

bestow in richest abundance all blessings best fitted to sustain and gladden the heart; and in token of favour to the British Empire may long preserve you to reign in the affections of a devoted people, is,

May it please your Majesty, the earnest prayer of your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

*W. R. Pirie*, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1864.

*Foreign Office, May 30, 1864.*

**T**HE following Correspondence has passed between Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Monsieur de Bille, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Danish Majesty at this Court:

*Legation of Denmark,*

My LORD, *May 23, 1864.*

I AM directed to inform Her Britannic Majesty's Government that the Blockade of the ports of Cammin, Swinemünde, Wolgast, Greifswalde, Stralsund, Barth, Dantzig, and Pillau, in the Baltic, as well as the Blockade of the ports and inlets in the Duchies of Sleswig and Holstein, which were raised on the 12th of this month, in conformity with the stipulations of the suspension of hostilities, will immediately be re-established on the 12th of June next, the date on which the suspension of hostilities terminates, unless the negotiations carried on at the Conference of London should before then have led to at least some preliminary agreement.

My government has thought it due to the interests of the commercial world that timely notice of the re-establishment of the Blockade should be given; and I am also directed to state that no neutral ship, which after the renewal of the war might attempt to enter any one of the blockaded ports would be subject to capture, except where previous notice of the re-establishment of the Blockade had been received in the ordinary way, or through the ships of the blockading squadron itself.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) TORBEN BILLE.

*The Right Honourable  
Earl Russell, K.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.*

*Foreign Office,  
May 30, 1864.*

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,  
I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 23rd instant, notifying the intention of the Danish Government to re-establish, on the 12th of June, the Blockades raised on the 12th instant, unless the negotiations carried on at the Conference should before then have led to at least some preliminary agreement.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) RUSSELL.

*Monsieur Torben Bille,  
&c., &c., &c.*

*Downing Street, May 28, 1864.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell, Knt. and C.B., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint James Watson Sheriff, Esq., to be President and Senior Member of the Executive Council of the Island of Nevis; and John McDonell and James Mill, Esqrs., to be Members of the Council of the Island of Grenada.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*31st May, 1864.*

*3rd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant John Lloyd Egginton to be Adjutant, vice Lieutenant James Don, who has retired. Dated 31st January, 1864.*

*16th Lancers, Peter Leslie Peacocke, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice David George Sandeman, promoted. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*18th Hussars, Cornet William Henry Balders to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Edmund Lart, who retires. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*Amelius Morland Smith, Gent., to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Balders. Dated 31st May, 1864. Lieutenant Walter Yeldham to be Instructor of Musketry, vice Lieutenant Fuller, promoted. Dated 12th May, 1864.*

*19th Hussars, Lieutenant William Henley Stanley Clarke, from 7th Madras Light Cavalry, to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Morris, who reverts to the position his name still occupies on the cadre of the late 1st Bengal European Light Cavalry. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*20th Hussars, Captain Josiah Marshall Heath from 1st Bombay Light Cavalry, to be Captain, vice Henry Melvill who reverts to the position his name still occupies on the cadre of the 2nd Bengal European Light Cavalry. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*Captain Henry William Studdy, from the 3rd Bengal Native Infantry, to be Captain, vice Lionel Francis Wells, who reverts to the position his name still occupies on the cadre of the 2nd Bengal European Light Cavalry. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*21st Hussars, Captain Howard Parker, from the 4th Madras Light Cavalry, to be Captain, vice Burke Cuppage, who reverts to the position his name still occupies on the cadre of the 3rd Bengal European Light Cavalry. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*Royal Engineers, Staff Assistant-Surgeon John Vernon Seddall, M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice H. L. Randell, appointed to the Staff. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*Military Train, Lieutenant William Henry Salis, from the Cape Mounted Riflemen, to be Lieutenant, vice Vincent Applin, promoted to an Unattached Company, without purchase. Dated 31st May, 1864.*

*2nd Regiment of Foot, The first Christian name of Ensign Bosanquet is *Nicolas*, and not *Nicholas*, as previously stated.*