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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1862.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 1st day of *November*, 1862,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare Her consent to a Contract of Matrimony between His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, &c., and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra Caroline Maria Charlotte Louisa Julia, daughter of Prince Christian of Denmark; which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 1st day of *November*, 1862,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the thirteenth day of November instant, be further prorogued to Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January next.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 1st day of *November*, 1862,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York be prorogued from the day to which the same now stand prorogued, to Wednesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Arthur Helps.

Foreign Office, November 3, 1862.

IT is hereby notified, that on the 30th October, Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, received from Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Caracas, a despatch, enclosing the copy of a decree issued by the Venezuelan Government, declaring the ports and coasts of Maracaybo in that republic to be in a state of blockade.

The decree, in so far as it relates to the blockade, is as follows:—

ART. 1°. Se declaran cerrados los puertos y costas de Maracaybo: esto es, toda la linea que corre del Cabo de San Roman, en la peninsula de Paraguana, à la punta de Espada en la peninsula Goajira.

ART. 2°. Los puertos y costas espresados en el Articulo anterior se declaran tambien en estado de bloquer.

ART. 3°. El bloquer surtira sus efectos à los sesenta dias despues de esta fecha, en cuanto à los buques procedentes de Europa; à los trunta dias respecto à los despachados de Demerara y de las Antillas, excepto los buques que vengan de San Thomas, Sta. Cruz, Curazao y sus dependencias, para los corales el termino será de ocho dias.

ART. 4°. Si antes de expirar tales plazas, se acercare algun buque, sea cual fuere su nacionalidad, à los puertos y lugares bloqueados, la fuerza bloqueadora, le notificará la existencia del bloquer, anotando en sus papeles de nevegacion el dia y el lugar ó la áltura en que lo haya encontrado y tambien la notification hecha. En caso de insister el buque en su pretension de entrar à pesar del aviso, quedara sujeto à ser detenido y confiscado.

ART. 5°. Quedando prohibida toda comunicacion con los puntos à que se extiende el bloquer, la fuerza encargada de él tan solo permitirá la salida de los buques extranjeros que hayan entrado àntes de su establecimiento.

ART. 6°. Los Comandantes de los buques bloqueadores procederan con los buques que detengan por violacion del bloquer del modo prevenido en la Ordenanza de Corso de 30 de Marzo de 1822, que se aplicará en lo que no se oponga à las disposiciones anteriores.

(Translation.)

ART. 1. That the ports and coasts of Maracaybo are to be closed: that is, all the line which runs