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Foreign-Office, July 10, 1846.

IT is hereby notified, that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from Her Majesty's Minister in Mexico, a dispatch containing the copy of a notice sent on the 20th of May last to Captain Pelly, the Commander of Her Majesty's ship *Rose*, by Captain Fitzhugh, the Senior Officer of the United States' Naval Forces off the port of Vera Cruz, declaring that port to be blockaded by the said naval forces.

It is also hereby notified, that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a dispatch, dated the 21st of May last, from Her Majesty's Consul at Tampico, enclosing the copy of a letter which he had received from Commander Saunders, of the following tenor :

" *U. S. Ship St. Mary's, off Tampico*
" SIR, *Bar, May 20, 1846.*

" In consequence of Mexico having commenced hostilities against the United States, I have been ordered by the Commander in Chief of the

American squadron on this station to blockade the Port of Tampico. Please consider this the official announcement of that fact; and do me the favour to communicate it to all whom it may concern. Vessels now in port will be allowed to sail with or without cargo at any time before the 15th of June; *neutral non-commercial mail packets* are free to enter and depart, and *Mexican boats, engaged exclusively in fishing, will be allowed to pursue their labours unmolested.* Do me the favour to give publicity to this last immediately, for the benefit of the humble class to whom it refers.

Jno. S. Saunders, Commander."

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 8th day of *July* 1846,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

THIS day the Right Honourable Frederick Earl Spencer, the Right Honourable Edward George Fitzalan Howard (commonly called Lord