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Foreign Office, December 14, 1864.

NOTIFICATION OF BLOCKADE.

IT is hereby notified that Earl Russell, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Monte Video a Despatch, inclosing a note or circular (dated October 26, 1864), from the Commander-in-Chief of the Brazilian Naval Forces in the River Plate, notifying the Blockade by the said Brazilian Naval Forces of the ports of Paysandú and Salto, belonging to the Republic of the Uruguay.

The following is an extract from the said note or circular of the said Commander-in-Chief of the Brazilian Naval Forces above referred to:—

Me vejo no caso de notificar a Vossa Excelencia que passo a mandar bloquear os portos da Republica Oriental do Uruguay do Salto e Paysandú.

Este bloqueio sera rigorosamente observado em quanto subsistirem os motivos que determinaram o Governo Brasileiro a tornar a attitude em que se acha pela denegação de justiça as suas reclamações, e em consequencia, as forças navaes sob minhas ordens não permitirão que nenhum navio entre nesses portos, notificando aquelles que se apresentarem da existencia e effectividade do bloqueio, e ficando sujeitos os que intentarem violal-o ao que estabelecem os principios do direito das gentes.

Aos que se acharem nos ditos portos ser-lhes-á livre a salida até o dia 15 de Novembro proximo.

Com este motivo aproveito a oportunidade de reiterar a Vossa Excellenza as expressões da minha mais alta e distincta consideração.

(Signed) **BARAO DE TAMANDARÉ,**
Vice-Almirante, Commandante-em-Chefe da Força Naval do Brazil no Rio da Prata.

(Translation.)

I find myself in the case of notifying to your Excellency that I am going to order the blockade of the ports of the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay, Salto, and Paysandú. This blockade will be rigorously observed as long as there exist the motives which determined the Brazilian Government to take the attitude in which it finds itself from the denial of justice to its claims, and, in consequence, the naval forces under my orders

will not permit that any vessel shall enter those ports, notifying to those that may present themselves the existence and the efficacy of the blockade, and those that may attempt to violate it being subject to what the principles of the law of nations establish.

To those that are at present in the said ports free exit will be allowed up till the 15th of next November.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurance, &c.

(Signed) **BARON DE TAMANDARE,**
Vice - Admiral, Commander - in - Chief of the Naval Force of Brazil in the River Plate.

Downing Street, December 15, 1864.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Samuel Weeks and Andrew Fleming, Esqrs., to be Members of the Legislative Council of the Island of Saint Lucia; Richard Southey, Esq., to be Colonial Secretary for the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope; and Giovanni Battista Trapani, Esq., M.D., to be Collector of Customs, and Vincenzo Borg, Esq., to be Cashier of the Treasury of the Island of Malta.

Crown Office, December 14, 1864.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present **PARLIAMENT.**

*County of Warwick,
Northern Division.*

William Davenport Bromley, Esq., in the room of Richard Spooner, Esq., deceased.

*War Office, Pall Mall,
16th December, 1864.*

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Second Captain John Henry Brown to be Captain, vice Thomas Longworth Dames, who resigns. Dated 26th November, 1864.

Second Captain Walter Aston Fox Strangways to be Captain, vice William Morris, deceased. Dated 2nd December, 1864.