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Whitehall, August 25, 1862.

THE following Address of Congratulation to the Queen, on the occasion of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Alice, with His Royal Highness Prince Louis of Hesse, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Maidstone, in the county of Kent, in Council assembled, —

Approach your Majesty with our sincere congratulations on the recent happy event of the union of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, with His Royal Highness the Prince Louis of Hesse.

An alliance so auspiciously formed, both as regards the religious principles and private virtues of the Princess and Her Royal Consort, cannot fail to be a source of satisfaction to your Majesty and the Nation at large.

We heartily trust that it may please Divine Providence to bless the Royal pair, and all who are dear to your Majesty and your faithful people.

Given under the Common Seal of the said borough, the 13th day of August, 1862.

W. Haynes, Mayor.

And the following on the same subject : from

The Ministers of the Gospel in the Connexion established by the late Reverend John Wesley, A.M., now assembled in annual conference.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Boston, in the county of Lincoln.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Doncaster.

Foreign Office, August 25, 1862.

A DESPATCH, dated Potsdam, August 14, 1862, of which the following is a copy, has been received by Earl Russell from Lord Augustus Loftus, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Prussia :

“ I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship herewith a protocol signed by His Excellency Baron Schleinitz, Minister of the Royal House, and myself, certifying that Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Prussia was delivered this day of a Prince.”

NOTIFICATION OF BLOCKADE.

IT is hereby notified that, on the 23rd instant, Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, received from the Italian Chargé d'Affaires at this Court, the announcement that the Government of the King of Italy had instituted a Blockade of the Island of Sicily and the neighbouring Islands. The following is the official communication received by Earl Russell :—

Le Soussigné, Chargé d'Affaires de Sa Majesté le Roi d'Italie, a été chargé par son Gouvernement d'annoncer à celui de Sa Majesté Britannique, que le Gouvernement du Roi, par suite des recens évènements, a déclaré le blocus de l'île de Sicile ainsi que des îles voisines.

Le Soussigné a, par conséquent, l'honneur de notifier ce fait à Monsieur le Comte Russell, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique, et saisit cette occasion pour lui renouveler l'assurance de sa plus haute considération.

(Signed) L. CORTI.

Londres, le 23 Août, 1862,
49, Grosvenor-street.

(Translation.)

The Undersigned, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of Italy, has been charged by his Government to announce to that of Her