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Foreign-Office, September 25, 1849.

T is hereby notified, that Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the copy of a despatch, dated the 2nd of June last, and addressed to their Lordships by the Commodore of Her Majesty's squadron on the west coast of Africa, covering the copy of a letter addressed to him on the 28th of March last by the senior officer of the French naval forces on that coast, declaring that he had established, with an effective force, a belligerent blockade of that part of the west coast of Africa which lies between the rivers of Grand Bassam and Assinee.

T the Council-Chamber, Whitehall, the 25th day of September 1849.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

HEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth " year of Her present Majesty, for the more speedy " removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention " of contagious and epidemic diseases," after reciting that it is expedient that when any part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, measures of precaution should be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency of the case, it is enacted that in Great Britain, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council, or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), may, by Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, direct that the provisions in the said Act contained, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force in Great Britain, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein, respectively, as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such Order or Orders may extend, and in like manner revoke or renew any such Order, and, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such order shall be expressed:

And whereas, on the twenty-eighth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fortyeight, an Order was made by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, reciting that the United Kingdom appeared to be threatened with a formidable epidemic disease, and that a case had arisen for putting in force the provisions of the said Act, and directing, in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the provisions in the said hereinbefore recited Act contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, immediately from and after the date of the said Order; and it was further directed, that such Order should continue in force for six calendar months from and after the date thereof:

And whereas, on the twenty-seventh day of March last, such Order was renewed for a period of six calendar months from the said twenty-seventh day of March:

And whereas certain parts of the United Kingdom are at present affected by a formidable epidemic disease, and it is expedient that the said Order be further renewed; now, therefore, it is hereby directed by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Most Honourable the Lord President of the Council is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the said Order, of the twenty-eighth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, be, and the same is hereby renewed, for a further period of six calendar months from and after the date of this present Order.

C. C. Greville.

Whitehall, September 22, 1949.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint

Henry Thomas Earl of Chichester,

Henry George Francis Earl of Ducie, Harry Vane, Esq. (commonly called Lord Harry

Vane),
John Lord Wharncliffe,
Frederick Peel, Esq.
Thomas Henry Sotheron, Esq.
John Elijah Blunt, Esq. Barrister-at-Law,
James Hill, Esq. Barrister-at-Law, and
Henry Kingscote, Esq.

to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for enquiring into those cases which were investigated by, and reported upon by, the Charity Commissioners, but not certified to the Attorney-General.