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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1877.

FOREIGN OFFICE, August 25, 1877.

MR. PAKENHAM, Her Majesty's Consul in Madagascar, in a Despatch to the Earl of Derby, dated the 28th of June, reports that, as the result of negotiations which have for some time past been carried on between Her Majesty's Government and the Hova Government, an Edict of Her Majesty Queen Ranavaloa, emancipating all Mozambiques (*i.e.*, African slaves introduced into Madagascar) within Her Majesty's Dominions, was proclaimed on the 20th of that month at Antananarivo, and all other Hova stations throughout Madagascar.

At Tamatave the Proclamation was publicly read by Envoys from Antananarivo, in presence of the assembled native population, the leading members of the foreign communities, the Hova Governor and his staff, most of the foreign representatives, and the Commander and officers of Her Majesty's sloop of war, 'Flying Fish.'

During the reading the Hova battery fired a salute of 21 guns, which was returned by the 'Flying Fish.'

On the following day a Decree was issued by the Queen providing for the maintenance of all freed slaves, pending their settlement in villages or their obtaining employment.

Mr. Pakenham estimates the number of slaves who will thus receive their freedom at about 300,000.

FOREIGN OFFICE, August 25, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of

Mr. Vauvert de Méan as Consul at Bombay for the French Republic.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Richard Hingston as Consul for Dartmouth, Tor Bay, and Salcombe Bay for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Fernando Linden as Vice-Consul for Victoria for the Republic of Peru.

FOREIGN OFFICE, August 27, 1877.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Baron Bernhardt von Tauchnitz, now Her Majesty's Consul-General at Leipzig, to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Kingdom of Saxony, the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar, and the Duchies of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen and Saxe-Altenburg, to reside at Leipzig.

DOWNING STREET, August 27, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Randal Eden Webster, Esq., to be a Member of the Council of the Bermudas or Somers Islands.

DOWNING STREET, August 28, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Edwin Farrington, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands.