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Foreign-Office, December 27, 1860.

MR. LOCH, Private Secretary to the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, arrived at the Foreign-Office this evening, at seven o'clock, with despatches from his Lordship, enclosing a Convention putting an end to hostilities with China, signed on the 24th of October last, by his Lordship with the Plenipotentiary of the Emperor of China.

Foreign Office, December 28, 1860.

THE following despatches and enclosures were received last evening from the Earl of Elgin, Her Majesty's High Commissioner and Plenipotentiary in China:—

MY LORD, *Pekin October 22, 1860.*

I HAVE the honour to enclose the translation of a despatch which I received from Prince Kung on the 15th instant.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

The Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.

Received October 15, 1860.

THE Prince of Kung, Imperial Commissioner, makes a communication.

The Prince has been informed of the strict discipline of the British Minister's retinue now in the city (1), it produces a feeling of security amongst the people, and prevents any doubts or fears on their part.

The Prince is greatly gratified at this evidence of the British Government's sincere desire for friendly relations, and he feels it his duty to conduct himself towards (the British Minister), with corresponding fairness. He has accordingly deputed Hangki, President of the Wu-pi-yuen (Mi-

litary Department of the Household), to arrange definitely with any British Officer who may be similarly deputed, all details essential to the sealing and signature of the Tien-tsin Convention, and to ascertain sufficiently beforehand the day on which the British Minister will exchange (the ratifications of) the Treaty of the 8th year (1858), to enable all necessary preparations to be made. These may otherwise, it is to be feared, be so hurried, if undertaken only after the Minister has entered the capital, and thus there might be some want of what is due to his Excellency, which would be quite at variance with the desire of the Prince to treat him properly.

A necessary communication addressed to his Excellency the Earl of Elgin, &c.

Hien-fung, 10th year, 9th moon, 1st day (14th October, 1860).

Translated by
THOMAS WADE,
Chinese Secretary.

(1). The text means, literally, the following men, retinue of the honourable, i. e., your nation. The Prince is anxious to persuade himself that the gate has not been surrendered to the Commanders-in-Chief.

T. W.

Pekin,
MY LORD, *October 23, 1860.*

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith translations of two despatches which I received from Prince Kung, one on the 20th and the other on the 21st instant, with a copy of my reply, fixing the 24th instant for the signing of the Convention, and for the exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty of Tien-tsin.

I have, &c.,
ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

The Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.

