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Foreign-Office, December 14, 1858.

IT is hereby notified, that the Right Honourable the Earl Cowley, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, has received from his Excellency Count Walewski, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, an official communication, dated Paris, December 8th, 1858, transmitting two copies of an Official Notification of the Blockade by the Naval Forces of France and Spain, of the Bay and River of Touranne, and of the Port of Cham-Callao, which was inserted in the Journal called the "Moniteur," of the same date, and requesting Lord Cowley to transmit the said Notification to Her Majesty's Government.

The Official Notification of this Blockade inserted in the "Moniteur," and transmitted by Count Walewski to Earl Cowley, is as follows :

(Translation.)

NOTIFICATION relative to the Blockade of the Bay and the River of Touranne, as well as the Port of Cham-Callao.

Department of Marine.

IT is notified, by these presents, that his Excellency the Minister of Marine has been informed by Vice-Admiral Rigault de Genouilly, Commanding in Chief the French and Spanish Forces in Cochin China, that, on the 1st of September, 1858, and commencing from that day, there has been established by the Naval Forces placed under his command, an effective Blockade of the Bay and of the River of Touranne, as well as of the Port of Cham-Callao.

It is further notified by these presents, that all the measures authorized by the law of nations and the respective treaties existing with the different neutral powers, will be adopted and enforced with respect to all vessels which shall attempt to violate the said Blockade.

Paris, December 7th, 1858.

Naval Division in the Chinese Seas.

I, the undersigned, Commanding in Chief the French and Spanish forces, charged with obtaining from the Emperor of Cochin China the redress for grievances which is due to the Govern-

ments of France and Spain, and in virtue of the powers which belong to me as Commanding in Chief, declare :

Commencing from the 1st of September, 1858, the Bay and River of Touranne and the Port of Cham-Callao are held in a state of effective blockade by the naval and military forces placed under my command.

Proceedings will be taken against every vessel which shall attempt to violate the Blockade, in conformity with international law, and with the treaties in force with neutral powers.

Bay of Touranne, September 1st, 1858.

C. RIGAULT DE GENOUILLY.

War-Office, December 20, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Rear-Admiral Alexander Milne, one of Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and of Richard Charles Kirby, Esq., Accountant-General of the War Department, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order.

Crown-Office, December 16, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Biggs Andrews, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, to be one of the Commissioners of the Court of Bankruptcy, to act in the country in the room of Montague Baker Bere, Esq., deceased.

Crown-Office, December 18, 1858.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Williams Sanders, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be one of the Commissioners of the Court of Bankruptcy, to act in the country in the room of Edmund Robert Daniell, Esq., deceased.