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FOREIGN OFFICE, July 4, 1884.

HER Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign affairs has received a note from His Excellency the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador respecting the facilities which will be granted to goods sent to the Exhibition which is to be held at Budapesth in 1885. The Austrian and the Hungarian Railway Companies, the Danube Steam Navigation Company, and the 'Advia' Navigation Company will carry such goods at reduced rates. The Austro-Hungarian 'Lloyd' has also made certain alterations in its rates for the same goods, and various Railway Companies in Germany, Holland, France, and Russia have agreed, under certain conditions, to carry back, gratis, any goods not sold at the close of the Exhibition. The Finance Ministry of Hungary has also granted various customs' facilities for foreign goods destined for the Exhibition. The Governments of Germany, Holland, Italy, Belgium, France, and the United States of North America have consented to re-admit free of duty goods which are brought back unsold from the Exhibition in question.

Further and more detailed information can be obtained at the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, Belgrave Square, London.

WINDSOR CASTLE, July 1, 1884.

This day had audience of Her Majesty :—

His Excellency Monsieur de Staal, Ambassador from His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia;

To which audience he was introduced by the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, M.P., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, acting for Earl Granville, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

DOWNING STREET, July 2, 1884.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, C.M.G., Chief Secretary to the Government of Malta, to be Lieutenant-Governor of that Island and its Dependencies.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

July 4, 1884.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Assistant Superintendent of Furniture in the Department of Her Majesty's Works, &c., will be held in London, commencing on Tuesday the 12th August 1884, under the Special Regulations dated the 29th December 1879, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

The number of situations to be filled will be the number vacant at the time of the examination.

No person will be admitted to this examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Com-