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FOREIGN OFFICE, July 21, 1864.

NOTIFICATION of the Raising of the Blockade of the German Ports in the Baltic, &c.

IT is hereby notified that Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Copenhagen (Sir A. Paget), a Telegram, stating that the Blockades of Ports in the Baltic are to be raised during the suspension of arms which has been concluded between Denmark and the German Powers.

The following is a copy of the Telegram above referred to:—

*"Copenhagen, July 19th, 10 P.M.
R. 20th, 10 A.M.*

"A Military Convention was signed yesterday, at Christianfeld, establishing a suspension of arms, to commence at noon to-morrow, 20th, and cease on 31st, at midnight. All Blockades given up. Armies and Fleets to keep their respective positions. No communication allowed between the territories occupied by respective armies."

(1066.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 18, 1864.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Valparaiso, inclosing a copy of a Decree of the Chilian Government, deferring the calling in of the old 25 cent pieces for a period of six months, and of which the following is a translation:—

SANTIAGO, May 19, 1864.—Having perused the foregoing note, and considering

1. That a great scarcity of silver coin is felt in the market:

2. That it is at present very difficult to replace the silver coin which is exported on account of the high price of silver bullion, which exceeds the maximum price fixed by law for the purchases which the Mint is authorized to make:

3. That, in attention to these circumstances, it is convenient to prorogue the term within which the Fiscal Offices may receive the 25 cent pieces, and which will not present any difficulties to commerce, inasmuch as the said coin does not alter the Decimal system:

I Decree,—Let the term fixed by the 3d Article of the Decree of June 8, of last year, within which the Fiscal Offices may receive the National silver coin of 25 cents, be prolonged for six months.

Let this be noted, communicated, and published.

(Signed) PEREZ.

(Countersigned) ALEJANDRO REYES.

(1067.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 18, 1864.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following translation of a Decree of the Chilian Government, regulating the prices to be paid at the Mint for Gold and Silver Bullion purchased for the purpose of coining, and which has been forwarded by Her Majesty's Consul at Valparaiso:—

SANTIAGO, May 21, 1864.—Having perused the preceding note from the Superintendent of the Mint, and considering

1. That in order to facilitate the introduction of gold and silver bullion for coining, it is necessary to adopt a scale of prices for the purchase of these metals, which, without going beyond the limits established by the present laws, may be altered according to the state of the market:

2. That, with this object, it is requisite to establish rules to determine the form and terms in which the variations should be made:

I have accorded and decree—

ART. 1. The purchases of gold and silver bullion for the working of the Mint shall be made at the prices which may previously be fixed by a Committee, composed of the Superintendent, Treasurer and Comptroller.

ART. 2. This Committee shall meet at the office of the Superintendent may convoke it. The official Comptroller shall keep a Book of Minutes of these minutes shall be sent in copy to the

