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FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1854.

T the Court at Buckingham-Palace the 12th day of June 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council. HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare the Right Honourable John Russell (commonly called Lord John Russell), Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Most Noble Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, and the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., to be two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, they were this day, by Her Majesty's command, sworn two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 8th day of June 1854, PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," it is provided, that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British Merchant Ships in the territories of any Foreign Power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from Merchant Ships belonging to a subject of such Power, when within Her Majesty's dominions or the territories of the East India Company, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such Order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient.

And whereas it hath been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen (not being Hanoverian subjects.) who desert from British Merchant Ships in the territories belonging to His Majesty the King of Hanover :

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said "Foreign De-serters' Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from | flag of Russia only flies over the fortresses of

and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, seamen, not being slaves (and not being British subjects), who desert from Merchant Ships belonging to subjects of the King of Hanover within Her Majesty's dominions or the territories of the East India Company, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, June 13, 1854.

It is hereby notified that the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch from Vice-Admiral Dundas, Commanding Her Majesty's Naval Forces in the Black Sea, addressed to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and dated the first of June, announcing that the Danube was blockaded by the combined Naval Forces of Her Majesty and of the Emperor of the French.

ADMIRALTY, June 10, 1854.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are Copies or Extracts, have been received from Vice-Admiral Dundas, C. B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean and Black Sea :-

PRESENT STATE OF THE FORTS ON THE COASTS OF CIRCASSIA AND GEORGIA.

No. 229. Britannia, off Baljik, May 25, 1854. SIR,

I BEG you will acquaint the Lords Commis-sioners of the Admiralty that the Mogador arrived yesterday from Redoubt Kalé, on the coast of Georgia, having left Sir Edmund Lyons with the Agamemnon, Charlemagne, Sampson, and Highflyer there on the 20th instant, and I expect.

him to-night or to-morrow morning. 2. I have not yet received Sir Edmund Lyons' official despatches, which shall be forwarded as soon as I get them; but the result of his move-ments appears to be, that from the entrance of the Sea of Azof to the Turkish Asiatic Boundary, the