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Foreign Office, August 31, 1882.

IT is hereby notified that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Note from the Government of the Republic of Honduras, dated the 30th of April, 1882, of which the following is a translation:—

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Honduras,
Valle de Angeles, April 30, 1882.*

M. LE MINISTRE,

MY Government finding itself in an exceptional position with regard to the Consular Agents accredited to your Excellency's Government before 1876, and being desirous of putting the Consular Service in order, has been obliged to issue the following Decree of the same date as this letter which I now have the honour to communicate to your Excellency.

*" Secretary of State's Office,
" Department of Foreign Affairs,
" Valle de Angeles, April 30, 1882.*

" WHEREAS the greater part of the documents dated before August 27, 1876, forming the National Archives, were lost during the political disturbances; whereas through that loss the present Government has been unable to find a register of the Diplomatic and Consular Agents accredited to Foreign Governments; whereas documents expressing the concurrence (of Foreign Governments), in such appointments have likewise not been found; whereas the Government has long hoped to receive communications from the Consuls it supposes to have been appointed, which communications would enable it to consider such persons as Consuls, and enter their names in the proper register; and whereas during so long a period of time no such communications have been received, although the Government has private though vague information of the existence of Consular Agents abroad, whose names it does not however know:

" Now, therefore, the President decrees:—1st. The appointments of all the Consuls of the Republic, bearing date before the 27th of August, 1876, are cancelled, with the exception of those of the few Consular Agents whose appointments may have been registered in the Department of Foreign Affairs; and 2nd. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs shall make the necessary communication to the Ministers of State abroad, in such manner that this Decree shall be officially transmitted to them, and also have given to it the greatest possible publicity abroad,

" so that Consuls holding appointments who are not in communication with this Government may have full knowledge of the withdrawal of their letters of appointment, and so that foreigners and citizens of Honduras living abroad may equally know it.

" To be communicated and registered under the hand of the President. " ROSA."

As the exceptional circumstances of the case preclude the possibility of this department addressing itself officially to the Consuls appointed before 1876, I venture to request your Excellency to withdraw the exequaturs of such Consular Agents, and further,—if there is no objection to so doing,—to order the publication of the Decree I have communicated to you in the official and semi-official papers of your country, so that every one, whether a citizen of Honduras or a foreigner having any interest in the Consular service of Honduras, may know what to do in regard to the resolution adopted by my Government, and so that every mistake which might arise and cause damage to private individuals, and even bring responsibility on the Republic, may be avoided.

With anticipated thanks, &c.,
RAMON ROSA.

Privy Council Office, August 18, 1882.

BYE-LAWS made by the School Boards and School Attendance Committees for the following Places were approved by Her Majesty in Council on the 18th day of August, 1882:—

SCHOOL BOARDS.

- Beaford.
- Beeston.
- Brompton.
- Carmarthen (Borough).
- Combs.
- Croyland.
- Filby.
- Hornston.
- Kirkby Thore (United District).
- Lepton.
- Menwith-with-Darley.
- Nottingham (Borough).
- Oadby.
- Rotherham (United District).
- Sherburn.
- South Milford.
- Southwick.
- South Witham.
- Southworth-with-Croft.