

Art. 2°. Este bando se publicará y circulará inmediatamente en la forma de costumbre para su puntual cumplimiento.

Santo Domingo, 5 de Octubre de 1863.

FELIPE RIBERO.

(Translation.)

PROCLAMATION.

Don Felipe Ribero y Lemoyne, Governor Captain-General of the Spanish part of the Island of Santo Domingo, General-in-Chief, &c.

VARIOUS provinces of the territory of the Spanish part of this island of Santo Domingo, having declared themselves in rebellion against Her Catholic Majesty, Queen Isabella the Second, and against the mother country, and in the necessity of adopting the corresponding measures to prevent the Revolutionists from receiving assistance by the coasts, using the powers which by ordinance belong to me as Captain-General and General-in-Chief of this army,

I Order and Command :

ART. I. All the coasts of the island and its littoral waters are declared under blockade by the naval forces of Her Majesty, and, in consequence, every vessel may be required to show their papers and documents, and be scrupulously examined. Those that come laden with people, whatever may be their destination or the place whence they come, are at once suspicious; but if their papers and manifest do not confirm the suspicion, they shall only be obliged to go away; in the opposite case, when there are marked flaws in the papers, in the case of bringing cargoes of arms and ammunition, or effects, which may in any manner contribute to foment the rebellion, they shall be considered as enemies, and treated as such, according to the Ordinances of the Royal Navy.

ART. II. This proclamation shall be published and circulated in the usual manner for its due fulfilment.

(Signed) FELIPE RIBERO.

Santo Domingo, 5th October, 1863.

That Earl Russell has also received from Her Majesty's Consul at Santo Domingo, a further Proclamation (dated 7th November, 1863), issued by the Governor Captain-General of the Spanish part of the island of Santo Domingo, explaining the former Proclamation of the 5th October, above set set forth.

The following is a copy (and translation) of the further Proclamation, mentioned —

BANDO

Don Carlos De Vargas y Cerveto, Gobernador Capitan-General de la Parte Española de la Isla de Santo Domingo y General en Jefe del Ejército de la misma, &c. &c.

HABIENDOSE suscitado algunas dudas sobre el cumplimiento é inteligencia del Bando de mi antecesor del cinco de Octubre próximo pasado y con el fin de evitar toda indecision é incertidumbre, usando de las facultades que me competen como Capitan General y en Jefe de este Ejército.

Ordeno y Mando.

Art. 1°. El bloqueo de las costas de la parte Española de la Isla de Santo Domingo solo comprende los puertos, gradas y ensenadas que no ocupen las tropas del Ejército, y de consiguiente

son libres los de Santo Domingo, Samaná y Puerto Plata, así como los demas que irá ocupando en adelante el Ejército y las legítimas autoridades españolas. En su consecuencia los Cónsules españoles podrán espedir el correspondiente despacho á los buques que se dirijan con cargamentos lícitos á los puntos mencionados.

Art. 2°. Este bando se publicará y circulará en la forma debida para su puntual y exacto cumplimiento.

Santo Domingo, 7 de Noviembre de 1863.

CARLOS DE VARGAS.

(Translation.)

PROCLAMATION.

Don Carlos de Vargas y Cerveto, Governor Captain General of the Spanish part of the Island of Santo Domingo and General-in-Chief of the Army,

SOME doubts have arisen respecting the execution and understanding of the Proclamation of my predecessor, dated the 5th of October last, and, with the view of avoiding every indecision and uncertainty, using the powers which belong to me as Captain General and General-in-Chief of the Army,

I order and command :

ART. I.—The Blockade of the coasts of the Spanish part of the Island of Santo Domingo only extends to the ports, roads, and creeks which are not occupied by the troops of the army, and in consequence the ports of Santo Domingo, Samana, and Porto Plata are free, as well as those other places which the army and the legitimate Spanish authorities shall hereafter occupy. In consequence whereof Spanish Consuls may grant the necessary clearances to those vessels which may proceed to the said places with lawful cargoes.

ART. II.—This Proclamation shall be published and circulated in due form for its punctual and exact execution.

(Signed) CARLOS DE VARGAS.

Santo Domingo, 7th November, 1863.

That Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Madrid having, in consequence of directions from Earl Russell, communicated with the Spanish Government on the subject of the above-mentioned notifications, received from Señor Arrazola the Spanish President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs, a letter from which the following extract is made :—

(Extract.)

(Translation.) Palace, January 27th, 1864.

“ Sir,—In addition to what I had the honour to state to you in my note of the 23rd instant, I hasten to inform you that, according to information received in this Department from the Minister of the Marine, the most positive orders have lately been given to the Commandant-General of the Havannah Station, and to the Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces at Santo Domingo, to cause the blockade of the ports of that island occupied by the rebels, to be of the most effective nature.

“ With reference to the Department of the Marine, I can assure you that the Blockade in question is maintained at the present moment by twenty-three vessels of war, frigates, and schooners, a number which, besides being suffi-