Convention ?

La réponse est précisément dans l'explication que je viens de donner.

Remarquez bien que le but de la discussion était de faire produire les dépositions, et le Premier Ministre de la Reine de la Grande Bretagne a dit : Les dépositions n'ont pas servi de base à la Convention, ne pourraient donner aucune lumière sur le fond même de la Convention, et il n'y a pas lieu de les produire. Evidemment les dépositions contiennent le récit des opérations qui se passent à la Côte d'Afrique, et les deux plans dont je viens de parler ont été donnés séparément après l'enquête close. Ce sont des questions que nous avons adressées aux officiers Anglais et aux officiers Français et auxquels nous avons dit : Après nous avoir fait connaître les faits, communiquez-nous vos idées.

Ces idées ont été données après l'enquête close, et n'ont rien de commun avec les dépositions et l'enquête.

Par conséquent il n'y a contradiction d'aucune espèce entre ce qui a été dit dans le Parlement Anglais et ce que je dis moi-même.

Puisque je suis sur ce sujet, j'ajouterai un mot : c'est que je prierai l'honorable préopinant dorénavant de prendre garde d'accueillir avec trop de facilité les indications qui pourraient lui être données sur des faits spéciaux et sur des articles isolés soit des conventions, soit des traités, soit des lois sans examiner de très près les documens auxquels ils appartiennent.

Quant on accueille ainsi ces renseignemens, on risque de tomber dans de singulières erreurs, et je vais en donner un exemple qui ne sortira pas de la question qui nous occupe.

Puisque l'honorable préopinant a parlé de la discussion qui a eu lieu dans la Chambre des Communes, il a dû remarquer une chose assez singulière, c'est que cette disposition de la Convention du 29 Mai, qui confie exclusivement aux croisières Anglaises la surveillance de la Côte Orientale d'Afrique, a été interprétée dans un sens bien différent de l'autre côté du détroit.

Ainsi l'honorable préopinant et plusieurs de ses collègues ont pensé que le Gouvernement Anglais s'était fait réserver la surveillance de la Côte Orientale d'Afrique pour favoriser la traite des noirs. Je ne sais à quel propos, puisque la traite des noirs ne peut plus leur être d'aucune utilité, en admettant qu'elle ait jamais été d'une utilité quelconque, on a supposé que les Anglais s'étaient réservé la surveillance de la Côte Orientale, afin de favoriser la traite des noirs. L'honorable préopinant a cité à l'appui un article d'un Bill de 1833, qui, selon lui, réservait la traite des noirs aux Anglais sur la Côte Orientale d'Afrique.

Eh bien ! dans la Chambre des Communes, l'orateur qui a principalement attaqué le Gouvernement Anglais a donné à cette disposition de la Convention un sens précisément contraire ; il a supposé que le Gouvernement Français n'avait pas voulu s'astreindre à entretenir une croisière sur la Côte Orientale d'Afrique, afin de donner une plus grande latitude aux négriers Français, et de ménager la traite des noirs que la France faisait sur la Côte Orientale. A l'appui de ce qu'il avançait, il a cité un article d'un prétendu Traité que la France aurait fait avec l'Iman de Mascate, et pour lequel, suivant lui, elle se réservait la possibilité de faire la traite sur la Côte Orientale.

Eh bien ! cet article d'un prétendu Traité avec l'Iman de Mascate est justement de la même valeur que l'article du Bill de 1833 qui ménageait à l'Angleterre la possibilité de continuer la traite sur la Côte Orientale. L'un et l'autre sont sans fondement. Il est vrai que le Gouvernement Français a fait un Traité avec l'Iman de Mascate ; j'ai examiné ce Traité ; je l'avais encore ce matin entre les mains, et je déclare à la Chambre qu'il ne contient pas une seule disposition relative à la traite des noirs. Bien plus, ce Traité a été précédé par un projet de Traité dans lequel le Gouverneur de Bourbon avait introduit une disposition, non pas pour réserver à la France le droit de continuer la traite, mais le droit d'engager des travailleurs libres sur la Côte de Zanzibar et de les importer à l'Île Bourbon. Comme le Gouvernement Français a craint que cette disposition ne pût donner prétexte à la traite et dégénérer en abus, il a repoussé cet article, et n'a ratifié le Traité qu'après avoir supprimé cet article.

Chose singulière, l'article qu'on a cité contre lui était précisément celui qu'on aurait pu invoquer en sa faveur.

Je dis que c'est, c'est là, une erreur dans laquelle on est exposé à tomber, quand on prend des dispositions isolées, des renseignemens isolés qu'on détache des documens auxquels ils appartiennent, et qu'on ne prend pas soin d'examiner dans leur ensemble les opérations délicates et complexes dont ils font partie.

Je dirai en finissant : que la Chambre sache bien que le nombre des officiers qui ont été entendus a été celui que chaque Gouvernement a voulu, qu'aucun Gouvernement n'a prescrit à l'autre le nombre des officiers qu'il pourrait faire entendre, que ces officiers n'ont jamais été appelés à délibérer ensemble à la majorité des voix, qu'ils n'ont fait autre chose qu'indiquer leurs vues aux Commissaires qui étaient, eux, en nombre égal, et qui seuls ont délibéré sur la Convention (Très bien ! très bien !)

No. 149.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count St. Aulaire.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to his Excellency the Count St. Aulaire ; and with reference to the Despatch addressed to his Excellency by M. Guizot on the 22nd of June last, and communicated to Lord Aberdeen on the 5th instant, Lord Aberdeen has to mention to Count St. Aulaire, that he does not find that any communication has been made by the French Government to Her Majesty's Government respecting the Embarkation of negroes at the Comoro Islands on board the British vessel "Samson," in 1843, which can enable Her Majesty's Government to investigate that matter.

The only occasion upon which Lord Aberdeen can find that the circumstance has been brought to the notice of Her Majesty's Government is in the Despatch of M. Desages to Count St. Aulaire of May 28, 1844 (which was communicated by Count St. Aulaire on the 17th June, 1844), and there it is only cursorily alluded to without giving any particulars.

Lord Aberdeen will therefore be obliged to Count St. Aulaire, if his Excellency will furnish Her Majesty's Government with the particulars of this affair, which, from the letter of the Minister of Marine of June 10, 1845, appear to be in the possession of the French Government.

Foreign Office, July 19, 1845.

No. 150.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 22 Juillet, 1845.

(Received July 23.)

LE Comte de Jarnac présente ses compliments empressés à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et en réponse à la note qu'il a adressée à M. le Comte de Ste. Aulaire le 19 de ce mois, a l'honneur de l'informer que l'Ambassadeur du Roi a communiqué au Foreign Office, au mois de Juin, 1844, toutes les informations parvenues à sa connaissance sur l'embarcation de noirs aux Iles Comoro à bord du bâtiment Anglais "Samson."

D'après le désir exprimé par Lord Aberdeen, le Comte de Jarnac s'adresse de nouveau à son Gouvernement pour obtenir de plus amples renseignemens sur cette affaire ; et dès qu'il les aura reçus, il s'empressera de les communiquer à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen.

(Signé) JARNAC.

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

No. 151.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 29 Juillet, 1845.

(Received August 1.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires de France 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, et qui a cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment en France.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 151.

"Boulonnaise," Capt. T. de Montravel, S. America, May 20, 1842.

No. 152.

M. Guizot to Count Jarnac.

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères,
Direction Politique, No. 44.

Paris, le 24 Juillet, 1845.

(Communicated by Count Jarnac, August 3, 1845.)

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

J'AI l'honneur de vous envoyer annexée à cette dépêche copie de la note que M. le Ministre des Villes Anséatiques m'a remise, il y a quelques jours, en réponse à la communication que je lui avais faite de la nouvelle Convention relative à la Traite des Noirs. Les Gouvernemens Anséatiques me paraissent s'être mépris complètement, dans cette réponse, sur le sens du Traité du 29 Mai; et l'opinion par eux exprimée, qu'il devient nécessaire de procéder à une révision des engagements qu'ils ont pris par le Traité d'accession de 1837, repose sur une interprétation que je regarde comme inadmissible.

Le texte et l'esprit du Traité du 29 Mai ne peuvent laisser subsister de doutes à cet égard. L'adoption momentanée, et à titre d'expérience, d'un nouveau système de répression de la Traite des Noirs n'a pas eu pour objet l'abrogation immédiate des Conventions de 1831 et de 1833; elle en suspend les effets, et exige, pour qu'elles soient remises en vigueur, le consentement mutuel des deux Gouvernemens. Quant aux Conventions conclues postérieurement et dans le même but entre ces Gouvernemens et d'autres puissances, ce serait étendre singulièrement la portée du nouveau Traité que de l'appliquer à des engagements qui n'ont pas été mis en question, et d'en imposer les clauses à des Gouvernemens qui n'ont pas été appelés à la négociation.

Ce qui résulte de ce Traité pour les puissances dont il s'agit, c'est le droit de demander à y être comprises, à prendre part à son exécution, en proportion de leurs ressources financières, et de leur importance maritime.

En ne réclamant pas de leur part cette co-opération active, nous avons été surtout retenus par la considération des sacrifices onéreux qui en seraient la suite; et pour ce qui concerne surtout les Villes Anséatiques, nous n'avions fait qu'avoir égard à la position particulière qu'elles-mêmes avaient prise relativement à l'exécution des Traités d'accession. Mais la déclaration faite par nous que les engagements réciproques stipulés par ces Traités continueraient d'être exécutés à leur égard avec la même fidélité que par le passé montrait suffisamment qu'il n'était jamais entrée dans notre pensée de regarder ces engagements comme annulés désormais.

Les Gouvernemens Anséatiques, en y réfléchissant, n'hésiteront donc pas, j'aime à le croire, à revenir sur l'erreur où ils sont tombés. Toutefois, avant de répondre à la note de M. de Rumpff, je désire connaître l'opinion du principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique. Je regarde comme indispensable de concerter avec lui les termes de cette réponse, pour maintenir l'identité de vues et de langage qui, dans toute cette affaire, a si heureusement subsisté entre les deux Gouvernemens. Je vous invite, en conséquence, Monsieur, à saisir la première occasion d'entretenir Lord Aberdeen de cet incident, et à me transmettre le résultat de votre conversation avec lui.

Recevez, &c.

(Signé) GUIZOT.

M. le Chargé d'Affaires de France à Londres,
&c. &c.

No. 153.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, August 9, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c. transmitted to the Admiralty, for the consideration of that department, the Note which his Excellency the Count St. Aulaire addressed to him under date of the 5th ultimo, referring to the meeting of the French brig of war "*Grenadier*" and Her Majesty's brig "*Star*" in the night of the 6th of February last, and suggesting that night-signals should be concerted between the Governments of Great Britain and of France, to be adopted by the British and French cruisers employed on the coast of Africa, as a means of ensuring their mutual recognition.

The Board of Admiralty, concurring in the suggestion, have proposed, in the letter of which the Undersigned has the honour to send herewith a copy, the adoption of certain signals therein specified, for the purpose intended; and the Undersigned has to request that the Count Jarnac will submit the proposition to the French Government for their consideration.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

His Excellency Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

No. 154.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, August 9, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to the Count Jarnac, and with reference to the Despatch addressed to his Excellency the Count St. Aulaire by M. Guizot on the 22nd of June last, and communicated by his Excellency to Lord Aberdeen on the 5th ultimo, Lord Aberdeen has to state to the Count Jarnac, for the information of his Government, that a copy of that Despatch was transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department; Lord Stanley's attention being drawn to that part of it which relates to the steps said to have been taken by the Government of the Mauritius for procuring labourers for that island from the east coast of Africa, and in particular to the ordinance said to have been published by the Mauritius Government on the 9th of November, 1844, offering a premium per head on each negro imported from the coast in question.

Lord Stanley has now informed Lord Aberdeen that on the 15th of November last the Governor of Mauritius announced that an ordinance to the effect stated had been passed by himself and the Legislative Council of the island for encouraging the immigration of free labourers from Africa; but in communicating that fact to Lord Stanley, the Governor added, that the ordinance would not be allowed to come into operation until Her Majesty's decision on it had been signified: and the Governor concluded his Despatch by promising a further report upon the subject. This report has not yet been received; but after waiting some time for it, the ordinance having in the mean while been taken into consideration by Her Majesty's Government, Lord Stanley has addressed an instruction to the Governor of the Mauritius, to the effect that, considering the facilities enjoyed by the Mauritius of obtaining labour from India, and the great risk of abuse that would attend the transport of persons from the coast of Africa, and the bad precedent as regards foreign powers, his Lordship had felt himself compelled to advise Her Majesty to disallow the ordinance; and Her Majesty having disallowed the ordinance, the Governor was directed to make known Her Majesty's decision in the most public and most authentic manner.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

No. 155.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.**Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.*

MY LORD,

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. 155.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	W. Coast of Africa	April 26, 1844.
H.M.S. "Rapid"	Com. Earle	Coast of Africa	March 19, 1842.
"Bittern"	Com. Peel	Cape of Good Hope	July 29, 1843.
"Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	Brazil	June 7, 1844.
"Ferret"	Com. Oake	W. Coast of Africa	March 19, 1842.

No. 156.

Lord W. Hervey to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, August 15, 1845.
(Received August 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade, of the 11th inst.; and to state that I have transmitted to M. Duchâtel the five warrants therein contained, in order that they may be cancelled by the French Government.

I have, &c.
WILLIAM HERVEY.

(Signed)

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

No. 157.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 23 Août, 1845.
(Received August 26.)

MY LORD,

LA division Navale Française chargée d'exécuter la Convention du 29 Mai dernier comprenant dans sa composition un nombre assez considérable de navires à vapeur, l'Administration de la Marine de France a dû s'occuper spécialement des moyens d'assurer l'approvisionnement du combustible nécessaire à ces bâtimens. Dans ce but, M. le Ministre de la Marine et l'Amiral Commandant notre station ont reconnu, de concert, la nécessité d'établir dès à présent des dépôts de charbon de terre sur divers points de la partie de la côte d'Afrique que doivent longer les croisières combinées.

La colonie de Sierra Leone a été désignée pour recevoir un de ces dépôts: mais cette colonie relevant de la souveraineté de la Grande Bretagne, le Gouvernement du Roi croit devoir préalablement obtenir du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique l'autorisation d'y former un établissement de la nature ci-dessus indiquée, et je suis chargé, my Lord, de lui demander cette autorisation.

Aucune disposition relative aux marchés à passer pour la fourniture du charbon ne pouvant être arrêtée dans l'ignorance des intentions du Gouvernement Britannique, j'ai l'honneur de réclamer l'obligeante intervention de votre Excellence pour obtenir le plus promptement possible sur ce point l'assentiment que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique ne verra, je l'espère aucun inconvénient à accorder.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.
(Signé) JARNAC.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K.T.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 158.

*Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, le 23 Août, 1845.**(Received August 24.)*

MY LORD,

LE Contre-Amiral qui doit Commander la station Française chargée de mettre en execution la Convention du 29 Mai dernier contre la traite des noirs, a exprimé le desir que les Commandans des bâtimens sous ses ordres fussent munis d'un modèle des papiers de bord en usage dans les diverses marines marchandes d'Europe et d'Amérique.

La possession de ces documens permettra en effet à nos croiseurs de vérifier d'une manière plus efficace la nationalité des bâtimens étrangers qu'ils peuvent être dans le cas d'arrêter, et de s'assurer de l'authenticité et de la regularité des papiers dont les Capitaines de ces bâtimens sont porteurs.

Je suis chargé, en conséquence, my Lord, de demander au Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique de vouloir bien mettre à la disposition du Ministère de la Marine de France les divers documents dont les navires portant le pavillon Anglais doivent être pourvus aux termes des réglemens en vigueur pour la marine marchande.

Je pense que votre Excellence me permettra de recourir à son intervention pour remplir sur ce point les vues de mon Gouvernement qui, si les documens en questions étaient imprimés, desirerait en recevoir jusqu'à 30 exemplaires.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.

(Signé) JARNAC.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K.T.

&c. &c. &c.

No. 159.

*The French Minister of Marine to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.**Paris, le 9 Août, 1845.**(Communicated by Count Jarnac, Sept. 1845.)*

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE ET CHER COLLEGE,

AVANT la conclusion du Traité du 29 Mai, j'ai chargé M. le Capitaine de corvette, Baudin, de se rendre sur les points de la Côte Occidentale d'Afrique où se fait plus spécialement la traite des noirs, en lui donnant mission d'amener les chefs les plus puissants de cette côte à s'engager envers la France à cesser et à faire cesser sur leur territoire cet odieux trafic.

Je viens de recevoir le premier rapport de cet officier supérieur sur cette mission délicate. Ce rapport daté de Sierra Leone du 1^{er} Juin, et dont j'ai l'honneur de vous adresser copie, fait connaître que déjà trois Traités avaient été conclus avec les chefs du Rio Grande, de l'île Cagnabac dans l'Archipel des Bissagots, et du Rio Nuñez. Ces premiers succès, dus à l'habileté de M. Baudin et obtenus au moyen de légers sacrifices d'argent, permettent de bien augurer de l'avenir de cette mission, dont le cours a dû être repris après une courte relâche à Sierra Leone.

Agréez, &c.

(Signé)

BARON DE MACKAU.

M. le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères,

&c. &c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 159.

M. Baudin to the Minister of the Marine and the Colonies.

M. LE MINISTRE,

Sierra Leone, le 1^{er} Juin, 1845.

J'AI l'honneur de faire connaître à votre Excellence le résultat de mes premiers efforts pour l'accomplissement de la mission dont elle a bien voulu me charger, et de lui adresser en même temps les premiers Traités que j'ai réussi à passer.

Le brig le "Grenadier" ne pouvant être prêt aussi vite qu'il eût été à souhaiter, et n'étant point d'ailleurs propre à naviguer dans les Bissagots et les

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rivières voisines de cet archipel si dangereux dans cette saison de calmes et de pluies, je me suis décidé à passer sur le bateau à vapeur le "*Castor*," avec lequel j'ai quitté Gorée le 16 Mai, 1845.

Le premier point où je voulais agir était le Rio Grande, une des plus belles et importantes rivières de cette partie de la côte d'Afrique. Quoique la traite des esclaves n'y soit pas, en ce moment, très active, elle s'y fait cependant, et pourrait, d'un instant à l'autre, y prendre une grande extension. Après bien des difficultés pour un bâtiment aussi grand que le "*Castor*," je suis parvenu au fond de la rivière à 37 milles de la mer, à Bolola, ville principale du pays des Biafares. Toutes les explications ont été données très consciencieusement au Roi Soliman par l'intermédiaire d'un traitant Français, M. Potin, et après un palabre assez long, la Convention a été signée et très bien comprise. J'ai été aidé également par un Anglo-Portugais, factotum du Roi Soliman. Il eut été impossible de rien faire sans le secours de cet homme que je me suis rendu favorable au moyen de quelques cadeaux.

En quittant Rio Grande, j'ai attaqué l'île Cagnabac, la principale et la mieux placée de l'Archipel des Bissagots pour la traite des noirs, qui s'y fait quelquefois activement. La position de cette île à l'entrée de Rio Grande et de Rio Nuñez, la rend assez importante pour cet odieux trafic. C'est un point excellent de relâche pour les négriers, qui peuvent y faire de l'eau et des provisions assez abondantes. Le Traité a été obtenu sans trop de difficultés, et signé par les deux chefs principaux, dont le dernier *Nieta*, n'est arrivé lorsque le palabre était terminé et la Convention signée par *Antonio*. On lui a de nouveau donné toutes les explications au moyen d'un interprète qui me servait de pilote. Il a compris facilement l'avantage qui pouvait résulter de l'emploi des captifs à la culture du sol, un des plus riches de la Côte d'Afrique, et il n'a pas balancé un instant à le signer comme *Antonio*.

Rio Nuñez m'a semblé ensuite devoir fixer toute mon attention, et malgré les difficultés de la navigation, et celles que je supposais devoir rencontrer de la part des Chefs de cette rivière, où les officiers de Sa Majesté Britannique ont déjà tenté des efforts, je me suis décidé à y entrer, et je l'ai remonté à près de 40 milles. Nous avons déjà avec Rio Nunez un Traité de Commerce, mais comme ce Traité n'avait pas été fait avec les Chefs *Nalous*, les plus influents aujourd'hui, et que d'ailleurs *Satah*, qui était Chef des Landoumans lorsque M. le Capitaine de Langle l'avait obtenu, est mort depuis près d'un an, et que, depuis cette époque, le pays est en pleine anarchie, je me suis décidé à faire une nouvelle Convention avec les deux Chefs *Nalous* *Lamina* et *Carimon*, les seuls dans lesquels il soit possible d'avoir en ce moment confiance, et les seuls qui aient quelque autorité. Ne voulant pas confier le but de ma mission aux nombreux traitants établis dans le Rio Nuñez, j'ai été obligé d'agir seul, aussi ce n'est qu'avec beaucoup de peine que je suis parvenu à trouver le village des Chefs *Nalous*, qui heureusement parlent et comprennent parfaitement l'Anglais. Il ne m'a donc pas été difficile de faire comprendre l'objet du palabre, et, après quelques discussions, nous avons été d'accord sur le dédommagement annuel, et la Convention a été signée par les deux frères, dans lesquels on peut, je crois, avoir une entière confiance.

Agréez, &c.

A son Excellence le Ministre de la
Marine et des Colonies.

(Signé)

A. BAUDIN.

Enclosure 2 in No. 159.

Rio Grande, le 22 Mai, 1845.

Convention passée avec Soliman, Chef principal du Rio Grande, d'un part, et M. Baudin, Capitaine de Corvette, commandant le brig le "*Grenadier*," agissant au nom de S. M. le Roi des Français.

Art. 1. Le Chef du Rio Grande, Soliman, s'engage à bien recevoir et à laisser librement trafiquer tous les navires et tous les commerçants Français, et à recevoir en amis les indigènes qui viendront des ports Français de la Côte d'Afrique.

Art. 2. Les Français qui débarqueront à Rio Grande pour commercer seront garantis de tous mauvais traitements, et il leur sera rendu justice s'il s'élève des contestations sur les achats et sur les ventes.

Les navires Français qui feront naufrage sur la côte seront préservés de tout

pillage ; les marchandises sauvées seront laissées ou rendues à leurs propriétaires, et les marins et les passagers naufragés seront recueillis et soignés jusqu'à ce qu'ils puissent être emmenés par un autre bâtiment.

Art. 3. Le Chef du Rio Grande, Soliman, s'engage à faire venir dans la rivière et à livrer aux troqueurs Français, à prix débattus, la plus grande quantité possible d'*or, cire, peaux, huile, ivoire*, et d'autres produits du pays. Il reconnaît que le seul bon commerce est celui qui se fait par l'échange des produits de la terre contre d'autres marchandises, et que la vente des esclaves pour l'exportation est un trafic mauvais et criminel. Il déclare qu'il le prohibera et qu'il fera tout ce qui dépendra de lui pour le faire cesser ou le prévenir dans l'étendu du pays soumis à son autorité ; et à cet effet, il acceptera l'assistance des officiers, soldats, et matelots du Roi des Français. Il s'oblige de plus, à avertir les bâtiments Français de la présence de tout navire négrier qui tentait d'enfreindre les présentes prohibitions.

Art. 4. En considération de cette résolution et pour indemniser le Chef du Rio Grande du dommage que la cessation du commerce des esclaves pourra lui faire éprouver, le Capitaine de Corvette A. Baudin s'engage à lui faire remettre, chaque année, les objets portés ci-après (pendant cinq ans) :

40 fusils à un coup
50 pièces de Guinée
20 petits barils de poudre
2 barriques d'eau-de-vie
50 kilogrammes de tabac.

Les dits cadeaux seront délivrés lorsqu'on aura acquis la certitude que les Conventions désignées plus haut ont été exécutées.

Le Roi Soliman
(Signé) X

Le Capitaine de Corvette,
commandant le Brig le "*Grenadier*,"
(Signé) A. BAUDIN.

Comme témoins,
(Signé) DAVID JAMES LAURANCE,
— POTIN, Nég.

Le Capitaine du Castor,
A. SALOMON.

Pour copie conforme.

Le Capitaine de Corvette, commandant le Brig le "*Grenadier*,"
(Signé) A. BAUDIN.

No. 160.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.

Foreign Office, September 15, 1845.

THE Undersigned, &c., has the honour to acknowledge thereceipt of a Note from Count Jarnac, &c., dated the 23rd ultimo, in which Count Jarnac expresses the desire of the French Government that Her Majesty's Government will authorize the establishment of a Coal Depôt at Sierra Leone for the use of the French steam vessels of war which may be employed on the West Coast of Africa under the Convention between Great Britain and France of May 29th last.

The Undersigned has the satisfaction to acquaint Count Jarnac that Her Majesty's Government see no objection to the establishment of the depôt in question ; and that instructions will be issued to the Governor of Sierra Leone to give all the aid in his power to the officers of the King of the French who may be intrusted with the duty of forming the proposed establishment.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 161.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hertford House, 15 Septembre, 1845.
(Received, September 16.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires 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 de la Convention relative à la répression de la traite, de lui demander la délivrance d'un mandat autorisant M. le Lieutenant de Vaisseau Huché de Antré, commandant la gabare la "*Prudente*," à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Anglais dans la station de *Bourbon* et de *Madagascar*.

No. 162.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.

Foreign Office, September 30, 1845.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Jarnac, and in pursuance of the request contained in his Note of the 16th instant, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant enabling M. le Lieutenant de Vaisseau Huché de Antré, commander of the gabare "*Prudente*," to act under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, betweed Great Britain and France for the suppression of Slave Trade.

No. 163.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, September 22, 1845.

(Received September 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the copy of a Note which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs in reply to one which I addressed to him in February last, reporting that the French schooner "*Fourmi*" was suspected of being engaged in the traffic in slaves between the Coasts of Africa and of the Brazils.

M. Guizot states that upon the receipt of my note he directed inquiries to be made upon the subject by the French agents at Rio Janeiro, the results of which satisfy him that there is no foundation for the suspicion.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 163.

M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, le 18 Septembre, 1845.

VOTRE Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire, le 10 Fevrier dernier, qu'un bâtiment sous pavillon Français, le schooner la "*Fourmi*," parti de Rio Janeiro pour la Côte d'Afrique, était soupçonné de s'être rendu dans ces parages pour prendre part à la traite des noirs.

J'ai répondu le 17 Fevrier à votre Excellence que j'avais demandé des renseignements précis à cet égard; je viens d'en recevoir du Brésil, et je m'empresse, my Lord, de vous en donner connaissance.

M. de St. Georges, Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Rio Janeiro, a recueilli toutes les informations possibles sur le voyage de la "*Fourmi*," et il est resté convaincu qu'elle ne s'est pas livrée à la traite des noirs, et qu'elle n'a fait que le commerce d'échanges. L'attention du Consul de Sa Majesté Britannique au Brésil a été appelée sur ce navire par le rapport d'un Capitaine de commerce Anglais qui avait fait la même route que la "*Fourmi*," et qui, l'ayant apperçue en pleine mer à quelque distance de Rio Janeiro, crut voir, de loin, des noirs sur le pont.

Il en parla lors de son arrivée, et ce récit, communiqué par M. Hesketh à la Légation du Roi, donna lieu à une enquête scrupuleuse.

Plusieurs matelots furent entendus; parmi eux se trouvaient quelques hommes de bord, mécontents de leur Capitaine, et qui n'auraient pas manqué d'ajouter à leurs plaintes un pareil grief s'il eût réellement existé; mais ils furent inutilement interrogés sous ce rapport, et l'incrimination fut alors considérée comme dénuée de fondement.

Du reste, la "*Fourmi*" ne navigue pas habituellement entre la Côte d'Afrique

et le Brésil ; il paraît que le Capitaine de ce bâtiment avait seulement voulu, au moyen d'un frêt avantageux qu'on lui proposait, utiliser un temps qu'il eût perdu autrement sur la côte, s'il avait attendu l'époque voulue pour ses opérations ordinaires.

Je n'ai point encore reçu les informations que j'avais également demandées au sujet de cette affaire à M. le Ministre de la Marine ; mais dès qu'elles me seront parvenues, je m'empresserai, my Lord, de vous les communiquer.

Agréez, &c.

A Son Excellence Lord Cowley.
&c. &c.

GUIZOT.

No. 164.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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 you will return it to the French Government in order that it may be cancelled.

I am, &c.

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

Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 164.

H.M.S. "Spartan," Captain Elliot, North American and West India station,
March 19, 1842.

No. 165.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Paris, September 26, 1844.
(Received September 29.)

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship the accompanying warrant, for which I applied to the French Government, in conformity with your Lordship's instructions, in order to enable Commander R. F. Gambier, of Her Majesty's ship "Sappho," to act under the Convention 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.

No 166.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 1er Octobre, 1845.
(Received October 2.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires de France 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 et autorisant le Lieutenant de Vaisseau Brosse, Commandant la gabarre "La Prudente," à exercer le droit de visite à l'égard du pavillon Britannique dans la station de Madagascar, ce mandat ayant cessé d'être utile par suite du retour de ce bâtiment en France.

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

No. 167

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, October 7, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note addressed to him on the 23rd August last by Count Jarnac, &c., requesting, on the part of his Government, to be furnished, for the use of the cruisers of His Majesty the King of the French to be employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade under the Convention of 29th May last, with forms of the several documents with which merchant-ships carrying the English flag ought to be provided under the terms of the regulations in force for the merchant-service.

The Undersigned has now the honour, in compliance with the request of Count Jarnac, to transmit to him herewith thirty forms of the certificate of British registry with which every merchant-ship claiming to be British ought to be furnished; and the Undersigned has the honour to inform Count Jarnac that the possession of such a document, duly filled up and signed, entitles the ship bearing it to all the rights and immunities of a British merchant-vessel.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

No. 168.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.**Foreign Office, October 7, 1845.*

MY LORD,

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency a copy of a note which I received from Count Jarnac, French Chargé d'Affaires at this court, stating the wish of his Government that the vessels to be employed by the French Government in the West Coast of Africa, under the Convention of the 29th of May last, should be furnished with forms of the ship's papers in use in the merchant service of Great Britain, and requesting to be furnished with copies of the several documents with which ships carrying the English merchant flag ought to be provided.

I also transmit to your Excellency a copy of the reply which, with the concurrence of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and of the Board of Customs, I have returned to the note from Count Jarnac.

You will perceive from that reply that in case of the visit of a British merchant-vessel on suspicion of Slave Trade, and under a doubt of her real nationality by the cruiser of a power not invested with the right of search over British merchant-vessels, the production of a certificate of British registry in proper form entitles such vessel to be considered as British, and to all the rights and immunities of a British merchant ship.

Her Majesty's Government think it desirable that Her Majesty's cruisers employed on the West Coast of Africa should likewise be furnished with information as to what documents a merchant-vessel claiming to be French ought to be provided; and I have accordingly to desire that you will make this inquiry of M. Guizot, and request him to furnish you with fifty copies of such documents.

I am, &c.
(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

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

Enclosures in No. 168.

1. *Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen, August 23, 1845.*
2. *The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac, October 7, 1845.*

(See Nos. 158 and 167.)

No. 169.

*Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Paris, October 10, 1844.
(Received October 12.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade, of the 7th instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

No. 170.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 170.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla"	Capt. Robt. Sharpe	N. Amer. & W. India Station,
		July 2, 1842.
"Growler"	Com. Bucke	W. Coast of Africa Station,
		April 26, 1844.

No. 171.

M. Guizot to Count Jarnac.

Paris, le 14 Octobre, 1845.

MONSIEUR,

(Communicated by Count Jarnac, October 20, 1845.)

J'AI reçu la dépêche datée du 5 Août, que vous m'avez écrite pour me rendre compte de l'entretien que vous avez eu avec Lord Aberdeen dans le but de convenir avec lui des termes de la réponse à faire à une communication adressée au Gouvernement du Roi par le Ministre des Villes Anséatiques relativement à la Convention du 29 Mai dernier pour la répression de la traite.

J'ai reçu également les copies annexées à ces dépêches d'une communication analogue adressée au Gouvernement Britannique et de la réponse que Lord Aberdeen avait l'intention de faire à cette note. Je partage le sentiment du Premier Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique quant aux résultats que nous pouvons nous promettre de l'adhésion des Gouvernements Anséatiques à la Convention du 29 Mai, je n'hésite pas à penser que leur co-opération au système de répression par nous adopté en suite de cette Convention, ne serait d'aucune efficacité et ne compenserait pas les inconvénients de l'abandon, à leur égard, des stipulations du Traité de 1837. J'adopte donc l'opinion exprimée par Lord Aberdeen qu'il vaut mieux se borner à proposer simplement au sénats des Villes Anséatiques d'adhérer aux stipulations nouvelles arrêtées de concert entre le Gouvernement du Roi et celui de Sa Majesté Britannique. Sous ce rapport, la note préparée pour être adressée à Mr. Colquhoun me semble répondre d'une manière satisfaisante à sa communication et tenir suffisamment compte de ce qu'exigent nos engagements avec les Villes Anséatiques, c'est dans cet esprit que je répondrai de mon côté à Mr. de Rumpf.

Recevez, &c.

(Signé)

GUIZOT.

M. le Comte de Jarnac,
Chargé d'Affaires du Roi à Londres.

No. 172.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 172.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Commander Russell, W. Coast of Africa, April 26, 1844.

No. 173.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Londres, le 13 Novembre, 1845.**(Received November 19.)*

L'ARTICLE 7 de la Convention du 29 Mai dernier stipule que, du moment où notre division navale sera prête à commencer les opérations sur les côtes d'Afrique, le Gouvernement Français en informera le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique.

Je suis chargé en conséquence d'annoncer aujourd'hui à votre Excellence que la division commandée par Monsieur le Contre-Amiral Montagniers de la Roque, sera réunie à Gorée et prête à commencer ses opérations du 1 au 15 Décembre prochain.

J'ai, &c.

(Signé) JARNAC.

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

No. 174.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Paris, November 14, 1845.**(Received November 17.)*

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship the accompanying warrants, which I have received from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in order to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships the "Heroine" and the "Vernon" to act under the convention of 1831 and 1833, relative to the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 174.

H.M.S. "Heroine," . Com. Edmunds . W. Coast of Africa . Nov. 7, 1845.
,, "Vernon," . Capt. Fitzgerald . Brazil "

No. 175.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Londres, le 18 Novembre, 1845.**(Received November 20.)*

J'AI eu l'honneur d'annoncer à votre Excellence le 13 de ce mois, con-

formément aux dispositions de l'article 7 de la convention du 29 Mai dernier, que la division navale commandée par M. Montagniers de La Roque sera réunie à Gorée et prête à commencer ses opérations du 1 au 15 Décembre prochain.

Si comme il y a lieu de le croire, la division Anglaise est en mesure de satisfaire à son service avant la fin de l'année, mon Gouvernement pense que les deux cabinets pourraient faire, le 1^{er} Décembre prochain la déclaration commune convenue dans le même acte ce qui porterait au 1^{er} Mars l'époque de la mise à exécution de la convention.

Veillez, my Lord, me faire connaître les intentions du Gouvernement Anglais sur ce point ainsi que sur la forme dans la quelle il conviendra de faire la déclaration commune dont il s'agit, votre Excellence pensera sans doute avec le Gouvernement du Roi, qu'il y a tout intérêt à rapprocher l'époque de cette notification, les quatres premiers mois de l'année étant les plus favorables à la navigation de la côte d'Afrique.

Je suis également chargé par mon Gouvernement de rappeler à votre Excellence que quelques unes des dispositions prévues soit dans la convention du 29 Mai, soit dans les instructions qui l'accompagnent, exigent indésensablement le concours des commandants Français et Anglais "Les deux Commandants," y est il dit, "doivent se concerter et s'entendre" sur certaines mesures relatives à leur mission et sur les moyens de les mettre à exécution."

Il serait donc important, my Lord, que leur réunion eut lieu dès le commencement des opérations. Pour y parvenir votre Excellence jugera sans doute qu'il y aurait intérêt à convenir d'un rendezvous entre nos deux commandants sur un point quelconque de la côte à une époque donnée. M. Montagniers de La Roque restera probablement à Gorée jusqu'à la fin de l'année; il fera route ensuite vers le Gabon et les autres points de croisières qui ont été déterminés et s'y maintiendra à partir du mois de Janvier.

Je viens vous demander, my Lord, au nom de mon Gouvernement, de vouloir bien examiner si d'après les informations de l'amirauté, il ne serait pas possible que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique donnât à Monsieur le Commodore Jones les instructions nécessaires pour que son entrevue avec notre commandant pût avoir lieu très prochainement.

Je serais fort obligé à votre Excellence si elle voulait bien me mettre en mesure de faire connaître le plutôt possible au Gouvernement du Roi son opinion à cet égard afin que les ordres nécessaires puissent être expédiés sans retard à Monsieur l'Amiral Montagniers de la Roque.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.
(Signé) JARNAC.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K.T.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 176.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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. 176.

H.M.S.V. "Albert,"	Lieut. Woodruffe, Com.	Coast of Africa station,	
			3 Aug. 1843.
H.M.S. "Ringdove,"	Com. Sir Wm. Daniell (dead)	"	6 July, 1844.
H.M.S.V. "Eclair,"	Com. Estcourt (dead)	"	15 Nov. 1844.

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No. 177.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, November 27, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., in acknowledging the receipt of the two notes which were addressed to him by Count Jarnac, under the dates, respectively, of the 13th and of the 18th instant, respecting the commencement of operations on the Coast of Africa under the Convention of the 29th May last, has to state to Count Jarnac that copies of those notes were transmitted, by direction of the Undersigned, to the Admiralty, and that the Admiralty have returned thereto an answer, a copy of which the Undersigned has now the honour to transmit to Count Jarnac, to be laid before his Government.

From the enclosed paper it appears that there is no impediment on the part of the Admiralty to issuing, on the 1st of December next, the Declaration prescribed by the Seventh Article of the above-mentioned Convention: and the Undersigned has now the honour, in accordance with the request of Count Jarnac, to transmit to him, to be communicated to his Government, a draft of the form in which Her Majesty's Government propose that the Declaration should be drawn up.

It appears to Her Majesty Government, that in order to give to the Declaration in question the requisite publicity, it will be expedient that it should be inserted in the official Gazettes of London and of Paris, and in the official Papers of the principal colonies, English and French, within the circle of the operations under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, and of 1845.

The French Government will perceive that the Admiralty suggest that the Commanders of the English and French squadrons should be directed to meet at Clarence Cove, Fernando Po, as soon after the 10th of January next as they can respectively manage to be at that anchorage, so that they may concert future proceedings under the Convention of the 29th of May last.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 177.

Captain Hamilton to Viscount Canning.

MY LORD,

Admiralty, November 21, 1845.

WITH reference to your Lordship's letters of the 19th and 20th instant, and their enclosures respecting the commencement of operations on the Coast of Africa, under the Convention of the 29th May last between Great Britain and France for the suppression of the Slave Trade, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state, for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, that there are at this moment twenty-three of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the West Coast of Africa, under the orders of Commodore Jones; and that the "Bittern," "Nimrod," and "Daring" are fitting out to proceed thither to complete the number of twenty-six; and that their Lordships see no impediment to the Declaration required being published on the 1st of next month; and my Lords will send the necessary directions to Commodore Jones for carrying into full effect the several stipulations of the said Convention.

My Lords would suggest that the officer commanding the French squadron and Commodore Jones should be directed to meet at the usual anchorage at Clarence Cove, Fernando Po, as soon after the 10th of January as they can respectively manage to be at that anchorage—whichever may arrive first to wait for the other—so that they may concert as to their future proceedings for fully carrying out the stipulations of the Convention.

I am, &c.
(Signed) W. A. B. HAMILTON.

Viscount Canning,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 2 in No. 177.

Draft of Joint Declaration to be made on the part of Great Britain and France, in pursuance of the 7th Article of the Convention of May 29, 1845, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

WHEREAS His Majesty the King of the French has caused notification to

be made to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, that the French squadron to be sent to the Coast of Africa, in pursuance of the Convention between their said Majesties, signed at London on the 29th of May, 1845, will be ready to commence operations on that coast by the 15th of the present month of December.

The Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of the French, at the Court of London, being furnished with the necessary powers, do, in conformity with the provisions of the Seventh Article of the said Convention, by this joint Declaration make known that the measures to be adopted in virtue of the said Convention are about to be carried into execution at the time mentioned in the said notification; and that, in consequence thereof, on the _____ day of _____, being three months from the date of this joint Declaration, the warrants that have been issued in pursuance of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 to the cruizers of the two nations, for the mutual exercise of the Right of Search, are to be respectively delivered up.

In witness, &c.

No. 178.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, Novembre 29, 1845.

(Received December 3.)

LE Chargé d'Affaires de France présente ses compliments à son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, et a l'honneur de lui renvoyer ci-joint cinq mandats délivrés par le Gouvernement Britannique à des Commandants de Bâtimens Français, en exécution des Conventions relatives à la répression de la traite, ces mandats ayant cessé d'être utiles par suite du retour des bâtimens dont les Commandants en étaient porteurs.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K. T.

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 178.

"Indienne"	. M. le Lt. de vaisseau Bateillot . . .	W. C. of Africa, Jan. 10, 1843.
"Mésange"	. M. le Lt. de vaiss. Laffon Hadebat . . .	April 13, 1843.
"Nayade"	. M. le Capt. de corvette Dégenes . . .	W. India station, June 19, 1843.
"Erebe"	. M. l'Enseigne de vaiss. Castagné . . .	W. C. of Africa, April 2, 1843.
"Génie"	. M. le Capt. de corvette Gueydon . . .	Jan. 6, 1845.

No. 179.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, November 28, 1845.

(Received December 1.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship a copy of a Note which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, enclosing, in compliance with an application made to his Excellency by your Lordship's direction, fifty copies of the forms of the several documents furnished to French merchant vessels trading on the coast of Africa.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 179.

M. Guizot to Lord Cowley.

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

Paris, le 24 Novembre, 1845.

VOTRE Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'écrire le 12 du mois dernier, pour me demander au nom de son Gouvernement, cinquante exemplaires de chacun des papiers de bord, dont les Navires de Commerce Français doivent être pourvus d'après les réglemens actuellement en vigueur.

Des documens Anglais de la même nature ont déjà été communiqués au Gouvernement du Roi, et ceux que votre Excellence m'a exprimé le désir de recevoir sont destinés à l'usage des croiseurs de Sa Majesté Britannique, qui vont mettre à exécution sur la côte Occidentale d'Afrique, la Convention conclue le 29 Mai dernier, entre l'Angleterre et la France.

J'ai l'honneur d'adresser ci-joint ces pièces à votre Excellence, tout en regrettant que la nécessité de recourir à différentes Administrations pour me les procurer, m'ait empêché, M. l'Ambassadeur, de vous les transmettre plus tôt.

Je dois faire observer à votre Excellence que les *Rôles d'Equipage* ci annexés ne sont remis aux capitaines Français qu'après avoir été *revêtus du timbre*, comme pièces pouvant être produites devant les tribunaux. Les autres documens en usage dans la marine marchande Française, et que je vous envoie également, sont l'*Acte de Francisation* et le *Congé*.

Agréez, &c.
(Signed) GUIZOT.

Son Excellence Lord Cowley,
&c. &c.

No. 180.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, November 28, 1845.

(Received December 1.)

MY LORD,

WHEN speaking lately of the armament about to proceed to the coast of Africa, M. Guizot informed me that a French officer had been commissioned to communicate with the chiefs resident upon the Coast of Africa, with the view of facilitating the means of preventing the traffic in slaves, and that he had entered into arrangements with thirty-five chiefs, upon a line of coast of four hundred leagues, who had engaged to contribute, by all the means in their power, to the suppression of that traffic.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs observed upon this occasion that it would be desirable that the British Admiral who might be appointed to the command upon the Coast of Africa should be instructed to repair to Goree for the purpose of communicating with Admiral de Montagnières, in order that those officers might agree upon their future operations under the new Convention for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade.

I understand it to be M. Guizot's intention to instruct Count Jarnac to communicate with your Lordship upon this subject, but he likewise requested that I would bring it under your Lordship's consideration.

I have, &c.
(Signed) COWLEY.

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

No. 181.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 4 Décembre, 1845.

(Received December 5.)

MY LORD,

JE me suis empressé de transmettre à mon Gouvernement la Note, avec ses annexes, que votre Excellence m'a fait l'honneur de m'adresser le 27 du mois dernier, relativement à l'exécution de la Convention du 29 Mai dernier pour la répression de la traite.

Le Gouvernement du Roi se rallie entièrement aux propositions contenues dans l'office de votre Excellence, et je suis chargé en conséquence d'échanger avec elle, selon les stipulations de l'Art. VII. de la dite Convention, une déclaration conforme à celle dont votre Excellence m'avait adressé le projet. Mon Gouvernement attachant beaucoup de prix à rendre publique immédiatement cette notification, je serai heureux de pouvoir lui envoyer au plus tôt, revêtues des formalités convenables, l'instrument qui lui est destiné.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.
(Signé) JARNAC.

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

No. 182.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, December 5, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Jarnac; and, in acknowledging the receipt of his note of yesterday's date, begs to remind the Count that it will be desirable, in conformity with established usage, that the declaration referred to in that note should be in the language of each of the contracting parties. Lord Aberdeen therefore sends to Count Jarnac a fair draft of the declaration, and suggests, that Count Jarnac should cause a translation of it to be made into French, and a copy of that translation to be sent back, together with the draft, when it will be immediately prepared for signature, and may be signed in duplicate to-morrow at four o'clock, if Count Jarnac can make it convenient to call at that hour at the office for the purpose.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 182.

Joint Declaration made on the part of Great Britain and France in pursuance of the 7th Article of the Convention of May 29, 1845, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

(See Enclosure 2 in No. 177.)

No. 183.

Count Jarnac to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Londres, le 4 Décembre, 1845
(Received December 5.)

MY LORD,

J'AI transmis à mon Gouvernement, d'après le désir que m'en avait exprimé votre Excellence, la proposition faite par l'amirauté Anglaise de certains signaux de nuit pour la reconnaissance des croiseurs Français et Anglais à la côte occidentale d'Afrique. Je m'empresse aujourd'hui d'annoncer à votre Excellence que M. le Ministre de la Marine donne son complet assentiment à cette proposition et qu'il en a informé M. le Contre-Amiral Montagnières de la Roque.

M. le Ministre de la Marine pense toutefois que les signes convenus pouvant être facilement connus des bâtimens négriers, il serait nécessaire de laisser aux officiers supérieurs appelés à commander l'escadre de chacune des deux nations, une certaine latitude pour modifier de concert et suivant la nécessité du service, les signaux de reconnaissance dont il s'agit.

Je ne doute pas, My Lord, que l'amirauté Anglaise ne partage également sur ce point les vues du Gouvernement du Roi, et je prie votre Excellence de vouloir bien me faire connaître quelle sera sa décision à cet égard.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.
 (Signé)

JARNAC.

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

No. 184.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, December 8, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Excellency, for your information, a copy of a declaration, which, in pursuance of the Seventh Article of the Convention of the 29th of May last, between Great Britain and France on Slave Trade, was issued under date of the 6th instant, on the part of the Contracting Parties to that Convention.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

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

Enclosure in No. 184.

Joint Declaration made on the part of Great Britain and France, in pursuance of the VII. Article of the Convention of May 29th, 1845, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

Déclaration commune faite au nom de la Grande Bretagne et de la France, en exécution de l'Article VII. de la Convention du 29 Mai, 1845, pour la suppression de la Traite des Esclaves.

WHEREAS His Majesty the King of the French has caused notification to be made to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, that the French squadron to be sent to the coast of Africa, in pursuance of the Convention between their said Majesties, signed at London on the 29th May, 1845, will be ready to commence operations on that coast by the 15th of the present month of December;

SA Majesté le Roi des Français ayant fait notifier à Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, que l'escadre Française destinée à être envoyée à la Côte d'Afrique, conformément à la Convention entre leurs dites Majestés, signée à Londres le 29 Mai, 1845, sera prête à commencer ses opérations sur cette côte avant le 15 du présent mois;

The Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of the French at the Court of London, being furnished with the necessary powers, do, in conformity with the provisions of the 7th article of the said Convention, by this joint Declaration, make known, that the measures to be adopted in virtue of the said Convention, are about to be carried into execution at the time mentioned in the said Notification, and that, in consequence thereof, on the 6th day of March, 1846, being three months from the date of this joint Declaration, the warrants that have been issued, in pursuance of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, to the cruizers of the two nations, for the mutual exercise of the Right of Search, are to be respectively delivered up.

Les Soussignés, le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique au Departemens des Affaires Etrangères, et le Chargé d'Affaires de Sa Majesté le Roi des Français à la Cour de Londres, étant munis des pouvoirs nécessaires, font savoir par cette commune Déclaration, conformément aux dispositions de l'Article VII. de la dite Convention, que les mesures qui doivent être prises en vertu de la dite Convention, sont sur le point d'être mises à exécution à l'époque mentionnée dans la dite Notification, et qu'en conséquence, le 6^{me} jour de Mars, 1846, à trois mois de date de cette commune Déclaration, les mandats qui ont été délivrés en exécution des Conventions de 1831 et de 1833, aux croiseurs des deux nations, pour l'exercice mutuel du Droit de Visite, doivent être respectivement restitués.

In witness whereof, the Undersigned have signed the present joint Declaration, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

En foi de quoi les Soussignés ont signé la présente commune Déclaration, et y ont fait apposer les sceaux de leurs armes.

Done in duplicate at London, the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Fait double à Londres, le six Décembre, l'an de grace mil huit cent quarante cinq.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

(Signé) JARNAC.

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No. 185.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, December 12, 1845.

(Received December 15.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 8th instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed) COWLEY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

No. 186.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, December 16, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., has the honour to acquaint Count Jarnac, &c., that he transmitted to the Admiralty the note of the 4th instant, from Count Jarnac, on the subject of the night signals to be adopted by the British and French cruisers employed on the Coast of Africa, as a means of ensuring their mutual recognition; and that the Lords of the Admiralty have expressed their entire concurrence in the additional proposal of the Minister of Marine, that it should be left to the descretion of the senior officers of the British and French squadrons to alter in concert the signals agreed upon, if they should think it desirable to do so; and that their Lordships will give directions to Commodore Jones accordingly.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

No. 187.

Lord Cowley to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Paris, December 15, 1845.
(Received December 17.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship two warrants, which I have received from the French Government, in order that the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "Kingfisher" and "President" may be enabled 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.

Warrants enclosed in No. 187.

H.M.S. "President," Capt. Stanley, Cape of Good Hope station, Dec. 5, 1845.
" "Kingfisher," Com. Brown, West Coast of Africa "

No. 188.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Jarnac.**Foreign Office, December 19, 1845.*

THE Undersigned, &c., has the honour to transmit to Count Jarnac, &c., for communication to his Government, the accompanying copy of a letter, which, by command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, has been addressed by their Lordships' Secretary to Commodore Jones, senior officer of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the West Coast of Africa, giving to him directions for his guidance in carrying into effect the Convention between Great Britain and France for the suppression of the Slave Trade, which was signed at London on the 29th of May last.

The Undersigned has at the same time to acquaint Count Jarnac, for the information of His Government, that the Instructions signed by the Lords of the Admiralty, and referred to in the enclosed letter, are a copy of the annex, mentioned in the 8th Article of the Convention; and that their Lordships have addressed orders to the Commanders-in-chief on the Cape of Good Hope, North America, and West India and South-east Coast of America stations, directing them

to recall and transmit to the Admiralty the warrants supplied by the French Government under the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 to Her Majesty's ships under their orders, that the same may be delivered up to the French Government.

Count Jarnac,
&c. &c.

Th Undersigned, &c.
(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 188.

Captain Hamilton to Commodore Jones.

SIR,

Admiralty, December 15, 1845.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith copies of a Convention between Great Britain and France for the Suppression of Slave Trade, signed at London on the 29th of May last; a copy of the declaration made by the Governments of the two countries under the 7th Article of the Convention, dated the 6th instant, and instructions signed by their Lordships for your guidance in carrying the said Convention into effect, and my Lords desire you will issue one copy of the Convention in question to the Commanding Officer of each of Her Majesty's ships and vessels under your orders, with the necessary directions for carrying out the object of the two Governments in concluding the same.

I am at the same time to acquaint you that Rear-Admiral Montagnières de la Roque has been appointed to command the French naval force on the west coast of Africa, which will shortly assemble at Goree; and as an interview must necessarily take place between yourself and that officer, in order to secure the concert between you contemplated in the Convention, my Lords desire you will immediately on the receipt of this Despatch proceed to Clarence Cove, Fernando Po, to meet the French Admiral, to be there as soon after the 10th of January next as can be managed, and whichever may arrive there first is to wait for the other.

As the 7th Article of the above-mentioned Convention requires that within three months after the date of the Declaration made by the British and French Governments which was signed on the 6th instant, the warrants that have been issued in pursuance of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 to the cruisers of the two nations for the mutual right of search shall be respectively delivered up, their Lordships desire you will recall the warrants issued under those Conventions by the French Government and their Lordships to the cruisers under your command, and transmit the same to me without loss of time, in order that they may be delivered up accordingly.

My Lords desire me to send you herewith copies of the Forms of the Certificate of British Registry with which every merchant ship claiming to be British ought to be furnished (copies of which have also been sent to the French Government to be supplied to the French cruisers); and the possession of such a document duly filled up and signed entitles the ship bearing it to all the rights and immunities of a British merchant vessel. Copies of the papers with which a merchant vessel claiming to be French ought to be furnished, are also herewith transmitted, namely,—

- 1st. A "Role d'Equipage;"
- 2nd. An "Acte de Francisation;" and
- 3rd. A "Congé."

And my Lords desire you will cause one copy of each of the above-mentioned papers to be supplied to the commanding officer of each of the cruisers under your orders, by which they are to be guided in considering the nationality of British and French merchant vessels.

I am commanded also to acquaint you that the "Nimrod," "Bittern," and another vessel will be shortly sent to join you, in order to complete the cruisers under your command to the number of 26.

Commodore Jones,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) W. A. B. HAMILTON.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Cowley.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, December 31, 1845.

IN the month of August, 1844, a brigantine called the "*Sooy*" was detained off the port of Bahia, by Her Majesty's sloop "*Racer*," on suspicion of being engaged in the Slave Trade, and was eventually delivered over to the Government of Brazil, by whom a criminal process has been instituted against the "*Sooy*" in a Brazilian court of justice.

In the course of the inquiries which were instituted at the time of the seizure of this vessel, the name of a French mercantile house at Bahia was mentioned as being implicated in the Slave Trade, and the object of my present Despatch is to instruct your Excellency to bring this circumstance under the notice of the French Government.

The fact was brought to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government by a letter from Mr. Wise, the United States Minister in Brazil, to Mr. Hamilton, dated the 21st of September, 1844, in which was inclosed a copy of a letter upon the same subject from Mr. Gordon, the United States Consul at Rio Janeiro. Copies of these two letters are transmitted to your Excellency herewith, for communication to M. Guizot.

With respect to the Englishman named Youds, who is named in the same letters as being also implicated in slave-dealing transactions, I have instructed Mr. Hamilton to make further inquiries.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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

 Enclosures in No. 191.

1. *Mr. Wise to Mr. Hamilton, September 21, 1844.*

(See Second Enclosure in No. 232, Class B., 1844, presented 1845, page 348.)

2. *Mr. Gordon to Mr. Wise, September 19, 1844.*

(See Sub-Enclosure in ditto.)

DENMARK.

No. 192.

Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Copenhagen, January 10, 1845.
(Received January 19.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose two warrants, enabling the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Treaty 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. 192.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. Geo. Hand, Coast of Africa station, Jan. 7, 1845."
,, "Rose," Com. R. W. Pelly, N. Amer. and W. India station, Jan. 7, 1845.

No. 193.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.
Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.
&c. &c.

Warrant returned in No. 193.

H.M.S. "Iris," Captain Sir J. Marshall, Brazil station, 17th March, 1842.

No. 194.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.
Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.
&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 197.

H.M.S. "Persian," Com. Hy. Coryton, N. America and W. I. station,
27th Feb. 1845.
,, "Mutine," Com. R. B. Crawford, Cape of Good Hope, ,,

No. 198.

Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Copenhagen, March 29, 1845.
(Received April 5.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit four warrants which, in compliance with your Lordship's directions, I have obtained from the Danish Government, enabling the Commanders of the vessels named in the margin to act under the Treaty 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. 198.

H.M.S. "Acteon,"	Capt. G. Mansel, C. of Africa station,	25th March, 1845.
" " Lily,"	Com. C. Newton	" "
" " Dolphin,"	Lieut. Levinge, C. of Brazil	" "
" " Firebrand,"	Capt. J. Hope	" "

No. 199.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

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, &c.

Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 199.

H.M.S. "Frolic," Com. W. A. Willis, Brazil station, Jan. 28, 1843.

No. 200.

Sir H. Wynn to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Copenhagen, April 12, 1845.
(Received April 18.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inclose two warrants which, in compliance with your Lordship's directions, I have obtained from the Danish Government, enabling the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships, as per margin, to act under the Treaty 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. 200.

H.M.S. "Rolla,"	Com. John Simpson, Coast of Africa,	April 7, 1845.
" " Comus,"	Com. Thomas Thomson, Brazil station	" "

No. 201.

*Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, May 16, 1845.
(Received May 23.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with your Lordship's instructions to Sir Henry Wynn, I have the honour to inclose two warrants, authorizing the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Vindictive" and "Eagle" to act under the Treaty of the 26th of July, 1834, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

PETER BROWNE.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 201.

H.M.S. "Vindictive," Capt. M. Seymour, N. America and the W. Indies, May 3, 1845.
,, "Eagle," Capt. Martin, S.E. Coast of America ,,

No. 202.

*Count Reventlow to the Earl of Aberdeen.**52, Wilton Crescent, le 26 Mai, 1845.
(Received May 27.)*

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 special de visite pour le brick de la Marine Royale "*l'Aigle*," commandé par le Capitaine Krenchel, destiné à se rendre à la station des Antilles Danoises.

Le Comte de Reventlow saisit l'occasion de réitérer à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen l'expression de sa haute considération.

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

No. 203.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Reventlow.

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

Foreign Office, May 28, 1845.

It is probably known to the Court of Copenhagen that the Governments of Great Britain and France have recently been engaged in negotiations conducted in London respecting the suppression of the Slave Trade.

These negotiations, undertaken upon the representations from the French Government, with the view of obviating inconveniences to which the execution of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise, and at the same time of making more effectual provision for accomplishing the object of those Conventions, will shortly, as Her Majesty's Government confidently trusts, be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the form of a new and amended Treaty between the two Powers.

This being the case, I feel myself called upon to take the earliest opportunity of announcing the fact to you, and requesting you to make it known to the Government of His Danish Majesty, whose position as an acceding party to the above-mentioned Conventions, as well as the warm interest which his Majesty has always shown in all that relates to the cause of African freedom, render it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to apprise the Court of Copenhagen of any new and important step which may be taken towards the accomplishment of that great end.

It is the design of the Treaty to which I have alluded that each contracting party should maintain upon the west coast of Africa a squadron of not less than 26 vessels, partly sailing and partly steam-vessels.

The duty of this combined force will be to watch closely every part of that

coast upon which the Slave Trade is known to be carried on, the cruisers of each nation exercising whatever authority they may hold from other Powers for the suppression of the traffic, and to enforce the faithful execution of such engagements as may be entered into with the native chiefs for its abolition by sea or on land.

It is anticipated that the presence of so large a force of both nations will enable each Government singly and unaided to prevent its own subjects and vessels from engaging in the criminal pursuit; and, therefore, that it will render the exercise of the Right of Search over each other's flag no longer necessary. Accordingly Her Majesty's Government have agreed that upon the proposed Treaty coming into operation, that mutual right, as conferred upon English and French cruisers by the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 shall cease, and that the warrants under which it is now exercised shall, within a reasonable time, be returned to the Governments that issued them.

These are the principal features of the engagement which is about to come into force between the two countries.

Her Majesty's Government look forward with confidence to its results, and would gladly see Denmark and the Powers acceding parties to the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 united in it. At the same time, if his Danish Majesty should not be prepared to take this step, Her Majesty's Government trust that through the measures which the contemplated increase of force on the African coast will enable them to adopt, aided by the moral support of that great league into which Denmark has so readily and so cordially entered, and by the exercise of the right which the Powers associated in it have conferred upon each other, they may at length succeed in effecting the final abolition of the African Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Count Reventlow,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 204.

Count Reventlow to the Earl of Aberdeen.

52, Wilton Crescent, May 30, 1845.

(Received May 31.)

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

J'AI l'honneur d'accuser réception de la lettre du 28 du courant, par laquelle votre Excellence a bien voulu me faire part des mesures nouvelles et importantes, qui seront prises par le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique et par celui de France pour supprimer la Traite des Nègres. Je ne suis empressé d'en faire la communication à mon Gouvernement par le courier d'aujourd'hui.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Comte, l'assurance de ma plus haute considération.

(Sigaé) REVENTLOW.

A son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 205.

Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Copenhagen, May 28, 1845.

(Received June 2.)

MY LORD,

IN conformity with your Lordship's instructions to Sir Henry Wynn, I have now the honour to enclose warrants authorizing the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships the "Flying Fish," the "Rover," and the "Grecian," to act under the Treaty of 1834 between England, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) PETER BROWNE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 205.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish," Com. Harris . . W. Coast of Africa . May 22, 1845.
 „ "Grecian" . Com. Montgomery S. E. Coast of Amer. „ „
 „ "Racer" . . Com. Reed . . W. Coast of Africa . „ „

No. 206.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Reventlow.

Foreign Office, June 12, 1845.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Reventlow, and in pursuance of the request contained in Count Reventlow's note of the 26th ult., has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant enabling the Commander of the Danish vessel of war "*l'Aigle*" to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

No. 207.

Count Reventlow to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*52, Wilton Crescent, June 13, 1845.
 (Received June 14.)*

COUNT REVENTLOW presents his compliments to the Earl of Aberdeen, and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of his letter of the 10th instant, and to acquaint him that he has not failed to transmit to his Government the copy of a Convention signed on the 29th ultimo on the part of Her Majesty and the King of the French for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, which was therein enclosed.

Count Reventlow requests the Earl of Aberdeen to accept the renewed assurances of his high consideration.

His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.
 &c. &c. &c.

No. 208.

Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Copenhagen, June 11, 1845.
 (Received June 16.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with your Lordship's instructions, I have now the honour to inclose two warrants enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Vesuvius" and "Melampus" to act under the Treaty of 26th July, 1834, between France, England, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) PETER BROWNE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 208.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius" Com. O'Callaghan . N. America and W. India
 June 6, 1845.
 H.M.S. "Melampus" Capt. Campbell . . S. E. Coast of America „

No. 209.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Browne.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

P. Browne, Esq.

Warrants returned in No. 209.

H.M.S. "Espoir"	Com. Morrell	West Coast of Africa	July 20, 1843.
" " "Viper"	Com. Carter	Brazil	March 17, 1842.
" " "Rose"	Com. Sturt	N. Amer. & W. Indies	June 23, 1843.
" " "Illustrious"	Capt. Erskine	" "	Nov. 27, 1843.
" " "Electra"	Com. Darley	" "	March 17, 1842.
" " "Inconstant"	Capt. Freemantle	" "	Sept. 27, 1843.

No. 210.

Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Copenhagen, July 23, 1845.
(Received July 28.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 20th ultimo and 2nd instant, I have now the honour to enclose three warrants, enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships therein named to act in conformity with the provisions of the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) PETER BROWNE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 210.

H.M.S.V. "Styx"	Com. Hornby	No station mentioned	July 15, 1845.
" " "Hecate"	Com. West	" "	July 15, 1845.
H.M.S. "Vernon"	Capt. Fitzgerald	S.E. Coast of America	July 17, 1845.

No. 211.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Browne.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

P. Browne, Esq.

CLASS C.

Warrants returned in No. 211.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon"	. Capt. Hotham	. West Coast of Africa	March 15, 1844.
H.M.S. "Rapid"	. Com. Earle	. Coast of Africa	March 17, 1842.
" " "Bittern"	. Com. Peel	. Cape of Good Hope	July 20, 1843.
" " "Frolic"	. Com. Hamilton	. Brazil	June 6, 1844.
" " "Alfred"	. Com. Purvis	. "	March 17, 1842.
" " "Ferret"	. Com. Oake	. West Coast of Africa	March 17, 1842.

No. 212.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Browne.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

P. Browne, Esq.

Warrant returned in No. 212.

H.M.S. "Spartan" . Capt. Elliot . N. America and W. Indies . March 17, 1842.

No. 213.

*Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Copenhagen, September 25, 1845.**(Received September 30.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with your Lordship's directions I have the honour to inclose a warrant enabling Commander Robert Gambier of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) PETER BROWNE.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 213.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier, Cape of Good Hope station, Sept. 19, 1845.

No. 214.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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 longer required for H.M.'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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.

&c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 214.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla," Capt. Robert Sharpe, N. America and W. India station,
 July 23, 1812.
 „ "Growler," Com. C. H. M. Buckle, W. Coast of Africa station,
 March 15, 1844.

No. 215.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Browne.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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 H.M.'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 have, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

P. Browne, Esq.

Warrant enclosed in No. 215.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Com. Russell, West Coast of Africa, March 15, 1844.

No. 216.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Sir H. Wynn.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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 H.M.'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, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.
Sir H. Wynn, G.C.H.
 &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 216.

H.M.S.V. "Albert," Lieut. Woodruffe, commander, Coast of Africa station,
 Aug. 4, 1843.
 H.M.S. "Ringdove," Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) „ June 6, 1844.
 H.M.S.V. "Eclair," Com. Estcourt (dead), „ Nov. 14, 1844.

No. 217.

Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Copenhagen, November 12, 1845.
(Received November 24.)

ACCORDING to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 12th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a warrant enabling the commanding officer of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine" to act under the Treaty of the 26th of July, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) PETER BROWNE.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 217.

H.M.S. "Heroine," Com. Edmunds, the Coast of Africa, Nov. 6, 1845.

No. 218.

Mr. Browne to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Copenhagen, December 10, 1845.

(Received December 19.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, of the 19th and 20th ultimo, I have the honour to inclose warrants, enabling the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "President" and "Kingfisher" to act under the Treaty of July 26, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Denmark, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

PETER BROWNE.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

 Warrants enclosed in No. 218.

H.M.S. "President,"	Capt. Stanley,	Cape of Good Hope,	Dec. 8, 1845
„ "Kingfisher,"	Com. Brown,	W. Coast of Africa,	Do.

SARDINIA.

No. 219.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, January 8, 1845.

(Received January 14.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatches of the 19th and 21st ultimo, of the Slave Trade series of last year, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship two warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander S. Hand of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, and 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 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.

No. 220.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, January 8, 1845.

(Received January 14.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship, in order that it may be cancelled, a warrant issued on the 9th April, 1842, by Her Majesty's Government to enable Captain the Chevalier de Villarey, of His Sardinian Majesty's frigate "Euridice," employed on the Rio de la Plata station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of Slave Trade, but now no longer required for His Sardinian Majesty's ship and its commander for which it was issued.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

CLASS C.

No. 221.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government, under the Treaty of 8th August, 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. 221.

H.M.S. "Isis," Capt. Sir T. Marshall, Brazil station, March 28, 1842.

No. 222.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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. 222.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. O. B. Hoare, Brazil station, September 20, 1843.

No. 223.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, January 29, 1845.
(Received February 7.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatches of the 9th, 11th, and 14th instant, of the Slave Trade series of this year, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship three warrants, dated the 22nd instant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable Commander R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station; Commander T. F. Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station; and Commander Edmund Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloan," about to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8th, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 224.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, February 10, 1845.*
(Received February 16.)

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 Lieutenant O. B. Hoare, of Her Majesty's ship "Dolphin," 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.

No. 225.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, February 25, 1845.*
(Received March 3.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatches of the Slave Trade series of the 25th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship two warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 17th instant, to enable Commander James Anderson, of Her Majesty's ship "Ranger," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, and Commander John E. Bingham, of Her Majesty's ship "Acorn," about to be employed on the Brazil station, to act under the Treaty of August 8th, 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.

No. 226.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, February 25, 1845.*
(Received March 3.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 25th ultimo, of the Slave Trade series, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable Captain Sir T. Marshall, of Her Majesty's ship "Isis," 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.

No. 227.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, February 25, 1845.**(Received March 3.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th instant, of the Slave Trade series, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government, on the 17th instant, to enable Commander Henry Coryton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian," about to be employed on the North America and West India station, to act under the Treaty of August 8th, 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.

No 228.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, March 14, 1835.**(Received March 20.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch of the 25th ultimo, of the Slave Trade series, received at Turin the 3rd March, I have the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship four warrants, issued at my request, on the 5th instant, by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there mentioned, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 228.

H.M.S.V. "Firebrand"	. . .	Brazil station	. . .	Capt. James Hope.
H.M.S. "Lily"	. . .	Coast of Africa	. . .	Com. C. J. F. Newton.
"Dolphin"	. . .	Brazil station	. . .	Lieut. R. T. J. Levinge.
"Actæon"	. . .	West Coast of Africa	. . .	Capt. George Mansell.

No. 229.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, April 1, 1845.**(Received April 7.)*

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship two warrants, issued on the 26th ultimo at my request by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships mentioned in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there named, 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.

Warrants enclosed in No. 229.

H.M.S. "Rolla" . Commander Simpson . West Coast of Africa station.
,, "Comus" . Commander Thompson . Brazil station.

No. 230.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ralph Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8th, 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. 230.

H.M.S. "Frolic" . Commander W. A. Willis . Brazil station . Jan. 21, 1843.

No. 231.

Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Grosvenor Street, 9 Avril, 1845.
(Received April 10.)

M. LE COMTE,

LE brigantin de la Marine Royale Sarde le "Colombo," devant se rendre prochainement dans l'Amérique Méridionale, à la station du Rio de la Plata, le Soussigné Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de Sardaigne a reçu l'ordre de son gouvernement de s'adresser à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique, pour le prier de vouloir bien lui obtenir de l'amirauté le mandat nécessaire pour que M. le Chevalier Tholozan, capitaine commandant ce bâtiment, soit autorisé à exercer le droit de visite, pour la répression de la Traite des Noirs, conformément à la Convention conclue entre les deux gouvernements le 8 Août, 1834.

Le Soussigné, &c.
(Signé) POLLON.

A son Excellence M. le Comte d'Aberdeen,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 232.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Turin, April 22, 1845.
(Received April 28.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 7th instant. In compliance with the instructions therein conveyed to me, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship two war-

rants issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 16th instant, to enable the commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 232.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . . . Capt. G. Byham Martin, S.E. Coast of America.
 „ "Vindictive" . . . Capt. M. Seymour, N. America and West Indies.

No. 233.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Turin, April 23, 1845.

(Received April 29.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 8th instant, enclosing a warrant formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Frolic" to act under the Treaty of 8th August, 1834, and instructing me to return the same to the Sardinian Government, in order that it should be cancelled.

I beg to inform your Lordship that I have not failed to comply with this instruction.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

No. 234.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Pollon.

Foreign Office, April 30, 1845.

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Pollon, and in pursuance of the request contained in Count Pollon's note of the 9th instant, has the honour to transmit herewith to him a warrant enabling the Commander of the Sardinian vessel of war "Colombo" 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. 235.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Turin, May 19, 1845.

(Received May 25.)

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me by your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship three warrants issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 10th instant, to enable the Commanders of her Majesty's ships mentioned in the margin, about to be employed on the stations there named, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c. &c. &c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 235.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish"	Com. B. Harris.	W. Coast of Africa.
"Grecian"	Com. A. Montgomery	S.E. Coast of America.
"Racer"	Com. A. Read	W. Coast of Africa.

No. 236.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Pollon.

M. LE COMTE,

Foreign Office, May 28, 1845.

It is probably known to the Court of Turin that the Governments of Great Britain and France have recently been engaged in negotiations conducted in London respecting the suppression of the Slave Trade.

These negotiations undertaken upon representations from the French Government with the view of obviating inconveniences to which the execution of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise, and at the same time of making more effectual provision for accomplishing the object of those Conventions, will shortly, as Her Majesty's Government confidently trust, be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the form of a new and amended treaty between the two powers.

This being the case, I feel myself called upon to take the earliest opportunity of announcing the fact to you, and requesting you to make it known to the Government of His Sardinian Majesty, whose position as an acceding party to the above-mentioned Conventions, as well as the warm interest which His Majesty has always shown in all that relates to the cause of African freedom, render it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to apprise the Court of Turin of any new and important step which may be taken towards the accomplishment of that great end.

It is the design of the Treaty to which I have alluded, that each contracting party should maintain upon the west coast of Africa a squadron of not less than twenty-six vessels, partly sailing, and partly steam-vessels. The duty of this combined force will be to watch closely every part of that coast upon which the Slave Trade is known to be carried on; the cruisers of each nation exercising whatever authority they may hold from other powers for the suppression of the traffic, and to enforce the faithful execution of such engagements as may be entered into with the native chiefs for its abolition by sea or on land.

It is anticipated that the presence of so large a force of both nations will enable each Government singly and unaided to prevent its own subjects and vessels from engaging in the criminal pursuit; and therefore that it will render the exercise of the right of search over each other's flag no longer necessary. Accordingly, Her Majesty's Government have agreed that upon the proposed Treaty coming into operation, that mutual right, as conferred upon English and French cruisers by the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, shall cease, and that the warrants under which it is now exercised shall within a reasonable time be returned to the Government that issued them.

These are the principal features of the engagement which is about to come into force between the two countries. Her Majesty's Government look forward with confidence to its results, and would gladly see Sardinia and the other Powers acceding parties to the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 united in it. At the same time, if His Sardinian Majesty should not be prepared to take this step, Her Majesty's Government trust that, through the measures which the contemplated increase of force on the African coast will enable them to adopt, aided by the moral support of that great league into which Sardinia has so readily and so cordially entered, and by the exercise of the right which the Powers associated in it have conferred upon each other, they may at length succeed in effecting the final abolition of the African Slave Trade.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Count Pollon,
&c. &c.

No. 237.

Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Grosvenor Street, ce 30 Mai, 1845.
(Received May 30.)*

J'AI eu l'honneur de recevoir la note que votre Excellence m'a écrite le 28 du courant concernant les négociations récemment entreprises à Londres entre l'Angleterre et la France à l'effet de substituer un Traité plus efficace pour la répression de la traite des noirs à ceux de 1831 et de 1833, actuellement en vigueur.

Je prie votre Excellence de vouloir agréer mes remerciemens pour cette importante communication que, selon le désir qu'elle m'en exprime, je m'empresserai de porter immédiatement à la connaissance du Roi mon auguste souverain.

J'ai l'honneur, &c.
(Signé)

POLLON.

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

No. 238.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Turin, June 3, 1845.
(Received June 10.)*

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship two warrants issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 28th ultimo, to enable the commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin 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.*

Warrants enclosed in No. 238.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. O'Callaghan, N. Amer. and W. Indies, May 28, 1845.
H.M.S. "Melampus," Com. Campbell, S.E. Coast of America, May 28, 1845.

No. 239.

*Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Londres, Juin 13, 1845.
(Received June 13.)*

LE Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de Sardaigne, a eu l'honneur de recevoir la note que Son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique, a bien voulu lui adresser le 10 du courant pour lui transmettre une copie de la Convention qui a été signée le 29 Mai dernier entre Sa Majesté la Reine de la Grande Bretagne et le Roi des Français pour la suppression de la traite des noirs et dont les ratifications ont été échangées le 7 du courant.

Le Soussigné s'empressera de porter à la connaissance de Son Gouvernement cette communication, et il saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à Son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen les assurances de sa plus haute considération.

(Signé) POLLON.

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

No. 240.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 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 ship 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.

Warrants returned in No. 240.

H.M.S. "Espoir" . . .	Com. Morrell . . .	W. Coast of Africa sta. . .	July 14, 1843.
" " Viper" . . .	Com. Carter . . .	Brazil station	Dec. 27, 1842.
" " Rose" . . .	Com. Sturt . . .	N. Amer. & W. India sta. . .	June 21, 1843.
" " Illustrious" . . .	Capt. Erskine . . .	"	(no date.)
" " Electra" . . .	Com. Darley . . .	"	March 28, 1842.
" " Inconstant" . . .	Capt. Freemantle . . .	"	Sept. 20, 1843.

No. 241.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Turin, June 18, 1845.**(Received June 24)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt by messenger of your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade Circular of the 10th instant, of this year's series, and enclosing two copies of a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the French for the suppression of the Slave Trade, signed at London on the 29th ultimo.

I beg to offer to your Lordship my thanks for the communication of these documents.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 242.

*Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**11, Grosvenor Street, Juillet 1, 1845.**(Received July 3.)*

LE Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de sa Majesté le Roi de Sardaigne, s'est empressé de porter à la connaissance du Gouvernement du Roi son auguste souverain la communication que son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique a bien voulu lui faire par sa note du 28 Mai dernier concernant les nouveaux arrangements conclus entre la Grande Bretagne et la France pour la répression de la traite des noirs.

En réponse à cette communication, le Soussigné a reçu l'ordre de faire connaître à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen que, pour le présent, le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Sarde est déterminé à maintenir les traités existants conclus en 1834 avec la Grande Bretagne.

Le Soussigné, &c.

(Signé) POLLON.

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

CLASS C.

No. 243.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, July 9, 1845.

(Received July 15.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instruction conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose two warrants, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 2nd instant, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's steam-vessels named in the margin, about to be employed on the west coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, 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. 243.

H.M.S.V. "Styx"	Com. W. W. Hornby	W. Coast of Africa station,	July 2, 1845.
„	"Hecate"	Com. Joseph West	„

No. 244.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, July 28, 1845.

(Received August 4.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that Mr. Barchi, Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Genoa, has reported to me the arrival in that port of the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*," Acquerone, master; owner, Settimio Noli, under charge of Lieutenant Glynn, and a prize-crew from Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*."

This Sardinian vessel has been sent into Genoa for condemnation under existing treaties between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

The enclosed copy of a letter from Commander H. Layton, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*," to Her Majesty's Consul at Genoa, contains the enumeration of the reasons for suspecting that the "*Sansone*" was destined to be employed in the traffic in Slaves, and having detained and sent her into Genoa harbour for condemnation.

Mr. Barchi informs me that the "*Sansone*" will be admitted to pratique on the 29th instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Enclosure in No. 244.

*Commander Layton to the British Consul, Genoa.**H. M. Sloop "Cygnnet," Ascension,**May 17, 1845.*

SIR,

HAVING detained and sent to Genoa the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*," Acquerone Gio. Batta, master, for having violated the Treaty between France, Sardinia, and Great Britain, dated the 8th August, 1834, in having bulk-heads and beams for a female slave-room, also pieces of slave-deck, and bulk-heads abaft, cut away to allow stowage for hold, but ready for shipping, an extraordinary number of water-casks, one leager built in the forehold, three coppers, a large hatchway, a great quantity of medicine for slave purposes, lamps for slave deck, an immense number of letters, principally directed to slave-dealers at Lagos: one bag was found secreted under the cargo in the after hold;—

I have intrusted this barque to Lieutenant Glynn, the first-lieutenant of this ship, whom you will find a very intelligent officer, and I shall feel obliged if you will render him all the assistance you can with respect to the detained vessel, as well as putting him in the best way to return to his ship, with his crew, which, I imagine, must be by England. It is a sad business having to send them so far away, and with the whole of the barque's crew to guard.

I am, &c.
(Signed) H. LAYTON, *Commander.*

The British Consul, Genoa,
&c. &c.

No. 245.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Turin, August 5, 1845.
(Received August 11.)

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 2^d ultimo, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant, issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 19th ultimo, to enable Captain J. C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," about to be employed on the south-east coast of America 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. 245.

H.M.S. "Vernon," Capt Fitzgerald, S. E. Coast of America, July 19, 1845.

No. 246.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 246.

H.M.S.V	"Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	W. Coast of Africa	May 9, 1844.
H.M.S.	"Rapid"	Com. Earle	Coast of Africa	March 28, 1842.
"	"Bittern"	Com. Peel	Cape of Good Hope	July 22, 1843.
"	"Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	Brazil	June 3, 1844.
"	"Alfred"	Com. Purvis	"	March 28, 1842.
"	"Ferret"	Com. Oake	W. Coast of Africa	"

No. 247.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Turin, August 19, 1845.
(Received August 29.)

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave

Trade, of the 11th instant, transmitting to me six warrants issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for Her Majesty's ships "Gorgon," "Rapid," "Bittern," "Frolic," "Alfred," and "Ferret," and desiring me to return them to the Sardinian Government, that they may be cancelled.

I have not failed to comply with these your Lordship's instructions.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 248.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 29, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you, for communication to the Sardinian Government, a copy of a letter and of its enclosures, from Commander Wilson, of Her Majesty's ship "Pantaloen," received at this department from the Admiralty, reporting the circumstances under which a brig, with a cargo of between 600 and 700 slaves on board, and which had a short time previously been lying in Lagos roads under Genoese colours, had been driven on shore on the west coast of Africa by Her Majesty's ship "Pantaloen," and destroyed.

I am, &c.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

&c.

&c.

Enclosures in No. 248.

1. *Commander Wilson to Mr. Sidney Herbert, June 12, 1845.*
2. *Certificate relative to the destruction of the Slaver.*

(See Enclosures 247 and 248 in No. 9, Class A. page 118.)

No 249.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 16, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you, for your information, copies of two communications, one from Mr. Vice-Consul Barchi at Genoa, the other from the Admiralty, relative to the detention on the coast of Africa, on suspicion of Slave Trade, of the Sardinian barque "Sansone" by Her Majesty's ship "Cygnet," and of the subsequent arrival of the prize at Genoa under the charge of Lieutenant Glynn of the "Cygnet."

I also transmit to you a copy of a Despatch which I this day addressed upon the subject to Mr. Brown, Her Majesty's Consul at Genoa; and I am to request that you will afford any advice and assistance in your power, either to Her Majesty's Consul or to Lieutenant Glynn, that may be proper and reasonable in this case.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,

&c.

&c.

Enclosure 1 in No. 249, page 137.

Vice-Consul Barchi to Mr. Bidwell, July 30, 1845.

(See No. 276, page 137.)

Enclosure 2 in No. 249.

Captain Hamilton to Viscount Canning.

MY LORD,

Admiralty, 15th September, 1845.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state, for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, that Lieutenant Edmund A. Glynn, of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnets," has arrived at Genoa in charge of the Sardinian barque "Sansone," detained by the "Cygnets" on suspicion of being engaged in the Slave Trade: and their Lordships request that Lord Aberdeen will instruct the British Consul at Genoa to afford any assistance in his power to Lieutenant Glynn that may be proper and reasonable.

I am, &c.

(Signed) W. A. B. HAMILTON.

The Viscount Canning,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 3 in No. 249.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Consul Brown, September 16, 1845.

(See No. 277, page 137.)

No. 250.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Turin, September 11, 1845.**(Received September 22.)*

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade, dated Foreign Office, 29th August, 1845, transmitting to me, for communication to the Sardinian Government, a report of the circumstances under which a vessel with a cargo of between 600 and 700 slaves, that had been previously observed by the commanding-officer of Her Majesty's cruiser "Pantallone," to be lying in Lagos Roads under Genoese colours, had been by the same cruiser subsequently chased and driven on shore, under no colours, where she had speedily become a perfect wreck.

In obedience to your Lordship's instructions, I have lost no time in communicating these details to the Government of His Sardinian Majesty.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 251.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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. 251.

H.M.S. "Spartan," Capt. Elliot N. American and W. India station,
March 28, 1842.

No. 252.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, September 23, 1845.

(Received September 30.)

MY LORD,

IN compliance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade of the 3rd September, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a warrant issued at my request by the Sardinian Government on the 17th instant, to enable Commander Robert F. Gambier of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," about to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 253.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, October 3, 1845.

(Received October 10.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch marked Slave Trade, of the 16th ultimo, of this year's series, enclosing to me copies of correspondence regarding the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*," suspected of having been engaged in the traffic of slaves.

I shall not fail to obey your Lordship's instructions therein expressed with regard to affording any advice and assistance in my power to Her Majesty's Consul at Genoa, or to Lieutenant Glynn, that may seem reasonable or proper in this case.

I had, previously to receiving your Lordship's above-mentioned Despatch, already spoken on various occasions to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite upon the subject of this vessel, and his Excellency informed me that his Sardinian Majesty had desired that the strictest attention should be paid to the due execution of the provisions of the Treaty for the suppression of this odious trade.

The investigation is still proceeding, and the defence is now about to be commenced, the case for the prosecution having terminated.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 254.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, October 3, 1844.

(Received October 10.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 25th ultimo, of the Slave Trade series, transmitting to me, in order to be returned to the Sardinian Government, the Sardinian warrant for Her Majesty's ship "*Spartan*," lately employed on the North American and West Indian station; and I have not failed to execute your Lordship's instructions upon this point.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 255.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Turin, October 8, 1845.
(Received October 14.)

MY LORD,

With reference to the contents of your Lordship's Despatch of the 3rd instant, of the Slave Trade series of this year, relative to the brig "*Frederick*," at one moment seen lying under Genoese colours in Lagos Roads, and subsequently driven on shore under no colours, by Her Majesty's ship "*Pantaloön*," on suspicion of being engaged in the traffic of Slaves, I have now the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information, copy of a note I yesterday received from his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, in reply to one I addressed to him upon this subject, by which it appears that a brig called the "*Frederick*" is entered on the register of the mercantile navy of the port of Genoa; that this vessel sailed, in November, 1844, from Genoa under command of Captain Bartolette Gaëtan, with a complement of thirteen men, for Bahia; and that since the "*Frederick*" went to pieces on the Coast of Africa no news has been received at Genoa with regard to her crew.

Your Lordship will no doubt observe that his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite does not in the enclosed note attempt to establish any difference between the "*Frederick*" entered on the register at Genoa, and the vessel described by the captain of Her Majesty's ship "*Pantaloön*," as having been by him chased on shore with a cargo of slaves on board.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

Enclosure in No. 255.

Count Solar de la Marguerite to Mr. Abercromby.

Turin, le 7 Octobre, 1845.

LE Soussigné, Ministre et Premier Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères, s'empresse de porter à la connaissance de Monsieur Abercromby, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté Britannique, le résultat des informations qui ont été recueillies par l'Administration Maritime sur le brick, aux couleurs Génoises, qui a été surpris se livrant à la Traite des Noirs dans la Baie de Lagos par le Commandant du navire Anglais le "*Pantaloön*," et qui a fait l'objet de la note que Monsieur Abercromby lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser dans le courant du mois dernier.

Un brick portant effectivement le nom de "*Frédéric*" est inscrit sur les registres matricules des bâtimens de la marine marchande à Gènes; ce brick a fait différens voyages en Amérique Méridionale et à la Côte d'Afrique d'où il est arrivé sur lest à Bahia le 8 Juin, 1844, commandé par le Capitaine Jean Baptiste Jodoano; le 19 Juillet suivant il a quitté ce port pour se rendre à Gènes avec un chargement de sucre et de cuirs. Dans le mois de Novembre de la même année il est parti de Gènes pour Bahia avec treize personnes d'équipage sous le commandement du Capitaine Bartolette Gaëtan, qui avait pour second à bord le nommé Thomas Seghezza.

Ces renseignemens sont assez conformes à ceux que contient le rapport de Monsieur le Commandant du "*Pantaloön*."

Du reste le brick "*Frédéric*" ayant échoué sur la Côte d'Afrique, on n'a plus eu aucune nouvelle à Gènes du personnel de ce bâtiment.

Le Soussigné, &c.
SOLAR DE LA MARGUERITE.

A Monsieur Abercromby,
&c. &c.

No. 256.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 256.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla," Capt. Robt. Sharpe, N. America and W. India station,
June 22, 1842.
,, "Growler," Com. C. H. M. Buckle, W. Coast of Africa, May 9, 1844.

No. 257.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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. 257.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent" . Com. Russell . W. Coast of Africa . March 9, 1844.

No. 258.

*Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.**11, Grosvenor Street, Octobre 29, 1845.**(Received October 30.)*

LE brigantin de la Marine Sarde le "Daino" étant à la veille de partir de Gènes, sous le commandement du Chevalier Scoffiero, capitaine de vaisseau, pour aller renforcer la station Sarde du Rio de la Plata le Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de S. M. le Roi de Sardaigne, a reçu l'ordre de son Gouvernement de s'adresser à son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de S. M. Britannique, pour le prier de vouloir bien lui obtenir de l'Amirauté un mandat qui autorise le capitaine de ce bâtiment à exercer le droit de visite pour la répression de la Traite de Nègres, conformément à la Convention conclue entre les deux Gouvernemens en date du 8 Août, 1834.

Le Soussigné, &c.

(Signé)

POLLON.

Son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, K. T.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 259.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Count Pollon.**Foreign Office, November 1, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Count Pollon, and, in compliance with the request contained in Count Pollon's note of the 29th ultimo, has the honour to transmit to him herewith a warrant to enable the Commander of the Sardinian frigate "*Daino*" to act under the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

Count Pollon,
&c. &c.

No. 260.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Genoa, November 7, 1845.
(Received November 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 15th ultimo, of the Slave Trade series, and in compliance with the instructions therein contained, I have now the honour to forward to your Lordship herewith a warrant, issued on the 1st instant by the Sardinian Government at my request, to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Heroine*," about to be employed on the Coast of Africa station, to act under the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 261.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Genoa, November 7, 1845.
(Received November 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the Slave Trade series of the 16th ultimo, and in obedience to the instructions therein contained I have returned to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, in order that they may be cancelled, the warrants described enclosed therein, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ships and their Commanders for which they were issued.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

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No. 262.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, November 7, 1845.
(Received November 18.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 27th ultimo, of the Slave Trade series, and in conformity with the instructions therein contained I have returned to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, in order that it may be cancelled, the warrant enclosed therein, issued by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, but now no longer required for Her Majesty's ship and its Commander for which it was issued.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 263.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, November 7, 1845.
(Received November 18.)

MY LORD,

SINCE my arrival at Genoa I have frequently seen Lieutenant Glynn, of Her Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," in charge of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*," now under trial for having been engaged in the Traffic of Slaves on the Coast of Africa, and from that officer I have received, from time to time, information respecting the progress of the judicial proceedings now pending before the Sardinian tribunals with regard to this case, which I am led to believe is now likely soon to be terminated.

On a former occasion I had the honour to report to your Lordship that I had found in the language of his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, and his Excellency the Chevalier de Villamarina, Minister of War, every reason to be satisfied with their desire to see the provisions of the Treaty under which this vessel has to be judged fairly executed; and since my arrival here I have had no reason to alter my opinion in that respect; nor have I observed on the part of the Sardinian Government any wish that the owner and captain should escape the penalties to which the commerce they are accused of having carried on has exposed them.

The case of the "*Sansone*" is the first that has ever been brought into Genoa for adjudication before the Sardinian Tribunals; and from some circumstances that have come to my knowledge, it has seemed to me that the arguments employed by the Advocate Fiscal in his summing up of the case to the court evinced rather a disposition to favour the defendants, than a strict conformity to the spirit and letter of the Treaty under which this vessel had to be judged.

I therefore considered it to be my duty to take such precautions as were in my power, without interfering with the perfect independence of the tribunal before which the case of the "*Sansone*" was being tried, to prevent, if possible, the establishing a faulty precedent for the future by a misconstruction of the spirit and letter of the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834. I accordingly called upon his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, and having told him what I had heard respecting some points alluded to in the summing up of the Advocate Fiscal, I said that I was anxious, before it was too late, that the court should be made clearly to understand the bearing of the articles of the Treaty of the 8th of August, which I feared, from what I had learnt of the opinions given by the Advocate Fiscal, were not exactly in conformity with them: that I by no means wished to interfere with the independent exercise of the judgment of the court, but that as this was a novel case for the consideration of the lawyers of this country, it seemed to me that much good might be done by pointing out to them the true bearing and principles of the Treaty.

I found that his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite had been informed, as well as myself, of the contents of the Advocate Fiscal's report, and had been equally

struck with the variance that existed between the opinions of that functionary and the articles of the Treaty: and I have reason to believe, judging from the expressions used by his Excellency to me in conversation, that he had already pointed out to the members of the court the real obligations of the Treaty; and that, whatever decision the court may eventually pronounce, his Excellency is prepared to execute fairly the engagements entered into by this country with Great Britain, under the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, with regard to Sardinian vessels brought into Genoa for trial, under suspicion of being engaged in the Traffic of Slaves.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 264.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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, &c.

The Honourable R. Abercromby,
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 264.

H.M.S.V. "Albert"	Lieut. Woodruffe, com.	Coast of Africa	5th Aug. 1843.
H.M.S. "Ringdove"	Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead)	"	3rd June, 1844.
H.M.S.V. "Eclair"	Com. Estcourt (dead)	"	9th Nov. 1844.

No. 265.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Genoa, 19th November, 1845.

(Received November 27.)

MY LORD,

A SARDINIAN polacca brig, called "*La Somariva*," Giacomo Ramella, Master, with a crew of eleven men, owners Fratelli Carboni, colonial merchants of this place, has been brought into Genoa Harbour, for adjudication under the Treaty of 8th August, 1834, in charge of Mr. T. G. Budd, Master's Assistant, and a prize crew from Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnets*," having been detained and captured by that vessel off Kabenda, on the 28th of August, 1845.

The vessel and crew are still in quarantine, but as soon as they receive pratique, the necessary steps will be taken for commencing the proceedings in this case, according to the forms required by the Treaty.

Various circumstances connected with the fittings and cargo of this vessel indicate the nature of the commerce in which she was engaged; but for the reasons I have already given to your Lordship in my preceding Despatch of this year's Slave Trade Series, which I have forwarded to England by the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steam-ship "*North Star*," which quits Genoa Harbour this day, I am fearful that the same prejudicial influence will be exerted in this case as has been already exhibited in the case of the "*Sansone*."

The attention of Her Majesty's cruisers on the Coast of Africa, appearing, from these rapidly succeeding captures, to be now drawn to the abuse made of the Sardinian flag for the carrying on the traffic in slaves, it becomes necessary, in furtherance of the humane objects of the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, that some steps should be taken to secure the impartial exercise of the powers with

which the Sardinian Court of Admiralty is invested for the strict execution of the provisions of that Treaty, and I shall therefore wait with anxiety for instructions from your Lordship with reference to this point.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

(Extract.)

No. 266.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 2, 1845.

I HAVE received your Despatches on the subject of the capture of the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*," and her arrival at Genoa under charge of Lieutenant Glynn, of Her Majesty's brig "*Cygnnet*."

I approve of your having spoken to the Sardinian Minister to the effect mentioned in your Despatch.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,
&c. &c.

No. 267.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Genoa, November 15, 1845.

(Received December 3.)

MY LORD,

ALTHOUGH I have not as yet received any official notice of the decision of the Sardinian Court of Admiralty of Mercantile Marine, with regard to the bark "*Sansone*," I have, however, reason to believe that the judgment of the Court has been pronounced.

If my information is correct, it would appear that the vessel and her cargo have been ordered to be delivered to her owners, the Court having decided that there were not sufficient grounds for her condemnation; and her captain has been liberated.

The Court, however, has not awarded damages to the owners, as I believe it was at one moment disposed to do, but has left that question for them to bring forward, should the articles of the Treaty of 8th August, 1834, justify their doing so; but the Court has avoided, as I am informed, itself giving any opinion upon this point.

The case of the "*Sansone*" is therefore, I understand, closed, at least as far as concerns the Sardinian Court of Admiralty of Mercantile Marine. It now remains to be seen how far in the opinion of his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite the judgment of the Court is in conformity with the engagements entered into by the Sardinian Government under the Treaty of 8th August, 1834: and whether the Sardinian Government is disposed to approve the sentence now given, should the grounds upon which it is based be found to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Treaty, which I have reason to suspect may possibly prove to be the case.

According to the information I have received from Lieutenant Glynn, the officer in charge, two points connected with the fittings of the "*Sansone*" particularly indicated the peculiar commerce for which that vessel was destined, and which at least, judging from the spirit of the articles of the Treaty, would appear to have been sufficient to warrant her condemnation. These points refer to the number of bulkheads found on board, five in number; and to the number of boilers with which the "*Sansone*" was furnished.

As regards the bulkheads, their number is in the first place greater than that generally considered necessary for the use of a vessel of the size of the "*Sansone*," and their construction was also, according to Lieutenant Glynn, such as to indicate the service for which they were adapted.

The second point refers to the boilers, of which six were found on board, four in cast-iron, and two in copper.

The Sardinian Admiralty Court appears however, according to the report I have received, to have admitted by their final judgment the validity of the arguments brought forward by the Sardinian lawyers in opposition to the condemnation of the "*Sansone*," that neither the number nor the construction of the bulkheads were such as to come within the letter of the Treaty; and that, as regards the boilers, four were of cast-iron, and had been used for boiling pitch, and therefore did not come under the description of "copper-boilers," the term used in the Treaty, and that the two remaining ones of copper were only sufficient for the legitimate use of the crew of the vessel.

Against this construction of the Treaty it is, however, to be observed that these bulkheads are reported to me as differing in their construction from ordinary bulkheads, and as more than are necessary for a trading-vessel, two peculiarities mentioned in the Treaty as being sufficient to prove the guilt of the suspected vessel; and that the four cast-iron boilers, although smeared internally with pitch, in order to ward off suspicion, were by their shape clearly intended for culinary purposes, and not for boiling pitch. Besides, the Treaty states that "a vessel having *two* or more copper boilers, or even *one*, evidently larger than requisite for the use of her crew" shall be held, and taken of right, to have engaged in the slave trade; and that these *two* copper boilers were more than requisite for the service of the ordinary crew of the "*Sansone*" is proved by the fact of their having been amply sufficient, when the number of persons on board had been doubled by the addition of the prize-crew from Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*."

Had the "*Sansone*" been brought before a tribunal accustomed to the investigation of similar cases, I have very little doubt that there would have been considered to have existed abundant proof to justify her condemnation; but in a mercantile port like Genoa, where the influence of fellow-feeling for the success of mercantile speculations of Genoese shipowners, however reprehensible they may be in their nature, is so keenly felt, the result of this trial is perhaps more easy to be understood.

That this will be the case equally, should other Sardinian vessels be sent into Genoa for adjudication, is, I fear, to be apprehended; and although I sincerely believe that both His Sardinian Majesty and his Ministers are honestly desirous to have the provisions of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, scrupulously performed, I can feel but little certainty, that Genoese legal ingenuity will not always be zealously employed to raise technical impediments in the way of a fair construction, not only of the letter of the articles of the Treaty, but of the intentions with which those articles have been framed.

Up to this moment neither the terms of the sentence of the Court, nor the arguments which have led to the adoption of them, have been communicated to me; but these your Lordship will probably consider it expedient to claim for the information of Her Majesty's Government, as the Treaty specifically provides for the reciprocal communication "free of expense, and on application being made, of copies of all proceedings instituted, and judgments given, relative to vessels visited or detained in execution of the provisions of the Treaty."

Her Majesty's Government will thus have full opportunity of weighing the arguments adduced in favour of the liberation of the "*Sansone*" and of her cargo, and of judging how far the sentence is in accordance with the spirit and intentions of the Treaty with Sardinia for the suppression of the Slave Trade; and if I might venture to express my own opinion, it would be to require from the Sardinian Government the communication of all the proceedings, evidence, and legal reports of the Sardinian law officers, which have reference to the trial of this case, in order that Her Majesty's Government may be enabled to judge of the probability of obtaining in the Genoese Courts of Admiralty the conviction of vessels detained by Her Majesty's cruisers under suspicion of having engaged in the Traffic of Slaves; and also for the purpose of taking such notice as your Lordship may deem necessary to prevent the establishment by the Admiralty Courts of Sardinia of an objectionable precedent, or of an erroneous construction of the articles of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 268.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, November 25, 1845.
(Received December 4.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that the Sardinian polacca-brig "*Somariva*," which has been brought into Genoa for adjudication under the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, has received pratique, and that the preliminary proceedings of clearing the vessel, and taking an exact inventory of her cargo and fittings, will be immediately commenced.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 269.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, November 29, 1844.
(Received December 9.)

MY LORD,

YESTERDAY Lieutenant Glynn communicated to me a citation he had received from the Sardinian Admiralty Court of Mercantile Marine to appear within five days before the Court, in the case of an action for damages brought against Commander Layton and himself, at the suit of the captain and owners of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*," which had been sent into Genoa for adjudication by Commander Layton.

The plaintiffs ground their action on the 8th Article of the Supplementary Convention between Great Britain and France, signed at Paris the 22nd of March, 1833, which, according to their views, is made applicable to their case by the finding of the sentence of the Court, an extract from which is inserted in the above-mentioned citation addressed to Lieutenant Glynn.

The extract is as follows, of which the translation is herewith enclosed:—
"Questo Supremo Magistrato con sua sentenza del 12 corrente Novembre, riconosciuta l'innocenza degli inquisiti dichiarò non essere valida la cattura a cui il comandante dello sloop 'Cygnet,' della marineria di S. M. B^a. Enrico Layton è divenuto il 14 Aprile ultimo, scorso del brick sotto Bandiera Sarda il '*Sansone*' e non essere luogo ad ulteriore Criminale Procedimento contro il Cap. dello Stesso brick Gio. Batt. Acquerone. Doversi conseguentemente rilasciare come manda rilasciarsi il medesimo senza costa di spesa delle carceri ove si trova detenuto, e doversi restituire come manda restituirsì il bastimento ed il Carico al sud^o. Acquerone, od a chiunque s'è a diragierse. Salvo al sud^o. Gio. Batt. Acquerone, od a qualunque altro interessato il diritto di far valere in prosequimento del presente giudizio quelle ragioni che possano loro competere a termini dei pubblici trattati."

Your Lordship will have learnt from my previous Despatches that there is reason to believe that the Sardinian law officers have in their arguments in support of the innocence of the captain and owners of the "*Sansone*," given a wider interpretation to some of the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, than can be justly ascribed to them, and therefore that it is possible that the judgment of the Court as above delivered is not in strict conformity with the provisions of the Treaty. The same partiality that has led to the finding of the judgment of the Court in the first case, will, I have little doubt, lead to their finding for the plaintiffs in the second, though in both cases the judgment may have been given in opposition to the Articles of the Treaty.

I have consequently deemed it to be my duty to recall to the mind of his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite the assurances he gave me in conversation when at Genoa of the desire of the Sardinian Government to see the spirit and provisions of the Treaty fairly executed; and I have addressed to his Excellency a note to this effect, copy of which I herewith enclose.

I have purposely abstained from entering into any discussion with his Excellency as to the correctness of the sentence already pronounced by the Sardinian

Court of Admiralty, or as to the soundness of the arguments employed by the law officers of the Court, because it appears to me that such discussion would be improper until your Lordship shall be in possession of all the legal proceedings in this case, and I have therefore endeavoured to confine myself in the present instance to the single point of renewing to his Excellency the observations I had formerly made as to the necessity that the proceedings of the Sardinian authorities with regard to the application of the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, should be in accordance with the just interpretation of the spirit and tenor of those Articles.

I hope that in taking the ground in my communication with the Sardinian Minister for Foreign Affairs that I consider the Articles of the Treaty as alone affording the true principles which ought to guide Sardinian authorities in their judgment of the "*Sansone*," and of similar cases, I shall be found to have acted according to your Lordship's views upon this subject, and I shall anxiously wait for your Lordship's instructions for the guidance of my future conduct in this matter.

Your Lordship will, I hope, excuse me if I venture to point out that many difficulties occur here, in the way of successfully combating the partiality that exists in favour of Genoese shipowners and captains, in consequence of the secret manner in which the proceedings of the Sardinian courts are conducted; that the cases being argued and managed almost entirely by lawyers, unconnected with and ignorant of naval affairs, and of the usual arrangements on board of vessels employed in the traffic of slaves, great facilities are thereby given for the employment of legal equivocations, and as a proof that the proceedings of the Court are little calculated to elicit the truth in cases of this nature, I have been informed by Lieutenant Glynn that on no occasion has he been examined in the presence of either the President or of any of the naval members of the Court, to whom it would have been easy for him to have offered such professional information and explanations as would have materially tended towards enabling the members of the Court to arrive at a correct opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the parties under suspicion of having been engaged in the traffic of slaves.

I shall not fail to transmit to your Lordship, from time to time, such information connected with the proceedings relative to the case of the "*Sansone*," and of the "*Somariva*," as I may be able to collect, in order that your Lordship may instruct me fully with regard to those points which your Lordship may consider to be important to secure the fair execution of the provisions of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, for the protection of Her Majesty's naval officers employed in the suppression of the traffic in slaves.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

Enclosure 1 in 269.

(Translation.)

THE above Supreme Court, by its sentence of the 12th of November, recognizing the innocence of the defendants, declares the capture made on the 14th of April, 1845, of the bark "*Sansone*," under Sardinian flag, by the Commandant of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnat*," Henry Layton, not to be valid, and that there is no ground for further criminal proceedings against the captain of the said bark, Gio. Batt. Aquerone; therefore he is to be released, as he is hereby released, without any costs, from the prison in which he is detained; and also the ship with its cargo is to be given up, as it is hereby given up, to the above-mentioned Aquerone, or any one else who has a right to it: reserving to the above-mentioned Aquerone, or any one else having an interest in the matter, the right of establishing (*far valere*) in pursuance of the present sentence, those points which according to the terms of public treaties may be favourable to them.

Enclosure 2 in No. 269.

Mr. Abercromby to the Count Solar de la Marguerite.

Genoa, November 29, 1845.

THE Undersigned, &c., seeing that the proceedings of the Sardinian Court of Admiralty for Mercantile Marine in the case of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*," suspected of being engaged in the illicit traffic of slaves, are likely to be still further prolonged, takes this opportunity, at the same time that he studiously avoids all idea of in any way encroaching upon the independence of the Court appointed by the Government of his Sardinian Majesty for the trial of cases of this description, of recalling to the mind of his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, &c., the nature of the observations he had the honour to make to him when last at Genoa, to the effect that it is of the highest importance that the Sardinian Court of Admiralty now sitting in judgment upon a case which, for the honour of the Sardinian flag, is the first of this nature that has been brought under the jurisdiction of the Court, should be fully informed, not only of the principles which have led to the signing by the Sardinian Government of the engagements entered into by them under the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, but also that the Court should understand the limits to which their judicial powers are confined by the letter of the Articles of that Treaty.

The Undersigned has much satisfaction in acknowledging that his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, upon the occasion of the above-mentioned conversation, expressed in the name of his Sardinian Majesty and of his Government their earnest desire to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in assisting to suppress this odious traffic, by executing scrupulously the terms of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, and it is because the Undersigned places full reliance on these assurances of the Government of his Sardinian Majesty, that he renews to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite upon the present occasion, his observations as to the necessity that the proceedings of the Sardinian authorities with regard to the application of the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, in cases which come under their jurisdiction, should be in accordance with the just interpretation of the spirit and tenor of those Articles.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

His Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 270.

Count Pollon to the Earl of Aberdeen.

11, Grosvenor Street, Décembre 12, 1845.

(Received December 13.)

MY LORD,

LE vaisseau de la Marine Royale Sarde, L'Eridano, Capitaine le Comte Persano, étant dernièrement revenue des mers du Sud, où il avait été stationné pendant trois années, le Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de Sardaigne, a l'honneur de transmettre ci-joint à Son Excellence Monsieur le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique, le mandat pour la répression de la Traite des Noirs, qui avait été délivré à cet effet dans le temps à cet officier par l'Amirauté Anglaise.

Le Soussigné, &c.

(Signé)

POLLON

A son Excellence M. le Comte d'Aberdeen,
&c. &c. &c.

No. 271.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, December 2, 1845.
(Received December 13.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 21st ultimo, enclosing to me the warrants formerly issued by the Sardinian Government, to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships therein named, to act under the Treaty of August 8, 1834, between Great Britain, France, and Sardinia, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and instructing me to return them to the Sardinian Government, in order that they may be cancelled, which instructions I have not failed to execute.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

No. 272.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 13, 1845.

I HAVE received your Despatch, of the 15th November last, respecting the bark "*Sansone*." I concur in the observations which you make in that Despatch; and I have to instruct you accordingly to make application to the Sardinian Government for copies of all the proceedings instituted, and of the judgment which may be given in the case, including the evidence, and the legal Reports of the Sardinian Law Officers, having reference thereto.

You will base your application upon the 10th Article of the Convention of 1833 between Great Britain and France, adopted by Sardinia in the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,
&c. &c.

No. 273.

*Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Genoa, December 6, 1845.
(Received December 16.)

MY LORD,

IN my Despatch of the Slave Trade series of the 29th ultimo, I had the honour to transmit to your Lordship copy of a note I had addressed to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, with reference to the necessity that the Sardinian Court of Admiralty for Mercantile Marine, now sitting in judgment on an action for costs and damages, instituted by the Owners and Captain of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*," against Commander Layton and Lieutenant Glynn, of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*," should keep within the limits prescribed by the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834; and I have now the honour to forward herewith, for your Lordship's information, copy of the reply I have this morning received from his Excellency the Sardinian Minister for Foreign Affairs, together with copy of the answer I have made to it.

Your Lordship will find in the first of these enclosed documents, a repetition of the intention, as before verbally expressed to me by his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, of the Sardinian Government, that the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, should be considered as forming the basis upon which alone

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the proceedings, in cases of Sardinian vessels brought into Genoa for adjudication under that Treaty, ought to be conducted; and it is only just, therefore, to hope, that whatever sentence the Court of Admiralty at Genoa may pronounce, the Government of His Sardinian Majesty, as the final interpreters of the spirit and tenor of those Articles, will not sustain a decision, if found to be contrary to the provisions of that Treaty.

Your Lordship will also observe, that his Excellency the Sardinian Minister for Foreign Affairs communicates to me the enclosed note, the determination taken by His Sardinian Majesty to allow Lieutenant Glynn to assist, whenever the Sardinian laws permit of his doing so, in the proceedings about to commence in the case of the Sardinian brig "*Somariva*," under trial for being engaged in the traffic of slaves.

This permission which His Sardinian Majesty has granted, unsolicited on my part, and although not bound to do so by any article of the Treaty of the 8th of August, 1834, may be taken as an additional proof that His Sardinian Majesty and His Government are sincerely desirous of co-operating frankly and fully in their endeavours to prevent the Sardinian flag from abetting this odious traffic; and I have, therefore, much satisfaction in placing before your Lordship this spontaneous act of His Sardinian Majesty, which is calculated to impress upon the members of the Sardinian Court of Admiralty that neither the King, nor His Government, have any desire other than to see the case of parties implicated in this inhuman commerce submitted to the most impartial investigation, and the proof of their guilt followed by the punishment it may deserve.

With reference to the interference of Lieutenant Glynn in the proceedings against the "*Somariva*," which it appears has given rise to the above-mentioned decision of His Sardinian Majesty, I have to inform your Lordship, that that officer by no means wished or intended to take the management of the case out of the hands of Mr. Budd, the officer in charge, and that the interference which the Sardinian authorities at Genoa appear to have complained of, amounts only to Mr. Glynn having given to Mr. Budd the benefit of his advice with reference to the signing of some papers, of the contents of which Mr. Budd was ignorant, not being master of the Italian language, and which were incorrect in point of form, and with respect to the detention of part of the contents of the bags belonging to the prize crew of the "*Cygnets*," on their coming ashore, when leaving the "*Somariva*" in the hands of the Sardinian authorities.

In all matters connected with the proceedings against the "*Somariva*," Mr. Budd, as the officer in charge, has had the entire and complete management.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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

Enclosure 1 in No. 273.

Count Solar de la Marguerite to Mr. Abercromby.

MONSIEUR,

Turin, le 5 Décembre, 1845.

LE Soussigné, Ministre et Premier Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères, en réponse à la note que Monsieur Abercromby, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté Britannique, lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser en date du 29 Novembre dernier, relativement au procès du brick Sarde "*le Sanson*," capturé par le Commandant du *Cygnets*, comme soupçonné de servir à la Traite des Noirs, s'empresse de lui réitérer l'assurance qu'il a mis tous ses soins à ce que le Conseil d'Amirauté, saisi pour la première fois d'une affaire de ce genre, connût parfaitement l'esprit et les vues dans lesquels le Gouvernement du Roi a conclu le Traité du 8 Août, 1834, pour la répression de cet infâme trafic, et qu'en se renfermant dans les limites fixées par ces stipulations, il apportât toute la diligence possible à la décision de cette affaire.

Le Soussigné doit en même temps informer Monsieur Abercromby que, à l'occasion de la mise en jugement du Capitaine du brick Sarde "*le Somariva*," aussi capturé par le Commandant du "*Cygnets*," et conduit dernièrement à Gènes sous les ordres de M. Budd, M. le Lieutenant de la Marine Anglaise Glynn après être intervenu,

quoiqu' étranger à cette seconde affaire, à la visite du dit brick et aux autres dispositions préparatoires de la procédure, a manifesté l'intention d'intervenir aussi aux actes mêmes de cette procédure. Aucune disposition du traité précité et des instructions qui s'y rapportent n'autorisant l'intervention dont il s'agit, la question a dû être soumise au Roi, et Sa Majesté vient déterminer que M. Lieutenant Glynn pourra être admis à assister aux actes de la dite procédure toutes les fois que la chose sera compatible avec les dispositions de la loi du pays.

(Signé) Le Soussigné, &c.
SOLAR DE LA MARGUERITE.

Monsieur Abercromby,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 2 in No. 273.

Mr. Abercromby to Count Solar de la Marguerite.

Genoa, December 6, 1845.

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, in acknowledging the receipt this morning of the note which his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, Minister and First Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has done him the honour to address to him under date of yesterday, the 5th instant, avails himself of this opportunity to assure his Excellency that no time will be lost in communicating to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty the sincere desire entertained by His Sardinian Majesty and his Government, that the Admiralty Court for Mercantile Marine, before which the case of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*" is now pleading, should confine themselves within the limits fixed by the stipulations of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, for the suppression of the traffic in slaves; and the Undersigned is convinced that the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, on receiving this communication of the course which the Sardinian Government is determined to adopt in questions of this nature, will derive from it a feeling of additional security that every endeavour will be made to prevent the flag of Sardinia from being illegally used to cover the odious traffic in slaves.

As regards the second communication contained in the note of his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, that His Sardinian Majesty had been pleased to permit that Lieutenant Glynn should assist, on all occasions compatible with Sardinian laws, during the proceedings about to be commenced in the Sardinian Court of Admiralty for Mercantile Marine, in the case of the Sardinian brig "*Somariva*," under trial for an offence similar to that of which the "*Sansone*" had been accused, the Undersigned hastens to express to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite his thanks for the communication of this unsolicited mark of His Sardinian Majesty's desire to further the execution of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, by granting a permission not provided for by the terms of the Treaty. It is therefore with great satisfaction that the Undersigned has at once conveyed to the knowledge of his Government this gracious determination of His Sardinian Majesty.

With regard to the interference which Lieutenant Glynn is accused of having wished to exercise over the proceedings against the "*Somariva*," the Undersigned begs to assure his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, that such was never that officer's wish or intention. Lieutenant Glynn is perfectly aware that in all matters connected with the future proceedings of this case, it is for Mr. Budd, the officer in charge, alone to take upon himself the performance of all official acts; and if any complaint has been made against Lieutenant Glynn on the plea of his having interfered, such complaint can only have originated in Lieutenant Glynn having been desirous to explain to Mr. Budd the contents of certain documents drawn up in the Italian language, with which he was unacquainted, and to ascertain that the papers were in accordance with the forms required.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

His Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite,
&c. &c. &c.

(Extract.)

No. 274.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Genoa, December 16, 1845.

(Received December 25.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, dated the 2nd instant, of the Slave Trade series; and I have to express to your Lordship my thanks for communicating to me your approbation of the language I had held to his Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, with regard to the trial of the case of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*."

The cargo of the "*Somariva*" is nearly landed, and when it shall be completed, the proceedings before the Court will be immediately commenced.

In addition to the documents which Mr. Consul Brown has forwarded to your Lordship, in compliance with the instructions he has received, I have now the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter I received from Lieutenant Glynn, containing some observations he made when reading over the evidence submitted to the Court in the case of the "*Sansone*." Some of these observations I have already brought under your Lordship's notice, but it appears to me that two points mentioned in this letter deserve particular attention: the first, the conflicting evidence of the captain and mate of the "*Sansone*" with regard to the quantity of farinha on board; the second, the contents of one of the letters found on board, directing the captain, in explicit terms, should he not obtain payment of a debt due to the writer of the letter, to take two slaves in lieu.

These points, which appear to me to go far towards establishing a case against the "*Sansone*," will come in greater detail before your Lordship, should you instruct me to apply to the Sardinian Government for the communication of all the legal documents and proceedings of the Court.

I have now likewise the honour to enclose herewith a copy in Italian, and translation, of the sentence of the Sardinian Court of Admiralty of Mercantile Marine in this affair.

In this document your Lordship will observe that the Court, although it admits that the number of boilers on board may have offered ground of suspicion to Commander Layton, yet availing itself of the quality of the boilers, and drawing an inference from their having been internally smeared with pitch, it comes to the conclusion that a sufficient proof of culpability does not exist against the "*Sansone*."

The questions proposed by Lieutenant Glynn in his enclosed letter, and the wording of § 8 of the 6th Article of the Treaty of the 22nd March, 1833, will lead your Lordship to form a just idea of the correctness of the decision of the Court on this point.

With regard to the two casks of iron said to have been landed, and which the Court says the defendants deny, it is to be observed, in confirmation of the evidence produced by Commander Layton before the Court, that the manifest of the "*Sansone*" mentions the existence on board of two casks of iron, though on clearing the vessel these casks were found to be missing, and have not been accounted for.

As regards the letters found on board, and to which Lieutenant Glynn has alluded in his report to me, the Court sets them aside on the ground that it appears that they do not contain proof that the "*Sansone*" was "*fitted out*" for the Slave Trade, nor that her "*destination*" was for the traffic in slaves, although one of those letters distinctly authorizes the captain, under particular circumstances, to take off two slaves.

I have ventured to trespass thus much upon your Lordship's time, in order to draw your attention to such points as seem, in the sentence of the Court, particularly to be in contradiction to the spirit and tenor of the Articles of the Treaty of the 8th August, 1834, and which will probably be considered by your Lordship as forming just ground for requiring explanation from the Sardinian Government, should they sustain the judgment as now delivered.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

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

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Enclosure I No. 274.

Mr. Glynn to Mr. Abercromby.

SIR,

Genoa, December 8, 1845.

I BEG to acquaint you, on reading the proceedings of the "*Sansone*," I find many questions placed by me for the information of the Court have not been entered; also, in another part, questions put to me have been so expressed as to give an entire different meaning to that intended. The questions I placed are as follows: Was it necessary for the "*Sansone*" to have five bulkheads? If so, why was the after-one down to the keel, cut through, to allow the cargo to be stowed the whole way aft, the pieces of plank remaining loose in the hold? The possibility of laying a deck between the second and third after-bulkheads for women? Is it likely or customary to boil pitch in copper vessels?

Two small boilers being amply sufficient for forty-two people during the voyage from the Isle of Ascension to this port, what might be sufficient for their own crew of sixteen?

Do you not think the coppers and large boiler being besmeared with pitch, was to blind any visit?

Is it probable for a vessel to have four pitch-boilers?

The Court having come to the decision to liberate the "*Sansone*," I must beg to remark, I have never been in the presence of the members of the Court, though I frequently expressed my desire to be present on different occasions.

The Captain of the "*Sansone*," in his evidence on oath, asserts that there was not a sack of farinha on board altogether; and in that of the mates, there were ten or eleven, which is in direct opposition to the statement of the master.

The Advocate Fiscal says, pleading as an excuse for the boilers, that so many were for the use of the ship, and the seventh (or sixth) leaving out the pitch-pot, was actually indispensable for the use of the kitchen, whereby allowing three for that purpose, when never more than two had ever been used.

I must also remark, that he states other vessels were visited, and no difference was observed. I happened to be present at the visit, and I positively assert, not one vessel was fitted in any way like the "*Sansone*," which I pointed out at the time in the presence of the interpreter.

The letters I have never seen, and the only information I can give is, in the examination of the master. He is questioned as to the sale of a brig he commanded on the coast of Africa on a former occasion, which he acknowledged to have sold; also about a letter, in which his name is mentioned to receive some money (a debt to the writer) from a slave merchant at Lagos, and if not able to get the money to take two slaves in lieu.

Two other letters are spoken of; but not being able to get any person who can translate them, the contents are unknown.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

EDMUND A. GLYNN,
Lieut. R.M.The Hon. Ralph Abercromby,
&c. &c.

Enclosure 2 in 274.

In the Cause of the *Royal Fisco*,
against

The Captain of the second class in the Sardinian Mercantile Marine, John Baptist Aquerone, son of the late Peter, of thirty years of age, a native of Porto Maurizio, and domiciliated at San Pierd'arena, Master of the Sardinian brick barque "*Sansone*," and Ferreira Emanuel Calisto, son of John, of thirty-six years of age, born and domiciliated at Bahia (Brazil), a tailor and tradesman, passenger on board the said brick barque, detained in prison and charged (not contested) to have fitted her out for the Slave Trade, in the voyage undertaken by the said vessel in the month of March of the present year, from Bahia to the coast of Africa.

The Board of Admiralty for mercantile shipping sitting at Genoa, having heard the contents of the Acts, and also the opinion of the *Fisco*, say,

Whereas in accordance with the tenor of the declaration of the Commander of the sloop "Cygnet," of Her Britannic Majesty's navy, Henry Layton, as also from the other evidence in the proceedings, the seizure of the vessel under the Sardinian colours, the "*Sansone*," was not effected upon having been found in the act of positive slave dealing, but as having been considered that that vessel was fitted out for that trade, or at least to be presumed as such from the indications existing on board thereof.

That from the judicial searches executed on board the captured vessel in the presence of Lieutenant Glynn, appointed by Commander Layton to the charge of the aforesaid vessel, it appears that neither the form of hatchways nor the internal divisions, nor by the existence of boards for decks, nor provisions of eatables, water, nor medicines in excessive quantity for the supply of the crew, could one look upon the brick "*Sansone*" as fitted out for the Slave Trade; and it cannot even be presumed to have been destined for that use in the voyage that Gio. Batt. Aquerone was making in the said brick "*Sansone*," from Bahia to the coast of Africa and back.

That with regard especially to the boilers existing on board the said vessel, although the number thereof may have offered a plausible motive of suspicion to the commander of the cruiser, yet from the result of the proceedings with regard to the quality of the said boilers, and as to the use which they actually served, it is groundless (*resta escluso*) that in the present case the same form a sufficient proof of culpability against Aquerone in the aforesaid traffic.

Whereas, from the examination of the correspondence seized on board the captured vessel, and more particularly by the three letters dated Bahia of the 3rd of March and 23rd of January last, one can neither establish equivalent proof of the fitting out the captured vessel, nor of her destination for the prohibited traffic in the aforesaid voyage.

Whereas in default of such circumstances, there cannot be supplied by the declaration of Commander Layton, bearing the mark of a cross by the two therein mentioned, Thompson and Tye, relative to the pretended landing of two casks or barrels containing irons for slaves, as in that declaration, Commander Layton limits himself to report the affirmation of the said Thompson and Tye, not accompanied by facts of his own knowledge, and that it is even contradicted from the unanimous depositions of all the passengers, as also of all those of the crew, who absolutely deny the landing mentioned in the certificate, and even the existence of the aforesaid casks on board.

Whereas, in such circumstances the culpability of Captain Aquerone for supposed participation in the traffic of slaves prohibited by the existing treaties between the King our Sovereign and Her Britannic Majesty, is punished by the dispositions of the Art. 104 of the law of the 13th January, 1827, relative to Sardinian shipping, is not established, nor can it even be deducted from the indications.

Whereas however, since the seventh Article of the additional Articles to the Treaty for the abolition of the Slave Trade of the 30th November, 1831, agreed upon on the 22nd March, 1833, provides for the case in which, if the seizure is not admitted to have been rightly founded, no indemnity in favour of the capture will be allowed, since the commander of the cruiser may have been induced to execute the capture in *bonâ fide*, as ordered by the Treaties, especially from there having been found on board the vessel some articles which could be looked upon as included amongst those specified in the Treaty as indications of the forbidden traffic.

That upon the whole of those motives that may have induced Commander Layton to make the seizure of the brig "*Sansone*," and from the proceedings, there are no facts such as to exclude the operation of those motives, and it is just that so far as the indemnity is concerned, such motives may be further discussed in a legal pleading on the part of the said Henry Layton.

Whereas, as regards also the particular damages arising from the alleged vexations suffered by the crew and passengers, who, according to the Art. 8 of the additional Convention in 1833, should be compensated, even independent of the legality or illegality of the seizure, it is right that these facts may be further verified and ascertained by all such means of proof as the parties will be able to furnish.

Whereas, as regards Emanuel Calisto Ferreira, a Brazilian, who, by the prece-

dent writ of the 25th of October last was detained in prison, it was on a mere presumptive relation of complicity in case of the culpability of Captain Aquerone, which, in accordance with the motives above alluded to, has not been established, from which falls to the ground the supposed complicity.

For these motives it is declared that the seizure by Henry Layton, Commander of Her Britannic Majesty's sloop "Cygnet," on the 14th of April last, of the brig under Sardinian colours, the "*Sansone*," is not valid, and there being no ground for any further criminal proceeding against the captain of the brig, Gio. Batt^a. Aquerone, nor against Emanuel Calisto Ferreira, consequently it is ordered that Gio. Batt^a. Aquerone and Emanuel Calisto Ferreira be set free from the prison where they are detained, without any expense, and restored as now ordered, the vessel and cargo to the aforesaid Aquerone, or to whomsoever it may by right appertain.

Reserving to the aforesaid Aquerone and to whomsoever may be concerned the right to try in prosecution of the present judgment those reasons that may to them be competent in terms of the public Treaties.

Genoa, November 12, 1845.

The Lieut.-General President,

(Signed)

(Signed)

SERRA.

J. DEGOLA,

Chief Vice Uditore "*Relatore*."

BREA,

Secretary.

A true Copy from its original existing in the Secretaryship of the Most Excellent Board of Admiralty "*Mercantile*," delivered in six sheets this inclusive, at the request of the Solicitor M. Ponte, Attorney of Lieutenant Glynn (salvo), &c.

L.S.

(Signed)

BREA,

Genoa, December 13, 1845.

Secretary.

I certify the above to be a true and faithful translation from the Italian of the sentence of the Board of Admiralty at Genoa, relative to the Sardinian brig barque "*Sansone*."

(Signed)

A. G. BARCHI,

British Vice-Consul.

Genoa, December 16, 1845.

No. 275.

Mr. Abercromby to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Turin, December 24, 1845.

(Received December 30.)

MY LORD,

AT an interview I had a few days ago with His Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite, he mentioned in the course of conversation that he had received from the War Office the citation issued against the captors of the Sardinian bark "*Sansone*" by the owners and captain of that vessel, in order that it might be transmitted through the Sardinian Foreign Office to England, for the purpose of being served upon Commander Layton.

His Excellency Count Solar de la Marguerite however informed me that he had returned this legal document to the War Office, and his Excellency had at the same time declined all official interference in support of the action for damages now pending in the Court of Admiralty for Mercantile and Marine, at Genoa, against Commander Layton and Lieutenant Glynn, at the suit of the owners and captain of the "*Sansone*."

From the course that has now been adopted by His Excellency the Sardinian Minister for Foreign Affairs, it is clear that the Sardinian Government does not intend to sanction by its support the action for damages brought forward by the owners of the "*Sansone*;" and I have therefore, under these circumstances, judged it expedient to instruct Mr. Consul Brown to stop the further legal defence of this action, and, in order to save unnecessary expenditure, to discontinue the legal services of the Genoese lawyer that had been charged to conduct this case, and to allow judgment to go by default.

As Commander Layton, by virtue of the above-mentioned citation, has six months allowed to him to appear in court, the retaining a lawyer for so long a period would have entailed a heavy charge, and I hope that in taking steps to prevent this from occurring, I shall be found to have acted according to your Lordship's wishes.

I have, &c.
(Signed) R. ABERCROMBY.

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



SARDINIA. (*Consular*)—Genoa.

No. 276.

Mr. Barchi to Mr. Bidwell.

British Consulate, Genoa, July 30, 1845.

(*Received August 8.*)

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the Earl of Aberdeen's information, that the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*," Aquerone master, has been brought in this port by Lieutenant Glynn, first-lieutenant of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*," and delivered over to the legal authority, the said barque having been detained by Captain Layton of the "*Cygnnet*" on the Coast of Africa, suspected of being destined to be employed in the Slave Trade.

On the "*Sansone*" receiving pratique her crew have been placed under arrest, and the "*Auditore di Guerra*" has commenced the investigation of the case, which will be decided by the Board of Admiralty for the Mercantile Affairs in this city.

I have not omitted to report the business to Her Majesty's Minister at Turin, and

I remain, &c.
(Signed) A. G. BARCHI.
British Vice-Consul.

John Bidwell, Esq.
&c. &c.

No. 277.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Her Majesty's Consul at Genoa.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 16, 1845.

WITH reference to Mr. Vice-Consul Barchi's Despatch, of the 30th July last, respecting the detention of the Sardinian barque "*Sansone*" on the Coast of Africa, by Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*," on suspicion of being engaged in Slave Trade, I have to state to you that a communication has been received from the Admiralty announcing the arrival of the prize at Genoa, under the charge of Lieutenant Glynn of Her Majesty's sloop "*Cygnnet*."

And I have to instruct you, in accordance with the request of the Lords of the Admiralty, to afford any assistance in your power to Lieutenant Glynn, that may be proper and reasonable, in the discharge of his duties connected with this matter.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

T. Y. Brown, Esq.
&c. &c.

No. 278.

Mr. Brown to the Earl of Aberdeen.

British Consulate, Genoa, November 19, 1845.

(*Received November 26.*)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that on the 17th the Sardinian polacca-brig "*Sommariva*," detained on the Coast of Africa by Her Majesty's
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sloop "Cygnet," on suspicion of Slave Dealing, was brought into this port in charge of James G. Budd, prize-master.

The "*Sommariva*" is in quarantine, the number of days not yet fixed, so that for the present no steps can be taken as to her.

I have, &c.
(Signed) T. Y. BROWN.

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

No. 279.

Mr. Brown to the Earl of Aberdeen.

British Consulate, Genoa, December 17, 1845.
(Received December 25.)

MY LORD,

HAVING, at the request of Mr. Abercromby and Lieut. Glynn furnished them with copies of the sentence pronounced in acquittal and release of the "*Sansone*," and with translations of the same made in this office, which they respectively intend to transmit to the Foreign Office and the Admiralty, I consider it would be a work of supererogation on my part to do the same; but I take leave to remark that in the aforesaid sentence the two most important points have been slurred over—namely, the boilers; and the immense quantity of letters, said to be addressed to slave-dealers at Lagos.

The Mercantile Court of Admiralty, by which the case of the "*Sansone*" has been decided, may be considered a secret tribunal; it is thus composed:—

- 1 President, a Naval Officer.
- 2 Senators.
- 1 Auditor of War.
- 1 Intendent General of Marine.
- 1 Member of Chamber of Commerce.
- 1 Consul of Republic of the Equator.
- 2 Captains of Ships of War.

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In all 9 and all fixed.

Sentence by plurality of votes; the Advocate-General to the Senate present to advise, but without the power of voting.

Viva voce evidence taken only before a commission of three individuals delegated by the tribunal.

In accordance with your Lordship's Despatch of December 2nd, I am employing a lawyer, and believe I must employ a second to bring the *civil* process to a termination, and fear the result will be expensive, unless indeed staved-off or over-ruled, by the diplomatic course in which I understand Mr. Abercromby to be now engaged.

I shall take care that the new case of the "*Sommariva*" be not long procrastinated; but with much regret I announce to your Lordship that it is my full impression the detention of that vessel was not justifiable.

I have, &c.
(Signed) T. YEATS BROWN.

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

No. 280.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Brown.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 31, 1845.

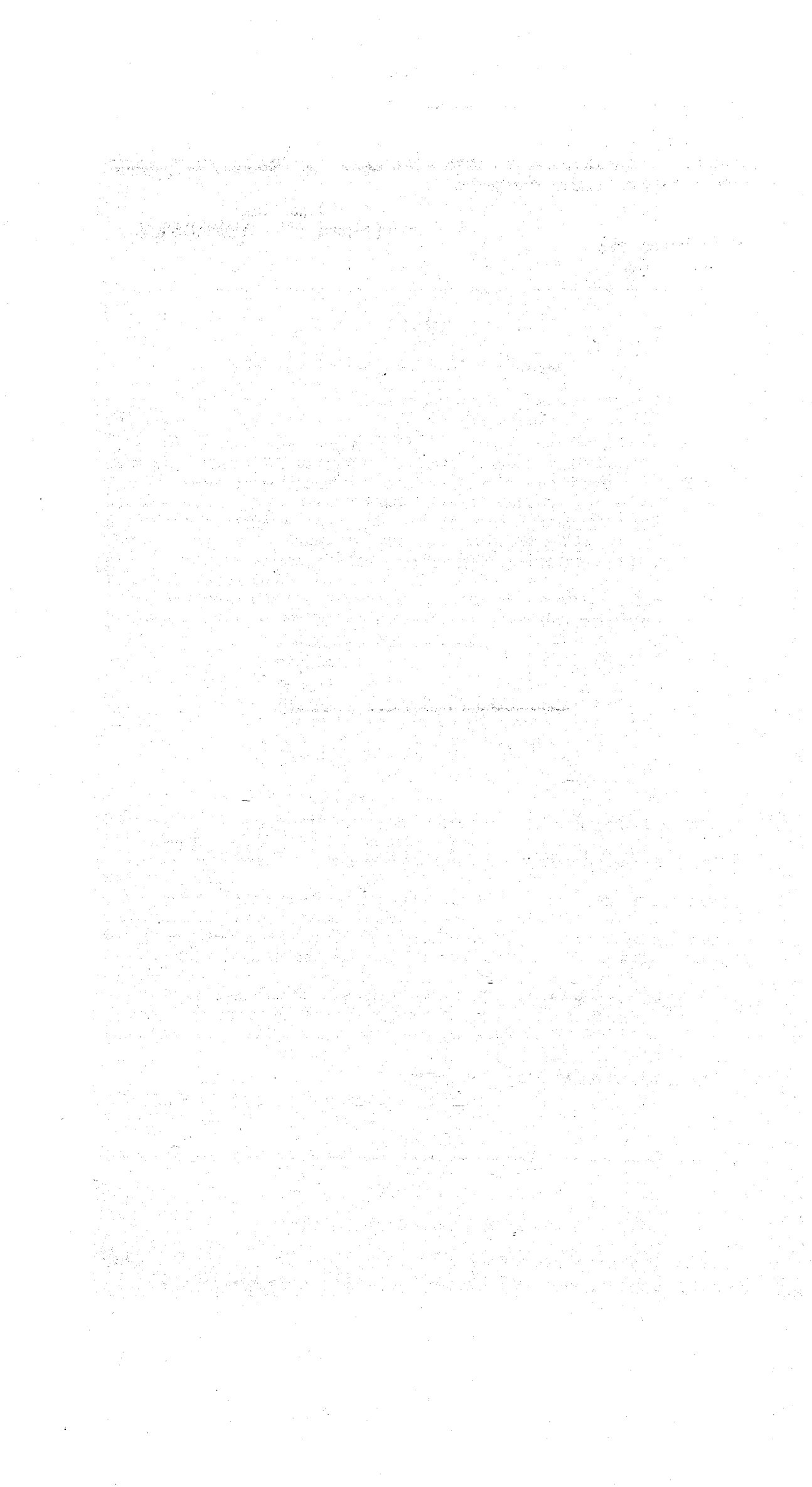
I HAVE received your Despatch of the 19th November, 1845, reporting the detention of the Sardinian polacca brig "*Sommariva*," by Her Majesty's sloop

“Cygnet,” on a charge of being equipped for Slave Trade, and her arrival at Genoa for adjudication.

You will consider the instructions contained in my Despatches of September 16th, 1845, and of December 2nd, 1845, on the case of the “*Sansone*,” as applying equally to the case of the “*Sommariva*.”

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

T. Y. Brown, Esq.
&c. &c.



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No. 281.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, January 2, 1845.

(Received January 11.)

IN accordance with the instructions in your Lordship's Despatch of the 19th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," to act under the Slave Trade Conventions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 281.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. Geo. S. Hand, W. Coast of Africa station, Dec. 31, 1845.

No. 282.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, January 7, 1845.

(Received January 16.)

IN accordance with the instructions in your Lordship's Despatch of the 21st ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander Richard W. Petty, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," to act under the Slave Trade Conventions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 282.

H.M.S. "Rose," Com. Richard W. Petty, N. America and W. India station,
Jan. 6, 1845.

No. 283.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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. 283.

H.M.S. "Iris" . Capt. Sir J. Marshall . Brazil station . March 18, 1842.

No. 284.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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. 284.

H.M.S. "Dolphin" . Lieut. W. O'B. Hoare . Brazil station . Sept. 23, 1843.

No. 285.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, January 27, 1845.
(Received February 5.)

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches marked Slave Trade, and dated January 9th, 11th, and 14th, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Commander R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," Commander Thomas Francis Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," and Commander Edmund Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloony," to act under the Slave Trade Conventions.

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

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

No. 286.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, February 10, 1845.
(Received February 19.)

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 25th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Commander James Anderson, of Her Majesty's ship "Ranger," and Commander John E. Bingham, of Her Majesty's ship "Acorn," to act under the Slave Trade Conventions.

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

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

Warrant enclosed in No. 286.

H.M.S. "Acorn" . Com. J. E. Bingham . Brazil station . Feb. 8, 1845.
 „ "Ranger" . Com. James Anderson . Coast of Africa . „

No. 287.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, February 19, 1845.
(Received February 28.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th instant, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, a warrant to enable Commander Henry Caryton, of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 287.

H.M.S. "Persian" . Com. H. Caryton . W. India station . Feb. 18, 1845.

No. 288.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, March 10, 1845.
(Received March 19.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 12th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and Tuscany for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 288.

H.M.S.V. "Firebrand" Com. Jas. Hope . . Brazil station . March 8, 1845.
 H.M.S. "Lily" . . Com. C. J. F. Newton. C. of Africa station „
 „ "Dolphin" . Lieut. I. J. Levinge . Brazil station . „
 „ "Acteon" . Capt. G. Mansel . . C. of Africa station „

No. 289.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, March 26, 1845.
(Received April 4.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 11th instant, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Commander John Simpson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rolla," and Commander Thomas

S. Thompson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Comus," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 289.

H.M.S. "Comus" . Com. J. S. Thompson . Brazil station . . March 25, 1845.
,, "Rolla" . Com. J. Simpson . W. Coast of Africa station . . ,,

No. 290.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

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. 290.

H.M.S. "Frolic" . Com. W. A. Willis . Brazil station . Jan. 24, 1843.

No. 291.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, April 22, 1845.
(Received May 1.)

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th instant, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Captain George Bohun Martin, of Her Majesty's ship "Eagle," and Captain Michael Seymour, of Her Majesty's ship "Vindictive," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 291.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . Capt. B. Martin . S. E. Coast of Amer, April 18, 1845.
,, "Vindictive" Capt. M. Seymour . N. America & W. Indies . . ,,

No. 292.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, May 14, 1845.
(Received May 23.)

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Govern-

ment, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 292.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish," Com. R. Harris, W. Coast of Africa, May 13, 1845.
" "Racer" . . . Com. A. Reed . . .
" "Grecian" . . . Com. A. Montgomery, S. E. Coast of America "

No. 293.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, May 30, 1845.

It is probably known to the Court of Florence that the Governments of Great Britain and France have recently been engaged in negotiations, conducted in London, respecting the suppression of the Slave Trade.

These negotiations, undertaken upon representations from the French Government, with the view of obviating inconveniences to which the execution of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise, and at the same time of making more effectual provision for accomplishing the object of those Conventions will shortly, as Her Majesty's Government confidently trust, be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the form of a new and amended treaty between the two Powers.

This being the case, I have to desire that your Lordship will take the earliest opportunity of announcing the fact to the Government of His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Tuscany, whose position as an acceding party to the above-mentioned Conventions, as well as the warm interest which His Imperial and Royal Highness has always shown in all that relates to the cause of African freedom, render it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to apprise the Court of Florence of any new and important step which may be taken towards the accomplishment of that great end.

It is the design of the treaty to which I have alluded that each contracting party should maintain upon the west coast of Africa a squadron of not less than 26 vessels, partly sailing and partly steam-vessels. The duty of this combined force will be to watch closely every part of that coast upon which the Slave Trade is known to be carried on, the cruizers of each nation exercising whatever authority they may hold from other powers for the suppression of the traffic, and to enforce the faithful execution of such engagements as may be entered into with the native chiefs for its abolition by sea or on land.

It is anticipated that the presence of so large a force of both nations will enable each Government, singly and unaided, to prevent its own subjects and vessels from engaging in the criminal pursuit, and therefore that it will render the exercise of the right of search over each other's flag no longer necessary.

Accordingly Her Majesty's Government have agreed that upon the proposed treaty coming into operation, that mutual right, as conferred upon English and French cruizers by the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, shall cease, and that the warrants under which it is now exercised shall within a reasonable time be returned to the Government that issued them.

These are the principal features of the engagement which is about to come into force between the two countries.

Her Majesty's Government look forward with confidence to its results, and would gladly see Tuscany and the other powers acceding parties to the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 united in it. At the same time, if His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Tuscany should not be prepared to take this step, Her Majesty's Government trust that through the measures which the contemplated increase of force on the African coast will enable them to adopt, aided by the moral support of that great league into which Tuscany has so readily and

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so cordially entered, and by the exercise of the right which the powers associated in it have conferred upon each other, they may at length succeed in effecting the final abolition of the African Slave Trade.

You will embody this Despatch in a note to the Minister of His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Tuscany.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 294.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, June 2, 1845.
(Received June 11.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 20th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith, warrants to enable Captain J. H. Campbell, of Her Majesty's ship "Melampus," and Commander George W. D. O'Callaghan, of Her Majesty's steam-vessel "Vesuvius," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 294.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. O'Callaghan, N. Amer. & W. Indies, May 30, 1845.
H.M.S. "Melampus," Capt. Campbell . S.E. coast of America "

No. 295.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

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.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 295.

H.M.S. "Espoir" . . .	Com. Morrell . . .	W. coast of Africa . . .	July 14, 1843.
" " "Viper" . . .	Com. Carter . . .	Brazil station . . .	Dec. 26, 1842.
" " "Rose" . . .	Com. Sturt . . .	N. Amer. & W. Indies . . .	June 23, 1843.
" " "Illustrious" . . .	Capt. Erskine . . .	" . . .	Nov. 26, 1843.
" " "Electra" . . .	Com. Darby . . .	" . . .	Mar. 18, 1842.
" " "Inconstant" . . .	Capt. Freemantle . . .	" . . .	Sept. 23, 1843.

No. 296.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, July 4, 1845.
(Received July 12.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 18th and 20th ultimo; and in compliance with the instruction

contained in your Despatch of the 20th ultimo, I lose no time in forwarding the accompanying warrants I have obtained from the Tuscan Minister for Foreign Affairs, for Her Majesty's steamers "Styx" and "Hecate."

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. CAMPBELL SCARLETT,
For LORD HOLLAND.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 296.

H.M.S.V. "Styx" . Com. Hornby . W. coast of Africa . June 30, 1845.
,, "Hecate" . Com. West "

No. 297.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, July 15, 1845.
(Received July 24.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying warrant I have this day received from the Tuscan Government, for Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," in accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 2nd instant.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 297.

H.M.S. "Vernon" . Capt. Fitzgerald . S. E. coast of America . July 14, 1815.

No. 298.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, July 30, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to your Lordship, for communication to the Tuscan Government, an extract from a letter from Captain Wyvill, of Her Majesty's ship "Cleopatra," employed in suppressing Slave Trade on the Eastern Coast of Africa, containing information as to the employment of the Tuscan flag in the purposes of Slave Trade.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

Enclosure in No. 298.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Wyvill, of Her Majesty's ship "Cleopatra," to Rear-Admiral the Hon. Joceline Percy, dated Simon's Bay, May 10, 1845.

SINCE my letter to you of the 17th of March, I have heard that the parties residing at Rio de Janeiro that found the capital for carrying on the Slave Trade on the East Coast of Africa have dissolved partnership, in consequence of their great losses, they have still between 2000 and 3000 slaves waiting for vessels in the neighbourhood of Quillemane, which may be expected shortly. It is reported that the vessels will not come under either the Portuguese or Brazilian flags, but get documents of some power with which Her Majesty has entered into Treaties for the suppression of the Slave Trade, subject to the limits of the French Treaty. The vessel I last sent in was so circumstanced, having had mostly a Brazilian crew, with only a Tuscan pass for four months, signed by the Tuscan Consul at Montevideo.

No. 29 .

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 299.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	W. Coast of Africa	March 8, 1844.
H.M.S. "Rapid"	Com. Earle	Coast of Africa	" 18, 1842.
" "Bittern"	Com. Peel	Cape of Good Hope	July 22, 1843.
" "Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	Brazil	June 4, 1844.
" "Alfred"	Com. Purvis	"	March 18, 1842.
" "Ferret"	Com. Oake	W. Coast of Africa	" "

No. 300.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Florence, August 16, 1845.
(Received August 25.)

UPON the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th ultimo, marked Slave Trade, enclosing an extract of a letter from Captain Wyvill, on the East Coast of Africa, and stating that the Tuscan flag had been employed for the purpose of carrying on the Slave Trade with Brazil, I lost no time in transmitting a copy of the extract to Don Neri Corsini, who informs me, in reply to my communication, that the Tuscan Government has no agent at Montevideo, or in any other part of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and that he has reason to believe that the Austrian Government even has none; and that, therefore, either the passport cited in Captain Wyvill's letter must have been a falsified paper, or that some error must have arisen as to the nationality of the Consul who delivered it.

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

I have, &c.
 (Signed) HOLLAND.

No. 301.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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.

H.M.S. "Spartan," Capt. Elliot, N. America and W. India station,
 March 18, 1842.

No. 302.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, September 17, 1845.

(Received September 26.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 3rd instant, which reached me on the 15th instant, and to transmit the accompanying warrant as required for Her Majesty's ship "Sappho," which I have received from the Tuscan Government to-day.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. CAMPBELL SCARLETT,
For LORD HOLLAND.*The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 302.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier, Cape of Good Hope station, Sept. 16, 1845.

No. 303.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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, &c.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 303.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla," Capt. Robert Sharpe, N. Amer. & W. Indies, June 22, 1842.
 „ "Growler" Com. C. H. M. Buckle, W. Coast of Africa, March 8, 1844.

No. 304.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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.

The Lord Holland,
&c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 304.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent" . Com. Russell . West Coast of Africa . March 8, 1844.

No. 305.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, October 31, 1845.

(Received November 9.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 15th instant, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith a warrant to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine," to act under the Convention for the suppression of the Slave Trade of November 24th, 1837.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant returned in No. 305.

H.M.S. "Heroine" West Coast of Africa station . October 30, 1845.

No. 306.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lord Holland.

MY LORD,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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 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, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Lord Holland,

&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 306.

H.M.S.V. "Albert," Lieut. Woodruffe, Com., Coast of Africa, Aug. 8, 1843.

H.M.S. "Ringdove," Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead), Coast of Africa, June 4, 1844.

H.M.S.V. "Eclair" . Com. Estcourt (dead) " Nov. 10, 1844.

No. 307.

Lord Holland to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Florence, December 8, 1845.

(Received December 17.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 19th and 20th ultimo, I have procured from the Tuscan Government, and have the honour to transmit herewith warrants to enable Captain William P. Stanley, of Her Majesty's ship "President," and Commander Charles F. Brown, of Her Majesty's Ship "Kingfisher," to act under the Convention of November 24, 1837, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HOLLAND.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrants enclosed in 307.

H.M.S. "President" . Capt. Stanley . Cape of Good Hope . Dec. 6, 1845.

" "Kingfisher" . Com. Brown . West Coast of Africa . "

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No. 308.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Sicilian Government under the Convention of February 14th, 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.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 308.

H.M.S. "Isis," Captain Sir J. Marshall, Brazil Station.

No. 309.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrant described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Neapolitan Government under the Convention of February 14th, 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, &c.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 309.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. O'B. Hoare, Brazil Station, 6th October, 1843.

No. 310.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Naples, February 17, 1845.
(Received February 28.)

In pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade of January 9th, I have the honour to inclose a warrant which I have procured from the Sicilian Government to enable Commander R. B. Crawford, of Her Majesty's sloop "Mutine," to act under the Convention of February 14th, 1838, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

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

W. TEMPLE.

Warrant enclosed in No. 310.

H.M.S. "Mutine," Com. R. B. Crawford, C. G. Hope Station, 6th February, 1845.

No. 311.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Naples, January 28, 1845.
(Received March 7.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of December 19th, 1844, I have the honour to transmit a warrant which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," to act under the Convention of February 14th, 1838, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 311.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. G. S. Hand, Coast of Africa, 14th January, 1845.

No. 312.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Naples, February 1st, 1845.
(Received March 7.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of December 21st, 1844, I have the honour to transmit a warrant which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government to enable Commander Richard W. Pelly, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," to act under the Convention of February 14th, 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. 312.

H.M.S. "Rose," Com. R. W. Pelly, N. America and W. India Station,
25th January, 1845.

No. 313.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.*Naples, March 1st, 1845.
(Received March 24)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of January 11th and January 14th, I have the honour to transmit two warrants which I have obtained from the Sicilian Government to enable Commander Thomas F. Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," and Commander Edward Wilson, of Her Majesty's sloop "Pantaloan," to act under the Convention of February 14th, 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. 313.

H.M.S. "Pantaloons" . Com. E. Wilson. . W. C. of Africa . 20th Feb. 1845.
 ,, "Waterwitch" . Com. T. F. Birch . , , . 21st Feb. 1845.

No. 314.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, March 24th, 1845.**(Received April 5.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Lordship, in accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 25th of January last and 7th ultimo, three warrants which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin to act under the Convention of February 14th, 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. 314.

H.M.S. "Ranger" . Com. T. Anderson . C. of Africa . . March, 1845.
 ,, "Acorn" . Com. H. Bingham . Brazil Station . . ,,
 ,, "Persian" . Com. H. Caryton . N. America and W. I. ,,

No. 315.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

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, &c.

The Hon. W. Temple,
 &c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 315.

H.M.S. "Frolic," Com. W. A. Willis, Brazil Station. (No date.)

No. 316.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples, April 5, 1845.**(Received April 18.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 12th of February last, I have the honour to enclose four warrants which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government, 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 the 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. 316.

H.M.S.V.	"Firebrand"	Brazil station	Capt. James Hope	March 29.
H.M.S.	"Lily"	Coast of Africa	Com. C. T. F. Newton	"
"	"Dolphin"	Brazil station	Lieut. R. T. S. Levinge	"
"	"Actæon"	W. Coast of Africa	Capt. George Mansel	"

No. 317.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, April 21, 1845.

(Received May 7.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 11th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose two warrants which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Commander John Simpson of Her Majesty's ship "Rolla," and Commander Thomas S. Simpson of Her Majesty's ship "Comus," 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. 317.

"Rolla"	Com. J. Simpson"	W. Coast of Africa	April 12, 1845.
"Comus"	Com. T. Simpson"	Brazil	"

No. 318.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Prince Castelcicala.

M. LE PRINCE,

Foreign Office, May 28, 1845.

IT is probably known to the Court of Naples that the Governments of Great Britain and France have recently been engaged in negotiations, conducted in London, respecting the suppression of the Slave Trade.

These negotiations, undertaken upon representations from the French Government with the view of obviating inconveniences to which the execution of the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise, and at the same time of making more effectual provision for accomplishing the object of those Conventions, will shortly, as Her Majesty's Government confidently trust, be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the form of a new and amended Treaty between the two Powers.

This being the case, I feel myself called upon to take the earliest opportunity of announcing the fact to you, and requesting you to make it known to the Government of His Sicilian Majesty, whose position as an acceding party to the above-mentioned Conventions, as well as the warm interest which His Majesty has always shown in all that relates to the cause of African freedom, render it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to apprise the Court of Naples of any new and important step which may be taken towards the accomplishment of that great end.

It is the design of the Treaty to which I have alluded, that each contracting party should maintain upon the West Coast of Africa a squadron of not less than twenty-six vessels, partly sailing and partly steam vessels.

The duty of this combined force will be to watch closely every part of that coast upon which the Slave Trade is known to be carried on, the cruisers of each nation exercising whatever authority they may hold from other Powers for the suppression of the traffic, and to enforce the faithful execution of such engagements as may be entered into with the native chiefs for its abolition by sea or on land.

It is anticipated that the presence of so large a force of both nations will enable each Government, singly and unaided, to prevent its own subjects and vessels from engaging in the criminal pursuit; and therefore that it will render the exercise of the Right of Search over each other's flag no longer necessary. Accordingly Her

Majesty's Government have agreed that, upon the proposed Treaty coming into operation, that mutual right, as conferred upon English and French cruizers by the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, shall cease, and that the warrants under which it is now exercised shall within a reasonable time be returned to the Government that issued them.

These are the principal features of the engagement which is about to come into force between the two countries.

Her Majesty's Government look forward with confidence to its results, and would gladly see the Two Sicilies, and the other Powers acceding parties to the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, united in it. At the same time, if His Sicilian Majesty should not be prepared to take this step, Her Majesty's Government trust that, through the measures which the contemplated increase of force on the African coast will enable them to adopt, aided by the moral support of that great league into which the Two Sicilies have so readily and so cordially entered, and by the exercise of the right which the Powers associated in it have conferred upon each other, they may at length succeed in effecting the final abolition of the African Slave Trade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Prince Castalcicala,
&c. &c.

(Translation.)

No. 319.

Prince Castalcicala to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Princes Street, Cavendish Square, May 29, 1845.

(Received May 30.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE immediately transmitted to the Government of the King, my master, the note which your Excellency did me the honour to address to me on the 28th, respecting the new Convention which Great Britain and France are about to conclude, in order to obtain the final abolition of the traffic of slaves, and I will not fail to make known to your Excellency any answer which His Majesty may return.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CASTELCICALA.

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

No. 320.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, May 10, 1845.
(Received May 31.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose two warrants which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government 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, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 320.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . Capt. G. B. Martin, C.B. . S.E. Coast of America
May —, 1845.
„ "Vindictive" Capt. Michael Seymour . N. America & W. Indies „

No. 321.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 3, 1845.

WITH reference to your Despatch of the 21st ultimo, I herewith return to you the warrant enclosed in that Despatch, addressed to the commander of Her Majesty's ship "Comus," it being improperly addressed to Commander Thomas Simpson, instead of Commander Thomas S. Thompson, who is in command of that vessel.

I have to instruct you to request the Neapolitan Government to cause this error to be corrected, and to return the warrant to me for transmission to the Admiralty.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

No. 322.

(Translation.)

*Prince Castalcicala to the Earl of Aberdeen.**15, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, June 13, 1845.**(Received June 13.)*

THE Undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies, has taken the first opportunity of transmitting to his Government the copy of the Convention relative to the traffic in slaves, which his Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, did him the honour to transmit with his note of the 10th current.

In the meantime, the Undersigned remains, &c.

(Signed) CASTELCICALA.

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

No. 323.

*Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Naples June 3, 1845.**(Received June 16.)*

MY LORD,

IN accordance to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 30th of April last, I have the honour to enclose three Warrants which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government 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 the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 323.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish"	Com. Harris	Coast of Africa	May 27, 1845.
"Racer"	Com. Reed	W. Coast of Africa	" "
"Grecian"	Com. Montgomery	S. E. Coast of America	" "

No. 324.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants 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 ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Neapolitan Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 324.

H.M.S. "Espoir"	Com. Morrell	W. Coast of Africa	July 26, 1843.
"Viper"	Com. Carter	Brazil Station	April 2, 1842.
"Rose"	Com. Sturt	N. Amer. & W. India Stat.	July 12, 1843.
"Illustrious"	Capt. Erskine	" "	Dec. 7 "
"Electra"	Com. Darley	" "	April 2, 1842.
"Inconstant"	Capt. Freemantle	" "	Oct. 6, 1843.

No. 325.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Naples, June 28, 1845.
(Received July 15.)

IN accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, bearing date May 20, 1845, I have the honour to enclose two warrants obtained from the Neapolitan Government, 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 the Slave Trade,

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 325.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius,"	Com. O'Callaghan,	N. Amer. and W. India,	June --, 1845.
H.M.S. "Melampus,"	Com. Campbell,	S. E. Coast of America	" "

No. 326.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Naples, July 1, 1842.
(Received July 15).

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of June 3rd ultimo, I herewith enclose an amended warrant to enable the Commander of Her Majesty's ship, named in the margin, to act under the Convention of February 14, 1838, for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, the Neapolitan Government having corrected the error which had accidentally occurred respecting the name of the above-mentioned Commander.

I have, &c.
(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

Warrant enclosed in No. 326.

H.M.S. "Comus"	Com. Thompson	Brazil Station	June 28, 1845.
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No. 327.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, July 26, 1845.

(Received August 8.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of June 20th, I have the honour to enclose two warrants, which I have obtained 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. 327.

H.M.S.V. "Styx"	Com. Hornby	West Coast of Africa	July 19, 1845.
" "Hecate"	Com. West	" "	" "

No. 328.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 328.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon"	Capt. Hotham	W. Coast of Africa	(no date).
H.M.S. "Rapid"	Com. Earle	Coast of Africa	" "
" "Bittern"	Com. Peel	Cape of Good Hope	August 4, 1843.
" "Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	Brazil	June 21, 1844.
" "Alfred"	Com. Purvis	Brazil	(no date).
" "Ferret"	Com. Oake	W. Coast of Africa	" "

No. 329.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, August 2, 1845.

(Received August 14.)

MY LORD,

IN accordance with your Lordship's instructions contained in your Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 2nd ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a warrant, which I have obtained from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Capt John C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," 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. 329.

H.M.S. "Vernon,"	Capt. Fitzgerald	S. E. Coast of America	(no date).
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No. 330.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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 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 Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrant returned in No. 330.

H.M.S. "Spartan," Capt. Elliot, N. American and W. India station (no date).

No. 331.

*Prince Castelvicala to the Earl of Aberdeen.**London, October 2, 1845.**(Received October 8.)*

MY LORD,

THE Undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Sicilian Majesty to Her Britannic Majesty, has communicated to the Government of the King, his master, the note which his Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, addressed to him on the 28th of May last, relative to the repression of the Slave Trade, for the purpose of inviting His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies to despatch his ships to the cruising stations, in case he should not prefer to let the existing treaties remain, on his part, in force.

His Majesty, who has been extremely gratified by that communication, as the forerunner of the most advantageous results to humanity, has, however, declared that, on his part, he adheres steadfastly to former treaties, and to the fixation of the zones therein agreed upon with respect to the exercise of the right of search.

In fulfilling the duty of returning the above reply to Lord Aberdeen's note of the 28th May last, the Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) CASTELCICALA.

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

No. 332.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1844.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants 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 ships and their Commanders for which they were issued; and I have to desire that you will return them to the Neapolitan Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

The Hon. W. Temple,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 332.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla" Capt. Robert Sharpe . N. America & W. India stat.
(no date).
,, "Growler" Com. C. H. M. Buckle W. Coast of Africa stat. (no date).

No. 333.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, October 2, 1845.

(Received October 17.)

MY LORD,

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of September 3, I have the honour to transmit a warrant, which I have procured from the Sicilian Government, to enable Commander Gambier, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," 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. 333.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier, Cape of Good Hope, (no date).

No. 334.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Naples, October 4, 1845.

(Received October 17.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th January, 4th February, 8th April, 3rd June, and 11th August, enclosing warrants no longer required for Her Majesty's ships named below, and which I have returned to the Neapolitan Government to be cancelled, in pursuance of your Lordship's instructions.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. TEMPLE.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

H.M.S. "Isis."	"Electra."	"Viper."	"Frolic."
"Dolphin."	"Inconstant."	"Espoir."	"Bittern."
"Frolic."	"Rose."	"Ferret."	"Rapid."
"Comus."	"Illustrious."	"Alfred."	"Gorgon."

No. 335.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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.

Warrant returned in No. 335.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Com. Russell, W. Coast of Africa, (no date).

No. 336.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Temple.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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.

Warrants returned in No. 336.

H.M.S.V. "Albert" . Lieut. Woodruffe, Com. . Coast of Africa station
 August, 1843.
 ,, "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) ,, June 21, 1844.

No. 337.

Mr. Temple to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Naples, December 1, 1845.
(Received December 15.)

IN pursuance of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of October 15, I have the honour to enclose a warrant which I have procured from the Neapolitan Government, to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine," 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. 337.

H.M.S. "Heroine," Com. Edmunds, Coast of Africa, (no date).

HANSE TOWNS.

No. 338.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, January 3, 1845.

(Received January 12.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 21st ultimo, I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable Commander Richard W. Pelly, of Her Majesty's sloop "Rose," 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. 338.

H.M.S. "Rose," R. W. Pelly, West India station .

	{	Hamburgh, Jan. 3, 1845.
	{	Lubeck, „ 4, 1845.
	{	Bremen, „ 2, 1845.

No. 339.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, January 7.

(Received January 12.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 19th ultimo, I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable Commander George S. Hand, of Her Majesty's sloop "Espoir," 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. 339.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. S. Hand, Africa station .

	{	Hamburgh, Dec. 30, 1844.
	{	Bremen, „ 30, „
	{	Lubeck, „ 28, „

No. 340.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

I HEREWITH transmit to you the warrants described in the margin of this Despatch, issued by the Hanse Town 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. 340.

H.M.S. "Isis," Capt. Sir J. Marshall, Brazil station	}	Hamburgh, March 9, 1842.
		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, "

No. 341.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburgh, January 28, 1845.**(Received February 2.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatches of the 9th and 14th instant, I have now the honour to transmit six warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Mutine" and "Pantaloon" to act under the Convention of June 9th, 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. 341.

H.M.S. "Pantaloon," Com. E. Wilson, Coast of Africa	}	Hamburgh, Jan. 22, 1845.
		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, "
" "Mutine," Com. R. B. Crawford, Cape of Good Hope	}	Hamburgh, Jan. 17, 1845.
		Bremen, " 18, "
		Lubeck, " 18, "

No. 342.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 4, 1845.

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. 342.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. W. O'B. Hoare, Brazil station.	}	Hamburgh, Sept. 20, 1843.
		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, "

No. 343.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburgh, February 14, 1845.**(Received February 19.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatches of the 25th ultimo, I have now the honour to transmit six warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Acorn" and "Ranger" to act under the Convention of June 9th, 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. 343.

H.M.S. "Acorn," Com. J. E. Bingham, Brazil station	{	Hamburgh, Feb. 3, 1845.
		Lubeck, " 3, "
		Bremen, " 7, "
,, "Ranger," Com. J. Anderson (b), C. of Africa station	{	Hamburgh, " 3, "
		Lubeck, " 3, "
		Bremen, " 7, "

No. 344.

*Colonel Hodges to Lord Aberdeen.**Hamburgh, February 19, 1845.**(Received February 28.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 7th instant, I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officer of Her Majesty's sloop "Persian" 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.

H.M.S. "Persian," Com. H. Coryton	{	N. America and W. Indies, Lubeck, Feb. 12, 1845.
		West India station, Hamburgh, Feb. 12, "
		N. America and W. Indies, Bremen, Feb. 13, "

No. 345.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburgh, March 4, 1845.**(Received March 8.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of January 11th, I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable Commander F. F. Birch, of Her Majesty's sloop "Waterwitch," 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. 345.

H.M.S. "Waterwitch," Com. F. F. Birch, W. C. of Africa	{	Hamburgh, Feb. 26, 1845.
		Lubeck, " 26, "
		Bremen, " 27, "

No. 346.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburgh, March 11, 1845.**(Received March 17.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 25th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose twelve warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Convention of June 9th, 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. 346.

"Firebrand," (steam-vessel)	Capt. J. Hope . . .	Brazil station . . .	}	Bremen, March 6, 1845.
				Hamburg, " 7, "
				Lubeck, " 5, "
H.M.S. "Lily,"	Com.C.F. Newton	C. of Africa sta.	}	Hamburgh, " 7, "
				Lubeck, " 5, "
				Bremen, " 6, "
,,"	"Dolphin," .	Lieut. R. T. J. Levinge	}	Brazil station
				Hamburgh, " 7, "
				Bremen, " 6, "
				Lubeck, " 5, "
,,"	"Actaeon," .	Capt. G. Mansel . . .	}	West C. of Africa
				Hamburgh, " 7, "
				Bremen, " 6, "
				Lubeck, " 5, "

No. 347.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Hamburgh, March 28, 1845.

(Received April 3.)

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 11th instant, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of her Majesty's ships "Rolla" and "Comus," to act under the Convention of June 9th, 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. 347.

H.M.S. "Rolla,"	Com. J. Simpson,	W. C. of Africa	}	Lubeck, March 22, 1845.
				Hamburgh, " 26, "
				Bremen, " 22, "
,,"	"Comus,"	Com. T. J. Thompson,	}	Brazil
				Hamburgh, " 26, "
				Bremen, " 22, "
				Lubeck, " 22, "

No. 348.

Mr. Colquhoun to the Earl of Aberdeen.

St. James's Place, April 2, 1845.

(Received April 3.)

MR. COLQUHOUN presents his respectful compliments to the Earl of Aberdeen, and has the honour to transmit an extract from a letter from Bremen, dated the 25th ult., on the appeal to Lubeck regarding the "*Julius and Edward.*"

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

Enclosure in No. 348.

Extract of a Letter from Bremen.

March 25, 1845.

THE Lubeck Supreme Court has reversed the Bremen sentence in the case of the "*Julius and Edward*," inasmuch as it still admits the captor to discuss the preliminary question of his being bound to pay any damages at all.

No. 349.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 8, 1845.

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. 349.

H.M.S. "Frolic," Com. W. A. Willis, Brazil station	}	Hamburgh, Jan. 18, 1843.
		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, "

No. 350.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, April 22, 1845.
(Received April 25.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 7th instant, I have now the honour to transmit warrants from the Hanse Towns to enable the Commanders of Her Majesty's ships "*Eagle*" and "*Vindictive*" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of Slave Trade.

Your Lordship will observe, by the inclosed copy of a letter addressed to me by Syndicus Sieveking, that in conformity with the Convention of November 30, 1841, between Great Britain and France, Art. 1, and the instructions to cruizers annexed to the Convention of March 22, 1833, s. 5, the printed forms of the warrants sent do not extend the station of the Brazils to the South-east Coast of America, nor that of the West Indies to North America. In the warrant also from Bremen, for Her Majesty's ship "*Eagle*," the Coast of Brazil is alone mentioned.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 350.

H.M.S. "Eagle" . Capt. B. Martin	{	Brazil	April 17, 1845 .	Bremen.
		Brazilian station	" 16, "	Hamburgh.
		S. E. Coast of America	" 16, "	Lubeck.
H.M.S. "Vindictive" . Capt. M. Seymour	{	N. America and W. Indies	April 17, 1845 .	Bremen.
		West Indies	" 16, "	Hamburgh.
		N. America and W. Indies	" 16, "	Lubeck.

Enclosure in No. 350.

Syndicus Sieveking to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Hamburgh, April 18, 1845.

I HAVE the honour to transmit the warrants enabling the Commanders of Her Britannic Majesty's ships "Eagle" and "Vindictive" to act under the Convention of June 9, 1837, between Great Britain, France, and the Hanse Towns, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

In conformity with the Convention of November 30, 1831, between Great Britain and France, Art. 1, and the instructions to cruisers annexed to the Convention of March 22, 1833, s. 5, the printed forms of these warrants do not extend the station of the Brazils to the South-east Coast of America, nor that of the West Indies to North America.

Colonel Hodges,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) K. SIEVEKING.

No. 351.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Hamburgh, May 15, 1845.
(Received May 19.)

IN reference to your Lordship's Depatch, Slave Trade, of the 30th ultimo, I have now the honour to transmit warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Flying-fish," "Grecian," and "Racer," 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.

G. LLOYD HODGES.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 351.

H.M.S. "Flying-fish,"	Com. R. Harris, W. Coast of Africa	{ Hamburgh, May 9, 1845. Bremen, " 7, " Lubeck, " 7, "
„ "Racer,"	Com. A. Reed, W. Coast of Africa	{ Hamburgh, May 9, 1845. Bremen, " 7, " Lubeck " 7, "
„ "Grecian,"	Com. R. Montgomery, S.E. Coast of America	{ Hamburgh, May 9, 1845. Bremen, " 7, " Lubeck " 7, "

No. 352.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Colquhoun.

SIR,

Foreign Office, May 28, 1845.

IT is probably known to the Senates of the Hanse Towns that the Governments of Great Britain and France have recently been engaged in negotiations, conducted in London, respecting the suppression of the Slave Trade.

These negotiations, undertaken upon representations from the French Government, with the view of obviating inconveniences to which the executions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise, and at the same time of making more effectual provision for accomplishing the object of those Conventions, will shortly, as Her Majesty's Government confidently trust, be brought to a satisfactory conclusion in the form of a new and amended Treaty between the two Powers.

This being the case, I feel myself called upon to take the earliest opportunity of

announcing the fact to you, and requesting you to make it known to the Senates of the Hanse Towns, whose position as acceding parties to the above-mentioned Conventions, as well as the warm interest which those free cities have always shown in all that relates to the cause of African freedom, render it the duty of Her Majesty's Government to apprize them of any new and important step which may be taken towards the accomplishment of that great end.

It is the design of the Treaty to which I have alluded, that each contracting party should maintain upon the West Coast of Africa a squadron of not less than twenty-six vessels, partly sailing and partly steam vessels. The duty of this combined force will be to watch closely every part of that coast upon which the Slave Trade is known to be carried on; the cruizers of each nation exercising whatever authority they may hold from other Powers for the suppression of the traffic, and to enforce the faithful execution of such engagements as may be entered into with the native chiefs for its abolition by sea or on land.

It is anticipated that the presence of so large a force of both nations will enable each Government, singly and unaided, to prevent its own subjects and vessels from engaging in the criminal pursuit, and therefore that it will render the exercise of the Right of Search over each other's flag no longer necessary.

Accordingly, Her Majesty's Government have agreed that, upon the proposed Treaty coming into operation, that mutual right, as conferred upon English and French cruizers by the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 shall cease; and that the warrants under which it is now exercised shall, within a reasonable time, be returned to the Government that issued them.

These are the principal features of the engagement which is about to come into force between the two countries.

Her Majesty's Government look forward with confidence to its results, and would gladly see the Hanse Towns, and the other Powers acceding parties to the Conventions of 1831 and 1833, united in it.

At the same time, if the Senates of the Hanse Towns should not be prepared to take this step, Her Majesty's Government trust that, through the measures which the contemplated increase of force on the African coast will enable them to adopt, aided by the moral support of that great league into which the Hanse Towns have so readily and so cordially entered, and by the exercise of the right which the Powers associated in it have conferred upon each other, they may at length succeed in effecting the final abolition of the Slave Trade.

James Colquhoun, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 353.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, May 31, 1845.
(Received June 6.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 20th instant, I have now the honour to transmit warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships "Vesuvius" and "Melampus" 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. 353.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius," Com. O'Callaghan, North America and West Indies	{ Hamburgh, May 26, 1845. Bremen, " 28, " Lubeck, " 28, "
H.M.S. "Melampus," Capt. Campbell, S.E. Coast of America	

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No. 354.

*Mr. Colquhoun to the Earl of Aberdeen.**St. James's Place, June 11, 1845.
(Received June 12.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE received the honour of your Lordship's Despatch of the 28th May last, announcing the probable satisfactory termination of a Slave Trade suppression Treaty between Great Britain and France, since accomplished.

I have not failed, in conformity with your Lordship's desire, duly to communicate to the authorities in Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, copies of this letter.

I have since received a Despatch from your Lordship, dated the 10th June, enclosing a printed copy of the Treaty in question, which I shall be happy to transmit in like manner; but in order to enable me to do so to each of these States, and to retain a copy in the Hanseatic archives here, I shall feel much obliged by your Lordship causing three printed copies to be sent to me for that purpose.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. COLQUHOUN.

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

No. 355.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Colquhoun.**Foreign Office, June 12, 1845.*

THE Earl of Aberdeen presents his compliments to Mr. Colquhoun, and in pursuance of the request contained in Mr. Colquhoun's note of yesterday's date, has the honour to transmit herewith to him three copies of the Convention of May 29, 1845, between Her Majesty and the King of the French, for the suppression of the Slave Trade.

James Colquhoun, Esq.,
&c. &c.

No. 356.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

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.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Colonel Hodges,
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 356.

H.M.S. "Espoir," Com. Morrell, West Coast of Africa	{	Hamburgh, July 10, 1843.
		Bremen, " 11, "
		Lubeck, " 8, "
" "Viper," Com. Carter, Brazil station	{	Hamburgh, Dec. 19, 1842.
		Bremen, " 31, "
		Lubeck, " 21, "
" "Rose," Com. Sturt, N. America & W. Indies	{	Hamburgh, June 19, 1843.
		Bremen, " 19, "
		Lubeck, " 17, "

H.M.S. "Illustrious" Capt. Erskine, N. America & W. Indies	{	Hamburgh, Nov. 20, 1843.
	{	Bremen, " "
	{	Lubeck, " 18, "
" "Electra" . Com. Darley, "	{	Hamburgh, March 9, 1843.
	{	Bremen, " "
	{	Lubeck, " "
" "Inconstant" Capt. Freemantle, "	{	Hamburgh, Sept. 20, 1843.
	{	Bremen, " "
	{	Lubeck, " "

No. 357.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, July 2, 1845.

I RECEIVED your Despatch of the 11th April last, enclosing copies and translations of the judgments delivered by the High Court of Bremen on the 28th February and 24th March, in the case of the Bremen barque "*Julius and Edward*," accompanied by copies and translations of documents setting forth the grounds of those judgments; and enclosing likewise a copy and translation of a letter addressed to you by Dr. Noltenius, recommending, for the reasons therein stated, that endeavours should be made to effect a compromise of the case.

Copies of these several papers were by my direction transmitted to Her Majesty's Advocate-General, to the Admiralty, and to Her Majesty's Treasury, for their opinion as to the course to be taken by Her Majesty's Government in the present stage of this case.

I have now to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government consider that, under all the circumstances, it would be desirable that a compromise should be effected, as suggested by Dr. Noltenius, provided it could be done on fair and reasonable terms; but that previously to giving authority for arranging a compromise on the part of Her Majesty's Government, endeavours should be made to ascertain what terms the other parties in the case would be willing to agree to.

I have accordingly to instruct you to lose no time in communicating with those parties; and in ascertaining, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, on what terms they would be willing to abandon all further proceedings against Her Majesty's officers or agents in this case.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Colonel Hodges,
&c. &c.

No. 358.

Mr. Wesselhoeft to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Hamburgh, July 7, 1845.
(Received July 12.)

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 20th ultimo, I have now the honour to enclose warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's steam vessels "*Styx*," Commander W. W. Hornby, and "*Hecate*," Commander Joseph West, employed on the West Coast of Africa station, 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) CHS. WESSELHOEFT,
H. B. M. Vice-Consul.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 358.

H.M.S.V. "Styx" . Commander Hornby	W. Coast of Africa	{	Hamburgh, June 25, 1845.
			Bremen, " 26, "
			Lubeck, July 4, "
„ "Hecate" Commander West		{	Hamburgh, June 25, "
			Bremen, " 26, "
			Lubeck, July 4, "

No. 359.

Mr. Colquhoun to the Earl of Aberdeen.

London, July 18, 1845.

(Received July 19.)

MY LORD,

THE Undersigned, Agent and Consul-General for the free Hanseatic cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, has not failed to transmit to his Government the Convention between Her Britannic Majesty and the King of the French for the suppression of the traffic in slaves, signed at London, May 29, 1845, of which the Earl of Aberdeen, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, joined a copy to his note of the 10th of June. He had previously transmitted the Earl of Aberdeen's letter, bearing date May 28, explaining the principal features of this Convention.

The Undersigned has been instructed by the Senates of Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to submit the following remarks to the consideration of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

The three Senates most cordially enter into the philanthropic and conciliating views by which Her Majesty's Government has been actuated, in substituting, for the mutual Right of Search, measures at the same time (according to the preamble of the recent Convention) more effectual in the suppression of an odious traffic, and (according to the Earl of Aberdeen's explanations) obviating inconveniencies to which the Conventions of 1831 and 1833 had given rise. The mutual Right of Search forms the basis of the Conventions to which the Hanse Towns, by the Treaty of June 9, 1837, have become acceding parties. This basis being suspended, and eventually abrogated by the 10th Article of the recent Convention, the Senates have taken into serious consideration their position with respect to the new engagement, in which Her Majesty's Government, according to the Earl of Aberdeen's communications, would gladly see them and the other acceding parties to the former Conventions united.

The 4th Article of the Treaty of 1837, by which the Senates took the engagement of furnishing the special authority of warrants to the commanders of British and French cruisers, leaves them the faculty of fitting out cruisers of their own, to be furnished with the same authority, respecting the commercial navy of both the principal contracting parties. This eventual claim of perfect reciprocity, as acknowledged in the conclusion of the Earl of Aberdeen's letter of May 28th, could alone justify the Senates in exposing the commercial flag of the Hanse Towns to the exceptional inconvenience of the authority granted to foreign cruisers.

The abrogation of the mutual Right of Search, stipulated in the Conventions which, by their literal insertion in the Hanseatic Treaty, are to be considered as engaging on one side jointly Great Britain and France, on the other the Hanseatic Republics, leaves some doubt with respect to the claim of the latter upon both jointly contracting parties; but though the British Government would not withhold it, the fact of two great maritime Powers having reciprocally conceded to each other an anomalous Right of Search, must be considered as a necessary preliminary to the concession made by the acceding parties.

This preliminary being withdrawn by the Convention of May 29, a revision of the engagements entered into by the Convention of 1837 appears unavoidable.

In this revision the Senates will be actuated by the most sincere desire to cooperate in the attainment of the noble object which the great maritime Powers think deserving of such unexampled sacrifices. They will expect the resolutions to be taken by other acceding parties concerning the eventual adoption of measures analogous to those which Great Britain and France think more effectual than the mutual Right of Search. Should the unimpaired continuation of this reciprocity be

acknowledged by France as well as by Great Britain, they are prepared to confirm the authority hitherto exercised against the piratical abuse of their flag, or against the flagrant participation in the Slave Trade. At the same time the Undersigned cannot refrain from adverting to the imperfect protection which in several instances the absolving verdict of judicial Courts has afforded to the lawful commerce of the Hanse Towns against an excess of zeal, encouraged by the 6th Article of the Convention of 1833. The officers intrusted with the honourable but little cheering task of international maritime police are likely to be still more stimulated to such an excess by the growing disproportion between their number recently increased and the traffic, of which the extirpation forms their only reward. Undoubtedly Her Britannic Majesty's Government will not withhold from lawful commerce any guarantee compatible with the noble cause of abolition, as whose most efficient ally this commerce ought to be considered.

The Undersigned, &c.

(Signed) J. COLQUHOUN.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 360.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, July 18, 1845.

(Received July 21.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 2nd instant, I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable Captain John C. Fitzgerald, of Her Majesty's ship "Vernon," employed on the south-east coast of America station, 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. 360.

H.M.S. "Vernon" Capt. Fitzgerald, Brazil station	{	Hamburgh, July 14, 1845.
		Bremen, " 10, "
		Lubeck, " 9, "

No. 361.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Colonel Hodges,

&c.

&c.

Warrants returned in No. 361.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon," Capt. Hotham, W. Coast of Africa	{	Hamburgh, March 4, 1844.
		Bremen, " 4, "
		Lubeck, " 6, "
H.M.S. "Rapid," Com. Earle, Coast of Africa	{	Hamburgh, March 9, 1842.
		Bremen, " "
		Lubeck, " "

H.M.S. "Bittern," Com. Peel, Cape of Good Hope	{	Hamburgh, July 19, 1843.
		Bremen, " 18, "
		Lubeck, " 15, "
„ "Frolic," Com. Hamilton, Brazil . . .	{	Hamburgh, May 29, 1844.
		Bremen, " "
		Lubeck, June 1, "
„ "Alfred," Com. Purvis, Brazil . . .	{	Hamburgh, March 9, 1842.
		Bremen, " "
		Lubeck, " "
„ "Ferret," Com. Oake, W. Coast of Africa	{	Hamburgh, March 9, 1842.
		Bremen, " "
		Lubeck, " "

No. 362.

*Mr. Colquhoun to Viscount Canning.**St. James's Place, September 9, 1845.**(Received September 11.)*

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the conversation I had with your Lordship on the subject of the African Slave Trade Abolition Treaties with Native Chiefs, in which I alluded to the payment of annuities to these chiefs, in money or goods, by way of indemnity for emancipating their slaves, revocable on proof of their attempting subsequently to enslave their own people or those of others; I however find published in the St. Vincent newspaper a letter from myself to Lord Stanley, in which this subject *inter alia* was adverted to, and which I now enclose.

It would ill accord with the experience of any period, or the practice of civilized Governments, and could therefore the less be expected from the African chiefs, that they should permanently abandon privileges or revenues without an equivalent from those requiring them to do so, except on compulsion; I therefore infer that the treaties so made without it will be deemed binding by the chiefs only during their own convenience.

I am quite aware that the principle can only be carried out gradually, by the example of certain advantages thereby acquired by the chiefs who avail themselves thereof receiving their annuities in kind, and thus promote the sale of, by creating the want for, British manufactures, which, if judiciously taken advantage of by missionary pioneers, would tend more to the civilization of Africa than any measure hitherto adopted.

A plan was suggested some years ago of interrupting the Slave Trade, by undermining the confidence of the slave traders in the captains of their vessels, giving a bounty to such of them and their crews as brought their vessels containing slaves into a British port, provided no violence had been committed by any of the crews to the officers of the vessel, whereas, if captured, both these and the crews would be subject to punishment; in the former case to remuneration. This measure, not of doubtful *morale*, could only of course be justifiable in a trade pronounced piratical by the maritime nations of Europe and America, and would not encourage the Slave Trade, if the reward did not much exceed the benefit the master and crew would derive by the voyage having been completed according to charter party, the risk of loss from capture taken into account. I submit these considerations to your Lordship *quantum valeant*, from the great interest you took in the question when I had the honour of calling on you, and from your so perfectly understanding all its details.

The Viscount Canning,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. COLQUHOUN.

Enclosure in No. 362.

Mr. Colquhoun to Lord Stanley.

MY LORD,

St. James's Place, May 25, 1845.

I HAVE perused the report, dated Free Town, Sierra Leone, January 7, 1845, signed by Mr. R. G. Butts, on the subject of negro emigration to the

British West Indies, and for the reasons therein so strongly urged, and which it would be intrusive on your Lordship to repeat, the document having been communicated from your Lordship's department, I have most earnestly and respectfully to solicit that vessels be permitted to proceed from St. Vincent to the African coast to take free labourers thence, as the supply from Sierra Leone has failed, except of captured Africans. It is true that St. Vincent has not made any provision for the reception of African emigrants; but not having succeeded on former occasions, when ships were chartered for that purpose to the British African settlements, it seems useless to do so until it was certain that emigrants could be obtained from the coast (and permitted by the British Government to come to St. Vincent as free labourers), which Mr. Butt's statement fully shows they could be. It has been understood that permission was refused on account of the jealousy of foreign states where slavery prevails, that such emigration might serve as a cloak for the British Slave Trade.

However idle this pretence for objecting to such a measure, which the British Government has an undoubted right to over-rule as unfounded, yet, as it may be expedient from political motives to neutralize the objection, it seems easy to meet it by proposing that a British Government functionary should, at the expense of the colony or the British Government, accompany the captain on such voyage, a proposition that could not reasonably be objected to, and which ought to satisfy Foreign Governments that the emigrants are free agents in the transaction; that they continue so during their residence in the British West Indies is unquestionable.

Some years ago I submitted a plan to your Lordship, which was not then entertained, of emancipating the slaves in Africa, founded on the basis that the chiefs did not carry on the Slave Trade for the love of the Slave Trade, but for a revenue, and that an annuity equal to the amount of profit obtained, secured during their lives (taken on a calculation of twenty-five years), would induce them to emancipate their respective tribes forthwith. Such was the opinion of an intelligent Saxon gentleman who accompanied the Niger expedition. That the cost would be about 5000*l.* per annum annuities, and 5000*l.* annually for the British Agency Control, to prevent the chiefs from evading their contract by re-enslaving their people, who, when once free, would annually become more independent, and would resist such an attempt if made; the penalty being the discontinuance of the annuity if attempted.

The calculation was, that 5000*l.* per annum would in this way procure the emancipation of a million of slaves, who, when free, might be made useful in preventing the exportation of slaves, or become emigrants.

I now again submit the suggestion, as the question of the suppression of the Slave Trade has become the object of negotiation between the two Governments here; and I thought it advisable to communicate it to Dr. Lushington, as one at least worthy of consideration and inquiry, and not a costly experiment.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. COLQUHOUN

The Right Hon. Lord Stanley,
&c. &c.

No. 363.

Viscount Canning to Mr. Colquhoun.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 20, 1845.

I RECEIVED and laid before the Earl of Aberdeen your letter of the 9th instant, and its enclosure, containing suggestions relative to the conclusion of treaties for the suppression of Slave Trade with the native chiefs of Africa; and I am to express to you his Lordship's thanks for that communication.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CANNING.

J. Colquhoun, Esq.
&c. &c.

No. 364.

*Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Hamburg, September 19, 1845.**(Received September 22.)*

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 3rd inst., I have now the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable Commander Robert F. Gambier, of Her Majesty's sloop "Sappho," employed on the Cape of Good Hope station, 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. 364.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier, Cape of Good Hope	{	Hamburg, Sept. 10, 1845.
		Bremen, " 9, "
		Lubeck, " 10, "

No. 365.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

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. 365.

H.M.S. "Spartan," Capt. Elliot, North America and West India station . . .	{	Hamburg, March 9, 1842.
		Bremen, " "
		Lubeck, " "

No. 366.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

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.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Colonel Hodges,
&c. &c.

Warrants returned in No. 366.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla," Capt R. Sharpe, North America	{	Hamburgh, June 15, 1842.
and West India station . . .		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, "
„ "Growler," Com. C. H. M. Buckle, West Coast of Africa . . .	{	Hamburgh, March 4, 1844.
		Bremen, "
		Lubeck, " 6, "

No. 367.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Colquhoun.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 22, 1845.

THE Undersigned, &c., has to acknowledge the receipt of a note from Mr. Colquhoun, &c., dated the 18th of July last, referring to the communications which he had the honour of addressing to Mr. Colquhoun on the 28th May, and on the 9th of June last, and stating the view which the Senates of the Hanse Towns have taken of their position with respect to the engagement recently entered into by Great Britain and France, for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade.

In this note Mr. Colquhoun observes, that the Convention of 1837, by which the Senates of the Hanse Towns engaged to furnish warrants to the commanders of the British and French cruisers, gives to the Hanse Towns the right of fitting out cruisers of their own, to be furnished with similar authority from the governments of Great Britain and France; and that it is only this reciprocal right which could justify the Senates in exposing the commercial flag of the Hanse Towns to the inconvenience of an authority exercised over it by foreign cruisers.

The Undersigned is far from questioning the justice of the view here taken by Mr. Colquhoun; on the contrary, he entirely concurs in considering the Right of Search conferred by those warrants as a right which no power can be expected to concede to another for any purpose however laudable, except upon terms of strict reciprocity. But the Undersigned cannot agree in the opinion which is expressed in a subsequent part of Mr. Colquhoun's note, that an abrogation of the mutual Right of Search between Great Britain and France will leave doubt as to the claim of the Hanseatic Senates upon the governments of those two countries for the continuance of the Right which Mr. Colquhoun has correctly stated to be conferred upon the Hanse Towns, by the Convention of 1837.

In the first place, the Undersigned must observe, that the Convention of 29th May does not prescribe the abrogation of those of 1831 and 1833; it ordains that their operation, as soon as the newly concerted measures are in action, shall for a specified time be suspended; and it makes the consent of each government necessary, in order to their being again called into force, but it contains no certain abrogation of those Conventions. But even were it otherwise, and were the Right of Search as established between Great Britain and France by the Convention of 1831 at once abandoned by each party, the Undersigned could not on that account admit that there would be any ground for calling in question the rights which the separate and subsequent Convention of 1837 confers upon the Hanse Towns; and which cannot be held to be affected by any negotiations entered into between Great Britain and France alone. In the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, therefore, no such doubt as that apprehended by Mr. Colquhoun can arise; neither do they consider that anything has occurred to call for a revision of the Convention of 1837; and unless the Senates of the Hanse Towns should prefer to take part in the new engagement which has been concluded between the Crowns of Great Britain and France, they may rest assured that the obligations which those Crowns have already contracted with the Hanse Towns, and which remain in full force, will continue to be as faithfully observed as heretofore.

Mr. Colquhoun, in the concluding part of his note states, that the acquittal of a captured vessel by a judicial court has afforded to the legitimate commerce of the Hanse Towns but an imperfect protection against the too great zeal of the

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officers employed in the suppression of the Slave Trade; and he expresses his opinion, that those officers "are likely to be still more stimulated by the growing disproportion between their number, recently increased, and the traffic of which the extirpation forms their only reward."

The Undersigned does not understand that in thus expressing himself Mr. Colquhoun intends to urge any serious objection to the adoption of the measures which have been recently concerted between Great Britain and France, and by which the number of British and French cruisers upon the Coast of Africa will be augmented. The Undersigned, therefore, will not stop to inquire how far the apprehension which Mr. Colquhoun appears to feel as to the effect of those measures is reasonable or well founded; but will conclude by assuring Mr. Colquhoun, that the confidence expressed in the last sentence of his note, that Her Majesty's Government would not "withhold from lawful commerce any guarantee compatible with the cause of abolition," is no more than just; and that if any mode of dealing with captured vessels can be suggested as more acceptable to the Senates of the Hanse Towns than that prescribed in the Second Article of the Convention of 1837, by which such vessels are brought to judgment in ports of their own country, Her Majesty's Government will take such suggestion into their consideration, with an anxious desire to meet the wishes of the Hanseatic Senates.

The Undersigned, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

James Colquhoun, Esq.
&c. &c.

No. 368.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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. 368.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent," Com. Russell, W. coast	{ Hamburgh, March 4, 1844. Bremen, " 6, " Lubeck, " 6, " }
of Africs . . .	

No. 369.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburgh, October 28, 1845.
(Received November 17.)

MY LORD,

IN reference to your Lordship's Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 15th instant, I have the honour to transmit three warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburgh, to enable Commander Charles Edmunds, of Her Majesty's sloop "Heroine," 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, &c.
(Signed) G. LLOYD HODGES.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 369.

H.M.S. "Heroine" Com. Edmunds Coast of Africa { Hamburg, Oct. 20, 1845.
 { Bremen, Oct. 23 ,,
 { Lubeck, Oct. 22 ,,

No. 370.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Colonel Hodges.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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. 370.

Lubeck.

H.M.S.V. "Albert" . Lieut. Woodruffe, Coast of Africa station, July 29, 1843.
 H.M.S. "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) ,, June 1, 1844.
 H.M.S.V. "Eclair" . Com. Estcourt (dead) ,, Nov. 6, 1844.

Bremen.

H.M.S.V. "Albert" . Lieut. Woodruffe, Coast of Africa station, Aug. 2, 1843.
 H.M.S. "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) ,, May 29, 1844.
 H.M.S.V. "Eclair" . Com. Estcourt (dead) ,, Nov. 5, 1844.

Hamburg.

H.M.S.V. "Albert" . Lieut. Woodruffe, Coast of Africa station, Aug. 2, 1843.
 H.M.S. "Ringdove" Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead) ,, May 29, 1844.
 H.M.S.V. "Eclair" . Com. Estcourt (dead) ,, Nov. 4, 1844.

No. 371.

Colonel Hodges to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Hamburg, December 5, 1845.
 (Received December 8.)

MY LORD,

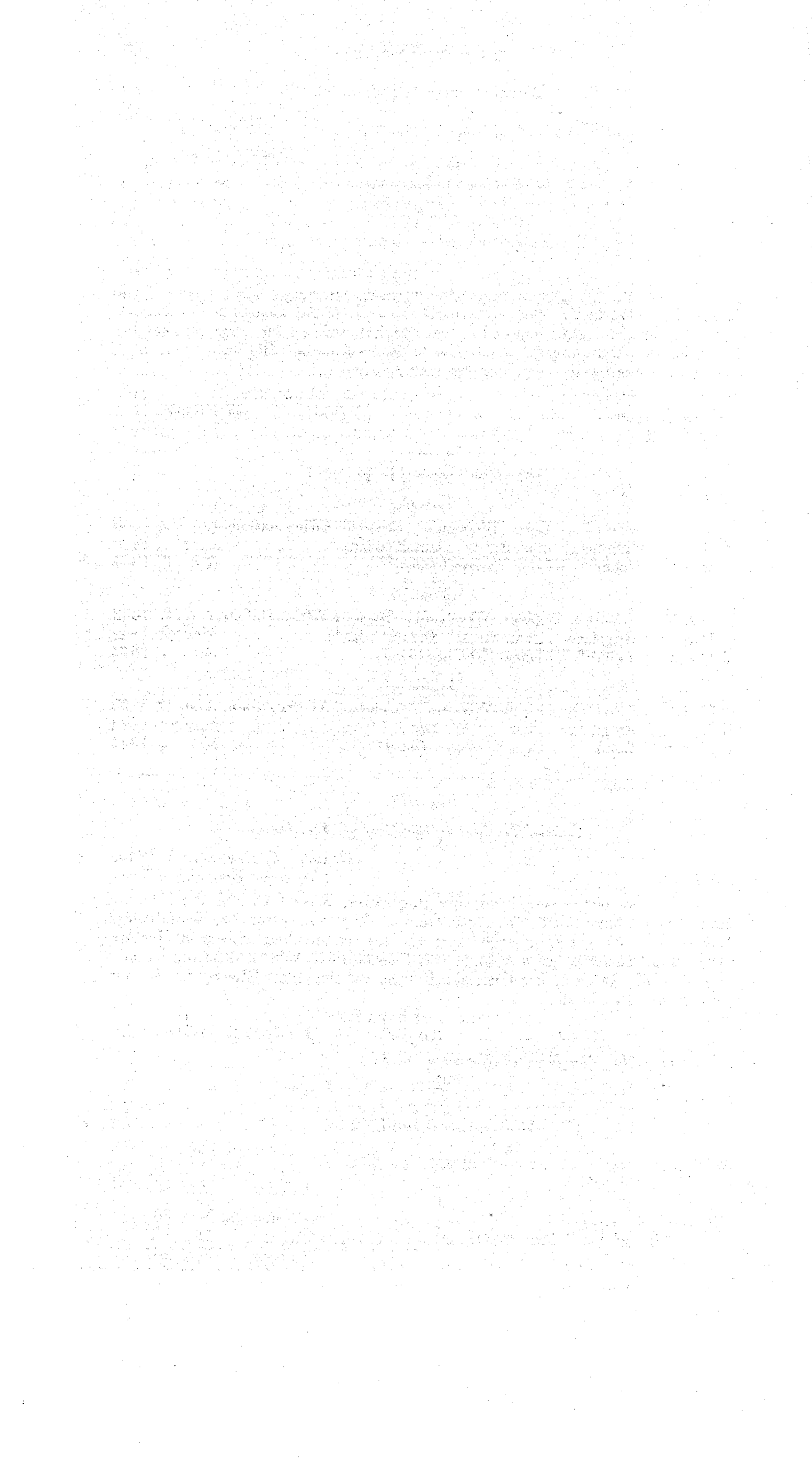
IN reference to your Lordship's Despatches, Slave Trade, of the 19th and 20th ultimo, I have now the honour to transmit six warrants from the Hanse Towns, Lubeck, Bremen, and Hamburg, to enable the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships named in the margin of this Despatch to act under the Convention 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. 371.

H.M.S. "President," Capt. Stanley, Cape of Good Hope { Hamburg, Nov. 26, 1845.
 { Bremen, Dec. 2, ,,
 { Lubeck, Nov. 26, ,,
 ,, "Kingfisher," Com. Brown, W. Coast of Africa { Hamburg, Nov. 26, ,,
 { Bremen, Dec. 2, ,,
 { Lubeck, Nov. 26, ,,



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No. 372.

Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*British Consulate, Port Republicain,
December 16, 1844.*

(Received January 20, 1845.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 26th October and 11th ultimo, and to transmit the Slave Trade warrant issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's steam vessel described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HARRISON J. THOMPSON,
H. M.'s Vice-Consul.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 372.

H.M.S.V. "Eclair," Com. W. G. B. Estcourt, Coast of Africa station,

Dec. 7, 1844.

No. 373.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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. 373.

H.M.S. "Isis," Capt. Sir J. Marshall, Cape of Good Hope, May 13, 1843.

No. 374.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 4, 1845.

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. 374.

H.M.S. "Dolphin," Lieut. O. B. Hoare, Brazil station, October 23, 1843.

No. 375.

Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port Republicain, February 18, 1845.
(Received March 29.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, up to that of the 21st December last, and to transmit the Slave Trade Warrants, issued by the Government of Hayti, for Her Majesty's ships 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. 375.

H.M.S. "Rose" . Com. R. W. Pelly . Feb. 3, 1845.
" "Espoir" . Com. G. S. Hand . "

No. 376.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 5, 1845.

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. 376.

H.M.S. "Frolic" . Com. W. A. Willis . Brazil station . May 30, 1845.

No. 377.

Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port Republicain, March 30, 1845.
(Received May 6.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, up to that of the 7th ultimo, and to transmit the Slave Trade

Warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships 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. 377.

H.M.S. "Mutine" . . .	Com. R. Crawford	Cape of Good Hope.	March 28, 1845.
" " "Waterwitch" . . .	" T. Birch	Coast of Africa . . .	"
" " "Pantaloon" . . .	" E. Wilson	"	"
" " "Ranger" . . .	Capt. J. Anderson	"	"
" " "Acorn" . . .	" J. Bingham	Brazil	"
" " "Persian" . . .	" H. Coryton	N. America and W. Indies	"

No. 378.

Mr. Thompson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port Republicain, April 6, 1845.
(Received May 6.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 25th of February last, and to transmit the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships 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. 378.

H.M.S. "Lily" . . .	Com. C. Newton	Coast of Africa	March 31, 1845.
H.M.S.V. "Firebrand" . . .	" J. Hope	Brazil	"
H.M.S. "Dolphin" . . .	Lieut. R. Levinge	"	"
" " "Actæon" . . .	Capt. G. Mansel	West Coast of Africa	"

No. 379.

Mr. Gilbert to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port Republicain, April 28, 1845.
(Received June 4.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, marked Slave Trade, of the 11th ultimo, and to transmit the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. H. GILBERT,
Vice-Consul.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 379.

H.M.S. "Rolla" . . .	Com. J. Simpson	Coast of Africa	April 26, 1845.
" " "Comus" . . .	" T. Thompson	Brazil	"

No. 380.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 18, 1845.

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. 380.

H.M.S. "Espoir"	Com. Morrell	West Coast of Arica	Aug. 31, 1843.
"Viper"	Com. Carter	Brazil	May 30, "
"Rose"	Com. Sturt	N. America and W. Indies	Aug. 15, "
"Illustrious"	Capt. Erskine	"	Feb. 6, 1844.
"Electra"	Com. Darley	"	May 30, 1843.
"Inconstant"	Capt. Fremantle	"	Oct. 23, "

No. 381.

*Mr. Gilbert to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Port Republicain, May 23, 1845.**(Received June 21.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of the 7th and 8th ultimo, and to transmit the Slave Trade Warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. H. GILBERT,
Acting Consul.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 381.

H.M.S. "Vindictive,"	Capt. Seymour,	N. America and W. Indies,	May 19, 1845.
"Eagle,"	Capt. Martin	S. E. Coast of Africa	" "

No. 382.

*Mr. Gilbert to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Port Republicain, June 5, 1845.**(Received July 4.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th of April last, and to transmit the Slave Trade Warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. H. GILBERT,
Acting Consul.

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

Warrants enclosed in No. 382.

H.M.S. "Flying Fish,"	Capt. Harris	. . .	W. Coast of Africa	June 5, 1845.
" " "Racer" "	Capt. Reed	. . .	" " "	" "
" " "Grecian" "	Capt. Montgomery	. . .	S. E. Coast of America	" "

No. 383.

Mr. Gilbert to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port Republicain, July 9, 1845.

(Received August 5.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 20th of May last, and to transmit the Slave Trade Warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. H. GILBERT.

Acting Consul.

Warrants enclosed in No. 383.

H.M.S.V. "Vesuvius"	Capt. O'Callaghan	. . .	N. America and W. Indies	July 7, 1845.
H.M.S. "Melampus"	Capt. Campbell	. . .	S. E. Coast of America	" "

No. 384.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 11, 1845.

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.

Thomas Ussher, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Warrants returned in No. 384.

H.M.S.V. "Gorgon,"	Capt. Hotham	. . .	W. Coast of Africa	May 22, 1844.
H.M.S. "Rapid"	Com. Erle	. . .	Coast of Africa	May 30, 1843.
" " "Bittern"	Com. Peel	. . .	Cape of Good Hope	Aug. 31, 1843.
" " "Frolic"	Com. Hamilton	. . .	Brazil	July 12, 1844.
" " "Ferret"	Com. Oake	. . .	W. Coast of Africa	May 30, 1843.

No. 385.

Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Port au Prince, August 5, 1845.

(Received September 9.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 18th and 20th of June, and to transmit the Slave Trade warrants issued by the Government of Hayti for Her Majesty's ships described in the margin.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

T. N. USSHER, *Consul.*

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

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No. 389.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Port au Prince, September 16, 1845.**(Received October 21.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 11th August last, transmitting several warrants issued by this Government, and now no longer required for the ships for which they were issued; and in obedience to your Lordship's order I have returned the said warrants to the Haytian Government, in order that they may be cancelled.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.**The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 390.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1845.

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 ship and its commander 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. 390.

H.M.S.V. "Ardent".	Com. Russell	Brazil,	May 13, 1843.
" "	"	Coast of Africa,	May 22, 1844.

No. 391.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Ussher.

SIR,

Foreign Office, November 21, 1845.

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, 1829, 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. 391.

H.M.S.V. "Albert,"	Lieut. Woodruffe, com.,	Coast of Africa,	Sept. 5, 1843.
H.M.S. "Ringdove,"	Com. Sir W. Daniell (dead),	"	May 13, 1843.
H.M.S.V. "Eclair,"	Com. Estcourt (dead)	"	Dec. 7, 1844.

No. 392.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Port au Prince, November 5, 1845.**(Received Dec. 5.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of August 12th, August 13th, September 3rd, and September 25th, with their several enclosures, and I have the honour to transmit herewith the warrant issued by the Haytian Government for the use of Her Majesty's ship and commander named in the margin, under the Convention of 23rd December, 1839.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. N. USSHER, *Consul.**The Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T.*

&c.

&c.

&c.

Warrant enclosed in No. 392.

H.M.S. "Sappho," Com. Gambier, Cape of Good Hope, Nov. 3, 1845.

No. 393.

*Mr. Ussher to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Port au Prince, November 21, 1845.**(Received Dec. 23.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the 15th and 16th October, and to enclose herewith the warrant issued by this Government for the use of Her Majesty's ship and its commander 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. 393.

H.M.S. "Heroine," Capt. Edmunds, Coast of Africa, November 18, 1845.

T E X A S .

No. 394.

Captain Elliot to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Galveston, December 10, 1844.

(Received January 15, 1845.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit two warrants issued by this Government under the provisions of the Treaty for the suppression of the African Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) " CHARLES ELLIOT.

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

&c.

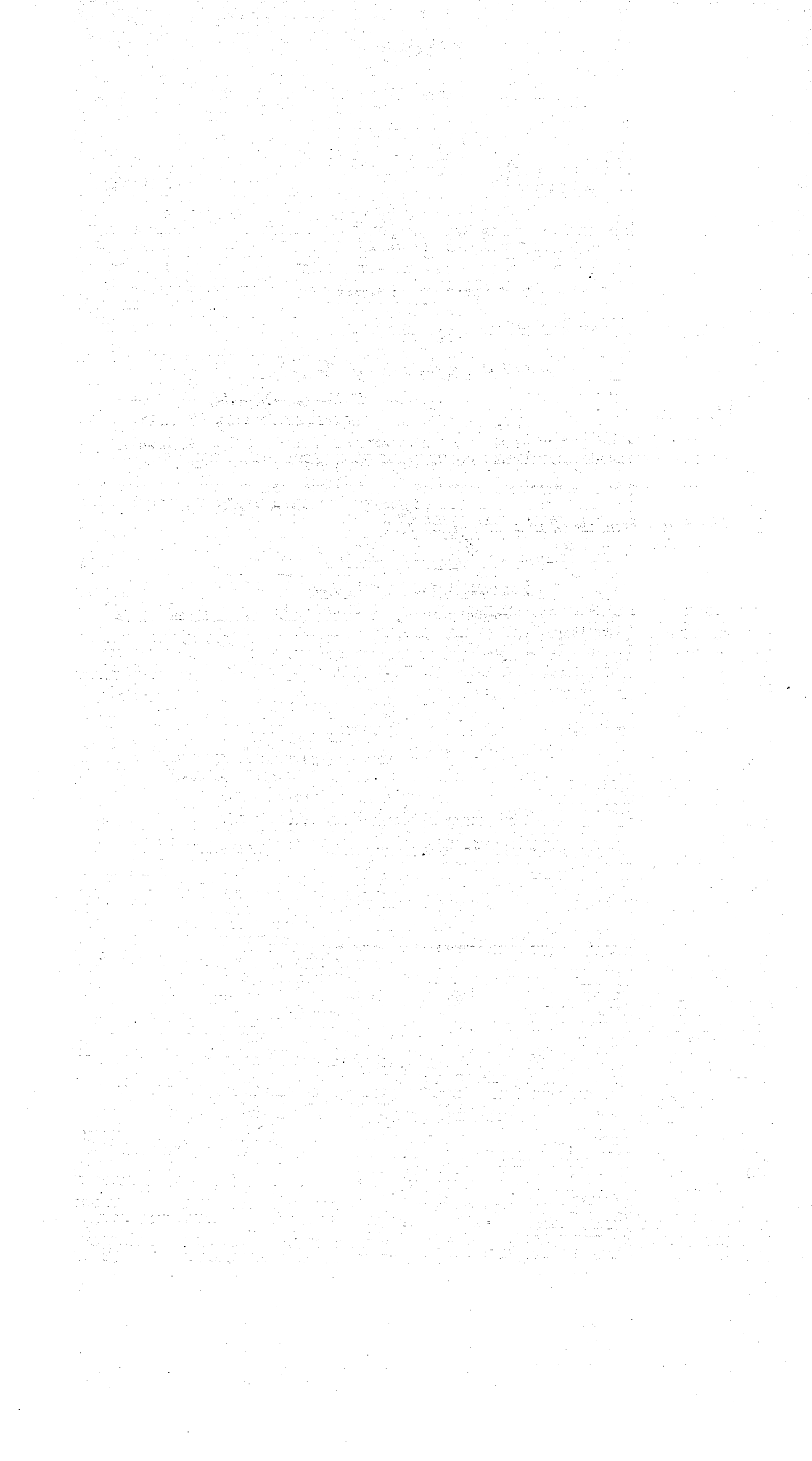
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&c.

Warrants enclosed in No. 394.

H.M.S. " Cygnet " . (Commander of) Nov. 20, 1844 W. Coast of Africa.

H.M.S.V. " Prometheus " . " " " "



MEXICO.

No. 395.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 9, 1845.

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 "Mutine" of twelve guns, commanded by Commander R. B. Crawford, and to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope Station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 396.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

* SIR,

Foreign Office, January 11, 1845.

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 "Waterwitch," of eight guns, commanded by Commander Thomas Francis Birch, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa Station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 397.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 14, 1845.

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 "Pantaloan," of eight guns, commanded by Commander Edward Wilson, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa Station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 398.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 21, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's schooner "Hornet," 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.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 399.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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 "Ranger," of 6 guns, commanded by Commander James Anderson (b), and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 400.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845.

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 "Acorn," of 16 guns, commanded by Commander John E. Bingham, and to be employed on the Brazil station.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 401.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1845

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Isis," on the Cape of Good Hope station, authorising 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.

Mem.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 402.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 7, 1845.

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 "Persian," of 16 guns, commanded by Commander Henry Coryton, and to be employed on the North America and West India station.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 403.

Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

Mexico, December 31, 1844.
(Received February 11, 1845.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 31st October, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

No. 404.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 25, 1845.

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 "Firebrand," of 8 guns, commanded by Captain James Hope, and to be employed on the Brazil station.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 405.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, February 25, 1845.

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 "Lily," of 16 guns, commanded by Commander C. J. F. Newton, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 406.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.**Foreign Office, March 11, 1845.*

SIR,

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 "Rolla," of 10 guns, commanded by Commander John Simpson, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 407.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.**Foreign Office, March 11, 1845.*

SIR,

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico, that a warrant under the Treaty of 24th February, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the abolition of Slave Trade, has been issued to Her Majesty's sloop "Comus," of 18 guns, commanded by Commander S. Thompson, and to be employed on the Brazil station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 408.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.**Foreign Office, March 11, 1845.*

SIR,

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 ship "Actæon," of 26 guns, commanded by Captain George Mansel, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 49.

*Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Mexico, January 29, 1845.**(Received March 19.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches marked Slave Trade, and dated the 11th and 29th of November.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

No. 410.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 7, 1845.

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 ship "Vindictive," of 50 guns, commanded by Captain Michael Seymour, and to be employed on the North American and West India station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 411.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, April 7, 1845.

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 ship "Eagle," of 50 guns, commanded by Captain Geo. B. Martin, C.B., and to be employed on the South-East Coast of America station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 412.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, May 1, 1845.

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 "Flying Fish," of 12 guns, commanded by Commander Robert Harris, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 413.

*Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Mexico, March 31, 1845.*

MY LORD,

(Received May 8.)

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches to that of January 25th, 1845, inclusive, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

&c. &c. &c.

No. 414.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, May 12, 1845.

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 "Grecian," of 16 guns, commanded by Commander Alexander L. Montgomery, and to be employed on the S.E. Coast of America station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 415.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, May 20, 1845.

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 "Vesuvius," of 6 guns, commanded by Commander W. D. O'Callaghan, and to be employed on the North American and West India station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 416.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, May 20, 1845.

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 ship "Melampus," of 42 guns, commanded by Capt. John N. Campbell, C.B., and to be employed on the S.E. coast of America station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.

&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 417.

Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Mexico, April 29, 1845.**(Received June 4.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches to that of the 25th February inclusive, marked Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 418.

*Mr. Murphy to the Earl of Aberdeen.*7, *Sussex Place*, le 13 Juin, 1845.

(Received June 14.)

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

LE Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire du Mexique, a reçu la note que son Excellence le Comte d'Aberdeen, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté au Département des Affaires Etrangères, lui a fait l'honneur de lui adresser pour lui envoyer un exemplaire de la Convention signée, le 29 du passé, entre Sa Majesté la Reine de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et le Roi des Français, pour la répression de la traite des noirs.

Il demeure aussi informé que les ratifications de cette Convention ont été échangées le sept de ce mois.

Suivant les désirs de son Excellence, le Soussigné ne manquera pas de transmettre cette pièce à son Gouvernement.

Le Soussigné, &c.

(Signed) THO^s. MURPHY.

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

No. 419.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.**Foreign Office, June 28, 1845.*

SIR,

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's ships named in the margin on their respective stations, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

H.M.S. "Viper" . . .	Brazil station.
" " "Illustrious" . . .	N. America and W. India station.
" " "Rose" . . .	"
" " "Electra" . . .	"
" " "Inconstant" . . .	"

No. 420.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.**Foreign Office, June 28, 1845.*

SIR,

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 "Styx," of 6 guns, commanded by Com. W. Hornby, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 421.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, June 28, 1845.

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 "Hecate," of 4 guns, commanded by Com. Joseph West, and to be employed on the Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 422.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, July 2, 1845.

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 ship "Vernon," of 50 guns, commanded by Capt. John C. Fitzgerald, and to be employed on the S.E. Coast of America station.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 423.

Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Mexico, May 30, 1845.**(Received July 4.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, to that of the 11th March inclusive.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

No. 424.

Mr. C. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

MY LORD,

*Mexico, June 29, 1845.**(Received August 20.)*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, to that of 1st ultimo inclusive.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

No. 425.

Viscount Canning to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, August 21, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ships named in the margin on their respective stations, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed, in the absence of Lord Aberdeen,)

CANNING.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas, with the addition of Her Majesty's ship "Heroine," from the W. Coast of Africa Station.

H.M.S. "Rapid"	. . .	W. Coast of Africa.
" "Bittern"	. . .	Cape of Good Hope.
" "Alfred"	. . .	Brazil.
" "Ferret"	. . .	W. Coast of Africa.

No. 426.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, September 25, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's ship "Spartan," 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.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 427.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 15, 1845.

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 sloop "Heroine," of six guns, commanded by Commander Charles Edmunds, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 428.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 16, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico, that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's ships "Scylla" and "Growler" on their

respective stations, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

H.M.S.V. "Scylla"	Com. R. Sharpe	N. America and West Indies.
"Growler"	Com. Buckle	Coast of Africa.

No. 429.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, October 27, 1844.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico, that the warrant supplied to Her Majesty's steam-sloop "Ardent," on the W. Coast of Africa 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.

N. B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 430.

Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Mexico, September 29, 1845.
(Received November 11.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, that of the 2nd of July inclusive.

I have, &c.
(Signed) C. BANKHEAD.

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

No. 431.

Mr. Bankhead to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Mexico, October 30, 1845.
(Received Dec. 5.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatch of the 21st of August last.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES BANKHEAD.

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

No. 432.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 17, 1845.

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 ship "President," of 12 guns, commanded by Captain Wm. P. Stanley, and to be employed on the Cape of Good Hope station.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 433.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 17, 1845.

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 "Kingfisher," of 12 guns, commanded by Com. Chas. F. Brown, and to be employed on the West Coast of Africa station.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

No. 434.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 18, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will acquaint the Government of Mexico that the warrants supplied to Her Majesty's ships named in the margin, on their respective stations, authorizing them to act under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, have been returned to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and cancelled by them.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

H.M.S. "Ringdove," Coast of Africa.
H.M.S.V. "Eclair," "
 " "Albert," "

CLASS C.

No. 435.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Bankhead.

SIR,

Foreign Office, December 26, 1845.

I HAVE to desire that you will inform the Government of Mexico that warrants under the Treaty of February 24, 1841, between Great Britain and the Republic of Mexico for the abolition of Slave Trade have been issued to Her Majesty's ships and vessels described in the margin, to be employed on the stations there mentioned.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

C. Bankhead, Esq.
&c. &c.

N.B.—A similar instruction was issued under the same date to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas.

H.M.S. "Alecto," 3 guns, Com. F. W. Austen, S.E. Coast of America station.
 „ "Alarm," 26 guns, Capt. C. C. Frankland, N. Amer. and W. India station.
 „ "Endymion," 44 guns, Capt. G. F. Lambert, " "
 „ "Lizard," 1 gun, Lieut. H. M. Tylden, S.E. Coast of America station.
 „ "Bittern," 16 guns, Com. Thos. Hope, W. Coast of Africa station.

VENEZUELA.

No. 436.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Caracas, December 26, 1844.
(Received Feb. 11, 1845.)*

MY LORD,

As furnishing an honourable proof of the desire of Venezuela and New Granada to co-operate for the extinction of the Traffic in Slaves, it affords me great pleasure to be enabled herewith to transmit to your Lordship a copy and translation of a stipulation on the subject, contained in the 23rd article of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation between these two States, signed at Caracas on the 23rd of July, 1842, and the ratifications of which have been exchanged at Bogota on the 7th ultimo.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

Enclosure in No. 436.

Traslation of the 23rd Article of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, between Venezuela and New Granada, signed at Caracas on the 23rd of July, 1842.

ART. 23. The two Contracting Parties pledge themselves to preserve in force the laws and regulations actually existing in either Republic relative to the Abolition of the Traffic in Slaves, and to adopt every measure that may appear to be necessary for preventing the citizens or inhabitants of either State from engaging or taking part in such a Traffic.

No. 437.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

*Caracas, December 28, 1844.
(Received February 11, 1845.)*

MY LORD,

IN the execution of the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of October 31, and Nov. 11 and 29, of the present year, I have communicated to 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;" and that the warrants, respectively supplied to Her Majesty's schooner "Fair Rosamond" and

brig "Griffon," 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.

No 438.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, December 31, 1844.

(Received February 11, 1845.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the case reported to your Lordship in my Despatch of the 1st of March last, relative to the remissness displayed in the collection on behalf of the Manumission Fund, of the large amount of legacy duty chargeable upon the estate of a Mr. Chaves, who died in 1841, it is with much regret I have to announce to your Lordship that the present year is about to close without any *bonâ fide* payment having been made; and that it is to be apprehended that the powerful influence of interested parties, which has hitherto enabled them successfully to elude a faithful observance of the beneficent law of manumission, in this important case, will finally prevent the obtainment of the full measure of justice; and that it will be compounded for by the payment of a smaller amount of legacy duty than that legally recoverable, or on terms in respect of the time and mode of payment neither warranted by law nor justified by any special circumstances.

I have, &c.
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

No. 439.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, February 1, 1845.

(Received March 12.)

MY LORD,

THE political party interested in keeping up the predial agitation, by which, since April, 1843, this country has unfortunately been afflicted, has, amongst other subversive measures, endeavoured to disturb the public mind by the propagation of the report that Great Britain is bent upon effecting the immediate freedom of the slaves in Venezuela; and that in furtherance of this design, large sums of money were expended by her at the late elections for senators and deputies, through the agency of the British Legation, and the British Colonial Bank established at Caracas, and finally, that by order of Her Majesty's Government, I have offered to the Government of Venezuela, as a free gift, the sum of four millions of dollars currency, at exchange of \$6¼ to the £. sterling equal to 640,000*l.*, on conditions of slavery being at once totally abolished by a law of Congress.

Ridiculous as these reports are, they have nevertheless obtained a degree of credit quite inexplicable to persons unacquainted with the Spanish character, and the facility with which in these states, as in the mother country, belief is readily yielded to every statement in which their alleged unsuspecting innocence and candour are represented as about to become a prey to the grasping ambition and superior cunning of European cabinets.

Almost impossible, and inconsistent with what I have above stated, as it may appear to your Lordship, it is unquestionably the fact, that one of the causes of the outbreak at Orituco, reported in my Despatches, of the 16th of November, and of the 18th of December last year, was the circulation of a rumour amongst the ignorant multitude of that canton, that the President and Government of Venezuela had signed a treaty with Her Majesty's Government for the delivery over to Great Britain of the male working population of Orituco for employment as slaves in the British West India islands; and this rumour

was accompanied with particulars as to the mutilation the labourers were to undergo prior to their embarkation, too shockingly indecent to describe in a public Despatch.

This account has been privately and confidentially communicated to me by his Excellency the President, and by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who, at the same time have remarked, that whilst they feel deeply the humiliation, arising from the fact of any portion of the Venezuelan population being, in the nineteenth century, in such a state of ignorance, amounting to barbarism, as to give credit to such wicked and palpable falsehoods, the consequence of such a state of things are not the less deplorable.

There cannot be a doubt that the people of Venezuela, even the more intelligent portion of them, are rendered more prone to distrust the benevolence of Great Britain towards this Republic, and generally towards the other states of Spanish America, by the systematic misrepresentations of British policy, especially as regards the slave question, in a periodical published at Paris, in Spanish, called 'El Correo de Ultra Mar,' and in a periodical published, likewise in Spanish, at New York, called 'El Noticioso de Ambos Mundos,' and in another periodical published at New York, in French, called 'Courier des Etats Unis;' all of which have a great circulation in this country, where few persons are enabled to read English newspapers.

The virulent abuse of England, and the gross falsification of facts in speaking of her international dealings, audaciously published by these journals in the very face of the civilized world, must somewhat diminish the surprise at, and, to a certain extent, excuse the ignorance of an Indian population of a petty interior district of Venezuela, in giving credence to falsehoods scarcely more monstrous than some of the enormities of which England from time to time stands accused by the before-mentioned periodicals.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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&c.

No. 440.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, February 18, 1845.

(Received March 24.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to your Lordship's instructions, I have duly communicated to the Government of Venezuela the contents of your Lordship's Despatches of the 7th of December last year, of the 9th, 11th, and 14th January of the present year.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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&c.

No. 441.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, February 18, 1845.

(Received March 24.)

MY LORD,

It appears from a case recently brought before the Venezuelan tribunals, that Mr. M. A. Gesurun, a Dutch subject, and a member of the Jewish persuasion, established as a shopkeeper at Caracas since 1833, solicited and obtained, in 1835, from the Governor of the province, permission to import into Venezuela, from the island of Curaçoa, four slaves in the character of domestic servants, and upon the condition of their being subsequently re-exported. In September, 1836, the slaves were accordingly imported; and Mr. Gesurun has since retained them in Caracas in an absolute state of slavery.

One of the slaves, by name William, having raised a sufficient sum for the purchase of his freedom, in accordance with the Venezuelan laws and tariff of valuation for a slave of his age (namely, 300 dollars, at exchange of $6\frac{1}{4}$ dollars to the pound sterling, equal to 48*l.*), offered this amount to Mr. Gesurun, who refused to take it, declaring his intention to export him to Curaçoa, in which market slaves fetch higher prices than in Venezuela.

In the meantime, William was bound and sent a prisoner to an estate in the vicinity of Caracas, belonging to a Mr. Felipe Rodil, called Mamera, where he was confined in the stocks.

By the 9th Article of the Venezuelan law of manumission, a copy and translation of which are annexed, no person may import more than one slave into the country, and then only in the character of a domestic servant—a provision artfully evaded in the present instance by the permission granted to Mr. Gesurun to import four slaves on the plea that, as his family consisted of more than four persons, each might import a slave, an interpretation clearly contrary to the spirit and tenor, if not to the letter of the law.

Mr. Senior denounced the case to the proper authority, and Mr. Gesurun was cited to appear and answer to the charge.

The Procurator Municipal for 1844 required Mr. Gesurun to receive the tariff price for the freedom of William; but as pending the proceedings a fresh Procurator was elected for the present year, this functionary went a step further, and called upon Mr. Gesurun to set him free unconditionally, arguing that, as Mr. Gesurun has been domiciliated in Venezuela at least since 1836, William from that time has been held in slavery in violation of the 9th Article of the Law of Manumission before alluded to, by which it is provided that if the importer of a slave become domiciliated in Venezuela, he must re-export his slave or give him his freedom; and that, as Mr. Gesurun had not complied with either of these obligations, it was too late, after a lapse of nearly nine years, to claim the privilege of re-exporting his slave William; and in every event, that Mr. Gesurun could not deprive him of his right to purchase his freedom, in accordance with existing laws.

Mr. Gesurun having refused to submit to these demands, the case was brought before the proper tribunal, which I understand has decided that Mr. Gesurun is bound to accept of the tariff price offered by his slave for his freedom, Mr. Gesurun being moreover condemned in the costs of the suit. Against this decision Mr. Gesurun has appealed.

The Dutch Consul-General has considered it to be his duty to support the claim of Mr. Gesurun to the unlimited right of property in this slave; and I regret to be compelled to add that, pending the trial of this case, Mr. Gesurun, with the privity and consent of the Venezuelan authorities, has re-exported two of the other slaves, Belta and Rosset, imported by him at the same time with William, thereby depriving them of the benefit of the provision already mentioned, in the event of the final sentence in the case of William being given in favour of his claim to freedom either by purchase or unconditionally; and the disregard of the considerations due to the rights of these unfortunate slaves has been further aggravated by the fact that, whilst in Venezuela, one of them was delivered of a son called Virgilio, who consequently, by Venezuelan law, was born free, as confessed in writing by Mr. Gesurun; but as, by the laws of Holland, children of Dutch female slaves are born slaves, by the exportation of Virgilio to Curaçoa it is to be apprehended he will be doomed to perpetual slavery, thereby despoiling him of his freedom acquired as a birthright.

It is shown by documents that recently and accidentally have come into my hands, that two cases of a similar nature to the above have occurred in other parts of the republic: one at Puerto Cabello in 1834, the other at Maracaibo in 1843.

In the former instance, a foreign female slave claimed her freedom on the ground of her having been detained in slavery in Venezuela many years after her mistress had become domiciliated in the country; but the tribunals decided against her claim, and declared the right of her mistress to re-export her as a slave.

In the latter instance, Mr. Manuel Lopez Delgado was permitted, in 1835, to import four slaves on the plea of their being domestic servants. One of the slaves, named Matias Navarro, by birth a Venezuelan, had, under the terms of the capitulation of Maracaibo, been exported from Venezuela in 1823, as Spanish property; another of the slaves, named Francisco Lopez, was born in the island of Cuba; and the two remaining ones, Cecilia Coll and José Coll, were natives of Africa.

In the year 1843 these slaves demanded their freedom on the grounds that their

master had been domiciliated in Venezuela since 1835, and that he had fraudulently imported them in violation of the law prohibiting the importation of more than one slave by any individual.

Cecilia obtained her freedom by purchase; Mr. Lopez granted Francisco his freedom; and the tribunal declared Matias to be free on the ground that Lopez Delgado, having imported more than one slave, imported Matias in violation of the law. Nevertheless, the same tribunal, in dealing with the claim of José Coll, in utter disregard of this sentence, and of the grounds upon which it is founded, as well as in contradiction of the evident spirit and tenor of the law, decided that José Coll was not entitled to his freedom, alleging that, although Mr. Lopez Delgado had been domiciliated in Venezuela since 1835, he was at liberty at any time to re-export his slave, no period for that act being fixed by law.

Mr. Consul O'Leary reported to your Lordship, in his Despatch of the 4th of May, 1842, that the laws relating to slavery have been and are unfairly administered; and therefore that slavery still exists to a great extent in Venezuela.

Numerous proofs might be adduced in support of this statement, but the cases above cited sufficiently disprove the accuracy of the unqualified declarations made to Her Majesty's Government, in furtherance of the pretension of this Government that Venezuelan sugar shall, for the beneficial effects of the Act 7 and 8 Vict., cap. 28, be treated as the production of free labour: namely, that the importation of slaves into Venezuela is entirely prohibited, as formally announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of this Republic, in his report to Congress on the 20th-29th ultimo; and that since the year 1821 the entrance and departure of slaves from Venezuela have been entirely prohibited, all being declared free who shall touch the territory of the Republic, as asserted by the Venezuelan Minister in London in his note to your Lordship of the 29th of May, 1844, a disposition which he furthermore assures your Lordship is most religiously fulfilled.

In my Despatch of the 4th of August, 1843, I with the greatest pleasure have rendered ample justice to the generous and enlightened policy, in respect to the slave question, pursued by Venezuela from the time she engaged in the struggle for her independence, although it is true, with the material exception of the law issued by her in 1830, in substitution of the more humane law of Colombia promulgated in 1821, and of the liberal decree of the Liberator Bolivar, dated the 28th of June, 1827; and I have stated, amongst other proofs of this fact, that the African Slave Trade has been abolished since the 14th of August, 1810; and that the children of female slaves, born in some provinces after the 19th of July, 1821, and in all after the 1st of November of that year, have been declared free by a law of Colombia, although, as fully explained in the same Despatch, such persons do not practically enter upon the unrestricted enjoyment of their freedom until they attain the age of twenty-five.

With such strong claims upon the justice and regard of nations, interested, as all really civilized and Christian nations are, in the extinction of slavery, the merits of the policy of Venezuela seem to be rather weakened than strengthened by official declarations as to the existing state or administration of the laws relating to slaves, which, not being strictly accurate, require to be commented upon and explained, in order that the whole truth may be rightly and fairly comprehended. It is therefore with much pain that, in the obligation to make faithful reports to your Lordship, I have been compelled to bring these facts under the notice of Her Majesty's Government.

By so doing I shall moreover be exposed to much and unmerited vituperation and hostility from the old Spanish party in this country, which, since 1843, has, for political and personal purposes, been wilfully endeavouring, by the invention and circulation of the most malicious falsehoods, to excite distrust and alarm respecting alleged designs on the part of Her Majesty's Government, and of the English Anti-Slavery Societies, to procure the immediate emancipation of the slaves in Venezuela.

This same party succeeded, as I have before observed, in greatly impairing the beneficial provisions of the Law of Manumission promulgated by Colombia in 1821, and of the humane decree of General Bolivar issued in 1827, substituting them by the Venezuelan law now in force, although unfairly administered; and the present course of political agitation of this party upon the subject of slavery will necessarily have the effect of fomenting ill will towards the slaves, manumisos and apprentices, and thereby deprive them, still more so than as is the case at present, of their right

to an honest execution of the laws and regulations made for their protection and security.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

Enclosure in No. 441.

Translation of the 9th Article of the Venezuelan Law of Manumission, issued on the 2nd of October, 1830.

“The importation of slaves in any shape whatever is hereby prohibited; and it is prohibited likewise that any person shall bring with him more than one slave in the character of a domestic servant; which slave cannot be disposed of in the country; and on his arrival at a Venezuelan port, due notice shall be given to the importer of the obligation he thereby incurs to re-export him, giving proper security for the same. If the importer become domiciliated in the country, he must re-export his slave, or give him his freedom. Slaves imported fraudulently, or contrary to the prohibitions of this law, shall be *ipso facto* free.”

No. 442.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, February 28, 1845.

(Received April 9.)

MY LORD,

HEREWITH I have the honour of enclosing to your Lordship three printed copies of the Venezuelan Laws, Decrees, and Resolutions upon the subject of Manumission, issued between the 2nd of October, 1830, and the 12th of September, 1843.

The Decrees and Resolutions of the Venezuelan Government, from 1843 to the end of 1844, are contained in the Reports of the Minister for the Home Department, forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatches, Diplomatic Series, of the 29th of February, 1844, and of the 26th instant.

I have hitherto delayed the transmission of the present copies in the hope that this Government would, as an honourable and perpetual testimony of Venezuelan and Colombian philanthropy, have caused to be collected and published in a shape available for practical purposes, all the Laws and Regulations for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and for the gradual extirpation of Slavery, promulgated by Venezuela and Colombia, from the 14th of August, 1810, when the Slave Trade was formally and for ever abolished by a Decree of the Supreme Junta of Caracas; but in this hope I have been disappointed; the moral effect of such a measure in favour of the national character of Venezuela being neither comprehended nor appreciated.

By the Law of the 2nd of October, 1830, not only was the humane decree of the Liberator Bolivar, dated the 28th of June, 1827, altogether repealed, but the period of practical slavery, in respect of children born after that date (1830), was prolonged from the age of eighteen, as determined by the more liberal law of Columbia, to the age of twenty-one; and, furthermore, by a decree of the Venezuelan Government, dated the 27th of April, 1840, this period of slavery has, under the denomination of apprenticeship, been prolonged until the manumisos attain the age of twenty-five.

It is to be desired that such fatal inroads into the sanctity of the Law of Manumission will be allowed to stop here; but I much regret to be forced to add that no steps have been taken to compel the patrons of the manumisos to fulfil their obligation (almost, if not entirely, neglected) of properly preparing them, by education, for a state of freedom; nor have adequate means been adopted for securing to the apprentices a fair remuneration for their labour; and, finally, that in other respects the Law of 1830 is not rightly administered.

The great evil appears to consist in the Government not taking upon itself to require the proper authorities to perform their duty, honestly to enforce the Laws

of Manumission; and under the futile plea of not interfering with the administration of justice, limiting its efforts to deciding, generally speaking, with justice and equity, such practical cases of doubt as are officially submitted to its consideration.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

No. 443.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, February 28, 1845.

(Received April 9.)

MY LORD,

IN the Report presented to Congress by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, copies of which have been forwarded to your Lordship in my Despatch, Diplomatic Series, of the 26th instant, the Minister remarks, under the head of Manumission, that the Government has strenuously endeavoured to promote the honest execution of the Laws of Manumission, having, in furtherance of this purpose, issued various resolutions; and that, with very few exceptions, its beneficent efforts have been duly seconded by the subaltern authorities, and by the zeal and activity of the Juntas or Boards of Manumission, as proved by the various points submitted, in consultation, to the Government.

That official data having been laid before it, showing that two foreign slaves had been imported and introduced into the province of Merida by an individual in violation of the law, which only allows of the importation by any one individual of one foreign slave in the character of a domestic servant; and that a foreign infant slave had been imported into the province of Coro without the cognizance of the local authorities, thus enabling it to be sold in the country in violation of the law; and, finally, that two foreign slaves, taken by a Colombian privateer in 1828, had been imported into Margarita and there sold; orders were communicated to the proper authorities for the adoption of the necessary steps to obtain the liberty of these slaves, in conformity to law.

That with a view of diminishing the inducements to a repetition of such abuses, the President, under date of the 1st of November, 1844, issued a decree establishing rules by which to determine the fact of the domiciliation of foreigners who have imported or may hereafter import slaves, and have retained them or may attempt to retain them as such for a long period of years, under the pretext of not being themselves domiciliated in the country, and therefore not bound by law to re-export their foreign slaves.

But as the only effective means of preventing fraudulent importations of foreign slaves, under cover of the existing laws allowing of their introduction in certain cases, the Minister calls upon Congress to issue a law prohibiting entirely their importation, and exacting that all slaves touching the Venezuelan territory shall become, *ipso facto*, free.

This recommendation is highly creditable to the personal character of Mr. Cobos Fuertes, the Minister, as well as to that of General Soublette, the President, who, like most all of the old patriots and soldiers of the war of Independence, recognizes the justice and policy of the law of Colombia abolishing the Slave Trade, and providing for the gradual extirpation of slavery.

A census formed in 1844, avowedly most defective, gives as the total amount of population in Venezuela 1,218,716 souls (should be, according to additions of Tables, 1,217,715 souls), distinguished as follows:—

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Free People, of both Sexes and of all Colours.			Manumisos, or Children of Female Slaves, born after November 1821, nominally free, become practically so on attaining the age of 25.			Slaves of both Sexes.		
Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
577,600	594,973	1,172,573	12,078	11,436	23,514	9,569	12,059	21,628

Manumission.—Total number of slaves manumitted in 1844 fifty-seven.

If any further proof than those already given were wanting to show that the Law of Manumission is unfaithfully executed, it is furnished by the facts of the smallness of the number of slaves annually manumitted; and that, neither in 1843 nor 1844, have any slaves been manumitted by it in the province of Caracas, the largest in the whole republic, containing a population of 299,062 free persons, 11,430 manumisos, and 7,881 slaves.

As explained in my Despatch to your Lordship, Diplomatic Series, of the 27th of May of last year, a tax applicable to the manumission of slaves, of 2 per cent. on amount of collateral inheritances, and of 10 per cent. on amount of inheritances by aliens in blood, is imposed by the law of October, 1830, on succession to property after death, whether real (or immovable) or personal (or moveable); and lastly, that the net proceeds of property of persons dying without will or testament, and without lawful heirs, which by common law thereby becomes the property of the Fisc, is also applied to the manumission fund.

By the Colombian Law of Manumission, repealed and substituted, as regards Venezuela, by the Law of 1830, above cited, the tax for the manumission of slaves was 3 per cent. on the fifth part of property inherited by legitimate descendants; of 3 per cent. on the third part of property inherited by legitimate ascendants; of 3 per cent. on the total amount of property inherited by collateral heirs; and, finally, of 10 per cent. on the total amount of property bequeathed to strangers in blood.

No national or provincial taxes or duties on succession to property after death than those above stated are levied by Venezuela, therefore there was no pretext on the score of heavy taxation for the abolition of the taxes imposed for the benefit of manumission on property inherited by legitimate ascendants and descendants, and their diminution in respect of collateral inheritances.

Apprenticeship.—426 children of female slaves, born prior to the 2nd of October, 1830, having attained the age of eighteen years, were, in conformity to a decree of the Venezuelan Government, dated the 27th of April, 1840, apprenticed, or practically hired out as slaves, to trades or rural occupations on sugar, cocoa, or coffee plantations, until they attain the age of twenty-five.

But for this decree these manumisos would have been free on their attaining the age of eighteen; therefore the period of their servitude has been prolonged by it seven years.

I have been thus minute in explaining the true state of the law and regulation in respect to Slavery in Venezuela, because in his Report to Congress, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, equally with the Venezuelan Minister in London, in his official correspondence with your Lordship, have supported the claim for the admission of Venezuela sugar into Great Britain as the produce of free labour, by unqualified declarations upon the subject of the Venezuelan laws relating to Slavery, which being at variance with the facts of the case, would, if left unexplained, be liable to mislead Her Majesty's Government and the opinion of the civilized world upon so important a question.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

&c.

&c.

&c.

No. 444.

*Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Caracas, March 1, 1845.**(Received April 9.)*

MY LORD,

ON the 16th of December of last year the Political Chief and President of the Junta of Manumission of the Province of Caracas, with the privity and consent of the Government, caused a public notice to be published in the 714th number of the Official Gazette of Venezuela, inviting all slaves, with a fixed residence in the canton of Caracas, who might desire to obtain their freedom, to present memorials to that effect to the Inferior Junta of Manumission; it being probable that at the period of the Christmas holidays a sum of money would be collected for the benefit of the Manumission Fund, on account of the legacy duty upon the property of Mr. Chaves, who died on the 30th of July, 1841; and that, as for several years no slaves had, for want of funds, been manumitted within the canton, the Government had granted permission for the amount of duty payable by the estate of Chaves to be applied to that purpose at Christmas, instead of at Easter, the usual period for such acts.

This notice was immediately copied into all the other periodicals of Caracas; and your Lordship can readily conceive the intensity of the hopes raised in the minds of the slaves by the prospect of freedom thus held out to them by public authority.

Each slave felt naturally anxious to be preferred on the occasion, and all endeavoured by prayers and entreaties to induce their masters or some benevolent person to draw up for them the necessary memorial. Although all may not have been equally successful in this application, numerous memorials were sent in.

In the meantime, when the hopes of the slaves had been thus elevated to the highest pitch, they were all doomed to the most cruel disappointment.

The expected payment to the Manumission Fund was not effected; and accordingly the Christmas holidays passed away without any slave having obtained his freedom; nevertheless, to their credit be it recorded, that not a single case of outrage was committed by them.

The success which has hitherto attended the efforts of parties interested in evading the law of manumission in respect to the property left by Chaves, has been fully detailed in my Despatches, marked *Slave Trade*, of the 1st of March and the 31st of December last; and I have only further to add that, up to the present moment, the same state of things exists; the legacy duty remaining unpaid.

The old Spanish party in Venezuela, designated as the Oligarchy, have endeavoured to convert to their own advantage the excitement occasioned by this attempt to evade the law of manumission, attributing to their opponents a desire to foment disaffection amongst the slaves; a charge not only ridiculous and totally unsupported by proof, but which is directly at variance with notorious truth.

Although, apparently, with some injustice in respect to General Soublotte, this intrigue has been fully exposed by a leading article in the 278th number of a periodical published in this capital under the name of "*El Venezolano*," and thus a check has to a certain extent been given to it; but the mere attempt to disturb the public mind on the question of slavery is clearly fraught with danger in a country the greater part of whose population is composed of people of colour.

The evil tendency of such a course is rendered more alarming at a time that malicious and evidently false statements are rife in Venezuela in respect to the means and resources upon which the slaves at the Havanna counted for carrying out the conspiracy alleged to have been there recently discovered and frustrated by the public authorities.

Whilst writing upon this subject, I should not feel myself justified in concealing from your Lordship the fact, that the charges against England, put forth in Mr. Calhoun's Despatch, of the 12th of August, 1844, to the United States Minister at Paris, namely, that the abolition of negro slavery over the American continent is the constant object of the desire and exertions of Great Britain, in order that by diminishing and destroying the capacity of her commercial rivals, so called by him, the slave-holding states, to produce tropical fruits, she may thereby secure a

monopoly for the productions of her East India possessions, have had their effect in this country, having been actively circulated with insidious commentaries by the partisans of the National Bank, so called, perseveringly bent upon driving out of Caracas its rival, the British Colonial Bank, and who, therefore, have eagerly availed themselves of so plausible a topic for engendering ill-will and distrust against an establishment which they falsely and absurdly represent as an agent employed by Her Majesty's Government and the English Anti-Slavery Societies, in carrying out their views for the immediate abolition of slavery in Venezuela.

In justice to his Excellency the President, General Soublette, I must remark that neither he nor his Government participate in these ideas; and, on the contrary, I have daily proofs of their entire confidence in the loyalty and friendship of Her Majesty's Government, and of its sincere interest in the welfare and prosperity of Venezuela.

I have, &c.
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

No. 445.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, April 1, 1845.
(Received May 24.)

MY LORD,

IN the fulfilment of your Lordship's instructions, I have duly communicated to the Venezuelan Government the contents of your Lordship's Despatches, marked Slave Trade, from that of the 25th January to that of the 11th ultimo, inclusive, of the present year.

I have, &c.
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

No. 446.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, June, 2, 1845.
(Received July 4.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to that portion of my Despatch of the 28th of February last, stating that the Minister for the Home Department had, by order of his Excellency the President-General Soublette, called upon the Legislature to issue a law entirely prohibiting the importation of Slaves into Venezuela; and enacting that all slaves touching the Venezuelan territory shall become, *ipso facto*, free; it is with much regret I have to report to your Lordship that Congress has closed its sessions for the present year, without paying any attention to a recommendation, the adoption of which is declared by the Executive Government to be the most efficacious means of preventing fraudulent importations of foreign slaves, under cover of the existing law, allowing of their introduction in certain cases, upon the plea of their being domestic servants.

Therefore, under the conditions of that law, foreign slaves may continue to be, and are imported into and exported from Venezuela.

I have, &c.
(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

No. 447.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, June 31, 1845.

(Received July 21.)

MY LORD,

IN my Despatch of the 18th of February last I reported to your Lordship the particulars of the legal proceedings instituted for the obtainment of the freedom of a foreign slave named William, imported into Venezuela in 1836, by Mr. Moses Gesurun, a Dutch subject; and I have now the honour to inform your Lordship that the tribunal, on appeal, has not considered William to be entitled to his freedom on the ground of his having been retained in slavery many years after his master has become domiciliated in Venezuela.

It was, however, decided that Mr. Moses Gesurun is bound to grant to William his freedom, upon his paying for it the price fixed by the Venezuelan tariff of valuation for slaves of his age.

I profit by this opportunity to state, with reference to the case of José Coll, described in my Despatch before mentioned, that the sentence of the Court at Maracaibo, denying the right of that individual to his freedom, was reversed, upon appeal, by the Supreme Tribunal, which declared him to be entitled to his freedom, inasmuch as there was sufficient evidence to show that he, as well as the other two slaves imported by Mr. Manuel Lopez Delgado, had not been imported in the character of domestic servants, under the provisions of the law; but, on the contrary, had been introduced as slaves and for the purposes of sale.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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No. 448.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, July 15, 1845.

(Received August 20.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE to report to your Lordship that I have duly executed the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches, Slave Trade, from that of the 7th April to that of the 20th May, both inclusive, of the present year, and have accordingly communicated to the Venezuelan Government the names and particulars of the vessels therein described to which warrants have been issued under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela, for the abolition of the Slave Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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No. 449.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, July 28, 1845.

(Received September 9.)

MY LORD,

WITH reference to my Despatch, Slave Trade, of the 18th of February last, reporting amongst other matters that a child called Virgilio, born in Venezuela, and consequently free, of a Dutch female held in bondage by Mr. Moses Gesurun, had been exported to Curaçoa, together with its mother, I have much pleasure in communicating to your Lordship that the Venezuelan Government has caused to be published in the official Gazette of the 27th instant a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Gesurun, prior to the embarkation of Virgilio, to the Political Chief of the

Canton of Caracas, in which Mr. Gesurun renounces all right of property in or title to the compulsory services of this child.

As an additional security for the subsequent freedom of Virgilio, the Government has furthermore published a resolution to the effect that the Venezuelan Minister for Foreign Affairs shall convey, and if deemed advisable, through the channel of the Dutch Consul-General resident at Caracas, to the knowledge of the Governor of Curaçoa, that Virgilio, in virtue of Mr. Gesurun's renunciation of his rights over him, as well as by the provisions of the laws of Venezuela, in which country he was born, is entitled to be considered in Curaçoa as a free person.

I regret to say that no portion of the large amount of legacy duty payable to the manumission fund by the estate of Mr. Chaves, who died in July, 1841, has as yet been paid in.

The particulars of this flagrant case have been reported to your Lordship in my Despatches, marked Slave Trade, of 1844 and of the present year.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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No. 450.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, September 22, 1845.

(Received Nov. 11.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 30th of June last, transmitting for my information two copies, likewise received, of a Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the French, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, signed at London on the 29th of May last.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd of July last, together with a copy of the Act 3rd and 4th Will. IV., cap. 73, intitled "An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies," furnished to me in compliance with the request contained in my Despatch of the 15th of May last.

I respectfully beg to return my thanks for your Lordship's compliance with this request.

I have, &c.

(Signed) BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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No. 451.

Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.

Caracas, September 30, 1845.

(Received Nov. 11.)

MY LORD,

IN obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 28th of June, of the 2nd of July, and of the 2nd ultimo, I have duly communicated to the Venezuelan Government the names and particulars of Her Majesty's ships and vessels therein described, to which warrants have been issued under the Treaty of March 15, 1839, between Great Britain and Venezuela for the Abolition of the Slave Trade; as well as the names of the ships and vessels whose warrants 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.

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No. 452.

*Mr. Belford Wilson to the Earl of Aberdeen.**Caracas, November 13, 1845.**(Received Dec. 20.)*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to report that in the execution of your Lordship's instructions, I have duly communicated to the Venezuelan Government the information contained in your Lordship's Despatches of the 25th September, and 15th and 16th of October, both inclusive, of the present year.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

BELFORD HINTON WILSON.

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

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