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FOREIGN OFFICE, August 14, 1863.

THE following Despatch has been received from Sir Frederick Bruce, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Chief Superintendent of Trade in China:—

My LORD, Peking, April 30, 1863.

REFERRING to my Despatch\* of 8th September 1862, I have the honour to state that Mr Medhurst, before leaving Shanghai, published the letter to him which formed inclosure in that Despatch. The publication has done good, by clearing up the misapprehension that prevailed as to the real position of foreigners at the Chinese Ports open to trade, and as evidence that Her Majesty's Government will not agree to any system which does not respect the territorial rights of the Chinese Government, and its exclusive jurisdiction over its own subjects. This exclusive jurisdiction of China over Chinese, and of each Foreign Nation over its subjects, is the foundation on which the international relations of China with the outer world is based.

I am glad to say that Monsieur Berthemy enclosed to the French Government the paper containing my correspondence with Mr Medhurst, as expressing the views entertained by him on this delicate question. They are fully concurred in by the Russian and the American Ministers.

The British and American communities have appointed a committee to prepare a scheme for the municipal government of the large part of the settlement inhabited by them, in conformity with these principles, and I hope that, with the aid of their experience, a system may be found which will meet the requirements of the place, and to which the Chinese Government will give its assent.

The growth of Shanghai is wonderful; its population is estimated at 1,500,000, and it bids fair to become soon the most important city of the East. The Chinese flock to it on account of the security it enjoys; and the silk manufacture, which was destroyed by the Taeping occupation of Soochow and Hung-chow, is taking root at Shanghai.

It is a subject of great satisfaction to me that our resolution to save Shanghai from the destruction that menaced it at the hands of the Taeping hordes has not only been productive of great

\* See No. 62, in papers relating to rebellion in China, laid before Parliament in 1863.

benefit to trade but has afforded a safe asylum and an escape from ruin to so large a body of the industrious and respectable native population.

I have, &c.,

FREDERICK W. A. BRUCE.

The Right Honble. Earl Russell, K.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.

WAR-OFFICE, August 11, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Sir James Hudson, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Italy, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and of James Douglas, Esq., C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Vancouver's Island and the colony of British Columbia, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, August 14, 1863.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Miss Emma Lascelles to be one of Her Majesty's Maids of Honour in Ordinary, in the room of the Honourable Adelaide Cavendish, resigned.

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 24, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Michael Jones, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Feejee and Tonga Islands.

FOREIGN OFFICE, August 1, 1863.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edward Hall, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Comayagua, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Sonsonate.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Edward Kirkpatrick, Esq., now acting Consul at Comayagua, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Comayagua.

