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FOREIGN-OFFICE, May 9, 1848.

IT is hereby notified, that Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a dispatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Vienna, enclosing a note from Count Fiquelmont, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, containing the following announcement of the blockade of Venice:—

[Translation,]

Count Fiquelmont to Viscount Ponsonby, dated Vienna, the 30th April 1848.

The City of Venice having raised the standard of revolt, the Government of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty has found itself compelled, with the view of reducing it again to obedience, to place the port of Venice under effective blockade, from the 23d of the present month.

In expressing the hope that this measure will not be of long duration, and that it will cause only a short interruption to commercial relations, the undersigned, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has the honour to request that his Excellency Viscount Ponsonby, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Her Britannick Majesty, will bring this measure to the knowledge of his Government.

The undersigned avails himself, etc.

(Signed) FIQUELMONT.

It is hereby notified, that Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Danish Minister at Her Majesty's Court, a note, announcing the blockade of the German Baltic ports of Stettin, Stralsund, Rostock, Wismar, Pillau, and Danzig; and further announcing, that the Elbe will be blockaded on the 10th instant.

The tenor of the Danish Minister's note is as follows:—

[Translation.]

MY LORD,

In execution of the instructions which I have just received from my Government, I have the honour to notify to you the blockade of the following ports of the Baltic, by the forces of His Danish Majesty, namely:—

Stettin,	}	from the 2d of May,
Stralsund,		
Rostock,		
Wismar,		
Pillau,	}	from the 3d of May,
Danzig,		

and to request that the Government of Her Britannick Majesty will cause the usual publication of the same to be made, in order to obviate all future complaint or reclamation on the part of the trade.

Every neutral vessel will be informed, on its entry into the Baltic, that those ports are effectively blockaded.

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