

I am informed, by the same dispatch, that the blockade of the mouth of the Elbe has been provisionally fixed for the 10th of May, but that a further notification will be forwarded to me.

In making your Excellency acquainted with the measures adopted by my Government, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the dispatch from my Court, which directs me to make the communication; and I avail myself of this opportunity of renewing the assurances, &c.

(Signed) REVENTLOW.

Danish Legation, this 8th of May 1848.

[Inclosure.]

No. 29. *Copenhagen, May 2, 1848.*

MONSIEUR LE COMTE,

YOU are aware that the differences which have for some time prevailed between Denmark and Prussia, as well as the other Powers of the North of Germany, have recently broken out into open hostilities.

It is not owing to the King our august Master, that they have not been terminated by means of conciliation; every proposition made with that view has unfortunately failed, in consequence of the obstinacy and precipitation of the Cabinet of Berlin.

His Majesty, being at present attacked upon His own territory by the German troops, finds himself under the painful necessity of employing all the means of defence in his power; and he has therefore resolved, in the first place, to cause the ports and the mouths of the rivers belonging to the enemy, to be blockaded by his naval forces.

I have the honour, Monsieur le Comte, to announce to you, in consequence, that the effective blockade of the following ports will take place,

For Stettin, Stralsund, Rostock, and Wismar,	} from the 2d of May.
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For Pillau and Dantzic,	} from the 3d of May.
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With regard to the mouth of the Elbe, the blockade thereof is provisionally fixed for the 10th of May; but I reserve to myself to transmit to you a further notification in this respect, as well as with regard to other ports, the blockade of which may be determined upon.

While I request you, Monsieur le Comte, to bring these arrangements to the knowledge of the Government to which you are accredited, I have to add, that every neutral vessel will be warned, on her entry into the Baltic, that those ports are effectively blockaded.

The royal ordinance which, in determining the measures to be taken relative to the blockaded ports, and the seizure of vessels belonging to the enemy, recognizes and guarantees the rights of neutrals, is in the press, and will be communicated to you as soon as possible. Neutral packets, charged with the conveyance of mails, will be allowed to pass freely, and will only be warned not to bring in articles contraband of war.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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Buckingham-Palace, May 8, 1848.

This day had audience of Her Majesty, the Baron de Cetto, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Bavaria, to deliver a letter from His Majesty King Louis of Bavaria, announcing His abdication, and a letter from His Majesty King Maximilian, notifying His accession to the throne of Bavaria; and also to deliver his new credentials:

To which audience he was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Colonel the Honourable Sir Edward Cust, K.C.H. Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, May 8, 1848.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto the Right Honourable Edward John Stanley, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Eddisbury, of Winnington, in the county palatine of Chester.

Westminster, May 5, 1848.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the*