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RELATING TO THE CASE OF THE

“CHARLES ET GEORGES.”

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Further Paper relating to the case of the "Charles
et Georges."

Mr. Howard to the Earl of Malmesbury.—(Received April 5.)

(Extract.)

Lisbon, March 30, 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report to your Lordship that in the sitting of the Chamber of Peers of the 26th instant, Count Thomar rose and called the attention of the Chamber to what had taken place with reference to the question of the "Charles et Georges," on the occasion of the discussion on the address in answer to the Royal speech.

His Excellency said that, acting upon the documents presented by the Portuguese Government, and under the supposition, founded upon them and upon the Ministerial speeches, that Portugal had met with the most complete neglect on the part of England, in this question, which Great Britain ought to consider as her own, and in which she could not refuse firm support to her faithful ally; he had, as a true and patriotic Portuguese, stigmatized and censured the inexplicable conduct of the English Government towards Portugal, and that he had done so under the conviction that such neglect had actually taken place; but that upon seeing in the papers relating to this case, which were presented to the British Parliament, the proofs that the English Government had from the very commencement offered their good offices to the Portuguese Government, and had actually put them in practice to the extent of eliciting their acknowledgments and thanks for the same, as stated in a document which he would read to the Chamber, and which statement had not been denied by the Government, he felt bound conscientiously to declare to the House that he therefore withdrew the censure which he had, without foundation, imputed to the English Government, as being entirely unmerited, according to the uncontradicted confessions of the Marquis de Loulé, and that he reserved his judgment upon the proceedings of the English Government in this case, until such time as the actual Cabinet, whose attention he now called to the documents published in England, as he had done that of their predecessors, should elucidate the question by stating how far the assertions of the English Government were correct.

The paper referred to by Count Thomar is my despatch to your Lordship, dated the 22nd November, 1858, and published under No. 66 of the correspondence presented to Parliament.

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