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FOREIGN OFFICE, June 29, 1855.

IT is hereby notified that the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty an official communication from Rear-Admirals Penaud and Dundas, commanding the Allied Naval Forces in the Baltic, and acting in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty and of Her Ally, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, announcing that on the 15th of June instant, all Russian ports, roads, havens, and creeks on the coast of Finland, from Nystad, in latitude 60° 46' north, longitude 21° 20' east of Greenwich, to Hangö Head, in latitude 59° 46' north, longitude 22° 55' east of Greenwich, including especially the port of Abo, and including likewise all the islands and islets fronting the said coast, and all channels and passages leading amongst the said islands towards the said coast, that is to say, more especially the channels leading to and amongst the islands between Nystad as aforesaid and the island of Landtö, in latitude 60° 23' north, longitude 20° 47' east of Greenwich, and the several channels respectively leading between and to the eastward of the islands of Landtö, Enklinge, Kumblinge, Seglinge, and the Kokar Rocks in latitude 59° 52' north, longitude 21° 0' east of Greenwich, and thence all channels leading to the coast of Finland between the Kokar Rocks and the Outö Lighthouse, and between Outö and Hangö Head as aforesaid, were placed in a state of strict Blockade by a competent force of the Allied Fleets; and it is hereby further notified that all measures authorised by the Laws of Nations and the respective Treaties between Their Majesties and the different Neutral Powers, will be adopted and executed with respect to all vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 26th day of June 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased, on a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint the Reverend Alexander Ronald Grant, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity

College, Cambridge, to be one of Her Majesty's Assistant Inspectors of Schools.

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WHEREAS by the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that "Her Majesty may, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time reduce all or any of the Dues for the time being payable in respect of existing or future Lighthouses, Buoys, or Beacons, for the time being under the management of the General Lighthouse Authorities," therein mentioned, (that is to say, the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation);

"And may also, by and with the like advice, from time to time increase or vary any of such Dues, so that no Dues payable in respect of any Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon, existing at the time when the said Act came into operation, should be made to exceed the amount which had at any period previous to such time been received in respect thereof, or to which the said Dues might, during any part of such period as last aforesaid, lawfully have been raised."

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted that "Tables of all Light Dues, and a Copy of the Regulations for the time being in force in respect thereof, shall be posted up at all Custom-Houses within the United Kingdom, and that each of the said General Lighthouse Authorities shall, from time to time as occasion requires, furnish copies of such Tables and Regulations to the Commissioners of Customs in London, and to the principal Officers of Customs resident at all places where Light Dues are collected on account of such Lighthouse Authority, and that such copies shall be posted up by the Commissioners at the Custom-House in London, and by such officers at the Custom-Houses of the places at which they are respectively resident."

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that it is expedient to alter and amend the existing Tables of Light Duties levied by the said General Lighthouse Authorities respectively,