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FOREIGN OFFICE, February 29, 1864.

**NOTIFICATION OF BLOCKADE.**

IT is hereby notified that Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of Denmark at this Court, a Notification, dated the 26th of February 1864, of the Blockade by the Danish Naval Forces of all Ports and Inlets on the east coast of the Duchies of Sleswig and Holstein, from the 25th of this month (February), with the exception of Neustadt, the Islands of Als and Aeroe, and such other places as are actually under the authority of His Majesty the King of Denmark; and further, notifying that the blockade will successively be raised for every place that comes again into the power of the Royal Government, and public notice thereof be given.

The following is the Official Communication received by Earl Russell:—

Legation of Denmark,  
February 26, 1864.

MY LORD,

I AM directed by my Government to inform your Excellency that, according to an official notice issued on the 18th instant by the Danish Ministry of Marine—

“All Ports and Inlets on the east coast of the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein will be blockaded from the 25th of this month, with the exception of Neustadt, the Islands of Als and Aeroe, and such other places as are actually under the authority of His Majesty the King.

“The blockade will successively be raised for every place that comes again into the power of the Royal Government, and public notice thereof be given.”

I have, &c.,

TORBEN BILLE.

The Right Hon. Earl Russell

&c., &c.,  
Foreign Office.

LORD RUSSELL has also received the following Despatch from Sir Augustus Paget, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Copenhagen, forwarding a copy of a note which has been addressed to him by the

Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, notifying the establishment of the Blockade, and stating that neutral vessels will be allowed to the 1st of April to clear out of the blockaded ports:—

No. 97.

Copenhagen,

February 22, 1864.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith copy of a note which I have received from Monsieur Quaade, enclosing the Notification by the Ministry of Marine that after the 25th of this month a blockade of the east coast of the Duchies of Sleswig and Holstein is to be established, with the exception of certain places therein specially named.

Monsieur Quaade also states that any neutral ship then lying in a blockaded harbour will be allowed till the 1st of April to leave it, either in ballast or with cargo; and if in any special case it should happen that this delay is not sufficient for the clearing out of the neutral ships, the officer in command of the blockading force is authorised to grant, on demand of the Consular Agent, a further delay for their free departure.

I have sent copies of this note and its enclosures to Mr Consul Taylor, and have instructed him to inform the Vice-Consuls in his district of the intentions of the Danish Government.

I have, &c.,

A. PAGET.

The Earl Russell, K.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.

Copenhagen,

le 20 Février, 1864.

MONSIEUR,

J'AI l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance qu'à partir du 25 de ce mois tous les ports, et toutes les embouchures de la côte orientale des Duchés de Sleswig et de Holstein ne trouveront en état de blocus, à l'exception de Neustadt, des îles d'Als et d'Aeroe, ainsi que des autres places actuellement soumises à l'autorité du Roi.

En vous transmettant sous ce pli quelques exemplaires de la publication par laquelle le Ministère de la Marine notifie le blocus, je me permets d'avoir recours à votre bienveillante entremise en vous priant de vouloir bien en donner avis aux Agents Consulaires de votre Gouvernement résidant dans les places bloquées, en leur notifiant en même temps que tous les bâtiments neutres qui au commencement du blocus se trouvent dans un port bloqué.

