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*Foreign Office, September 19, 1864.*

EARL RUSSELL has received a telegram from Sir Andrew Buchanan, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of Prussia, dated Potsdam, September 15, announcing that Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess was safely delivered of a Prince on that day, at twelve o'clock noon.

*Foreign Office, September 19, 1864.*

EXTRACT of a Despatch addressed to the Earl Russell, K.G., by Dr. W. B. Baikie, in charge of the Niger Expedition, dated Lukója, 29th January, 1864 :—

" Since the hurried departure of Her Majesty's ship " Investigator " last October, we have had an unceasing stream of visitors, messengers, and traders, which has kept me very busy looking

after, providing for, and keeping in order, such a considerable influx of people, as well as using any influence I possess among neighbouring tribes to keep the roads open and safe. The expectations of the various peoples concerning next season's trading are very great, and already ivory is being stored up for the purpose.

" I find that heavy dues are charged on all ivory passing down the river, which of course materially increases the price to us ; but if your Lordship gives me directions, I have no doubt but that by application to King Mácaba these may be considerably reduced.

" Cotton is now being regularly brought here, and, if enquired for, would soon greatly increase in quantity. The right bank of the river, on which Lukója stands, is in every respect better adapted for trade, besides being more healthy than the left bank, where the Church Mission has got a station."

*Foreign Office, September 17, 1864.*

EARL RUSSELL, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Sir Rutherford Alcock, Her Majesty's Minister in Japan, the accompanying return, showing the trade carried on by the different nationalities at the Port of Kanagawa, during the year 1863.

	Principal Firms.	No. of Residents.	Amount of Ground Rent paid.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage	Value.
British ... ..	16	140	\$ 10,255 <sup>42</sup>	100	34,790	\$ 11,140,091
American ... ..	5	80	2,843 <sup>02</sup>	40	21,102	928,642
Dutch ... ..	4	40	2,549 <sup>21</sup>	13	3,464	977,622
Prussian ... ..	5	14	422 <sup>21</sup>	8	2,310	459,559
French ... ..	2	18	1,736 <sup>12</sup>	7	2,156	227,863
Russian ... ..	none	none	none	2	598	16,208
Portuguese } approximate	"	3	"	none	none	none
Swiss ... ..	"	5	"	"	"	"
	32	300	17,807 <sup>22</sup>	170	64,420	13,749,985