

Majesty's colonies in a distant clime. And while we earnestly hope that His Royal Highness will return to England in renovated health so as to relieve your Majesty and your loyal subjects from the anxiety that all have felt on his account, we at the same time desire to express our most fervent wishes for your Majesty's continued health and prosperity, trusting that by the blessing of God your Majesty may long be preserved to reign over a faithful and united people.

Guernsey, 29th May, 1868.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

And the following on the same subject : from
 The Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Bury St. Edmunds.
 The Mayor and Corporation of the borough of New Woodstock.
 The Corporation of the borough of Loughor.
 The Magistrates and Town Council of the city of Dunfermline.
 The London Presbytery of the English Presbyterian Church.
 The Royal College of Surgeons of England.
 The Philharmonic Society of London.
 The Justices of the Peace of the county of Middlesex.
 The Hartington Lodge of Freemasons.

Foreign Office, June 8, 1868.

THE following Despatch has been received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople on the subject of the Passport Regulations in force in the Ottoman Dominions :—

Constantinople,

May 26, 1868.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the copy of a note from Fuad Pasha, pointing out the necessity that foreigners coming to Turkey should be provided with passports properly visés by the Ottoman authorities.

It might save some of Her Majesty's subjects from inconvenience and delay if this necessity were made public.

I enclose a copy of the answer I have returned to Fuad Pasha.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY ELLIOT.

The Right Honourable
 Lord Stanley, M.P.,
 &c., &c., &c.

Constantinople,

May 25, 1868.

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

MON département a déjà eu l'honneur d'entretenir l'Ambassade Royale des réglemens qui exigent que les voyageurs, qui arrivent de l'étranger dans l'Empire, aient, sous peine d'être renvoyés, à présenter des passeports en règle revêtus des visa des Légations ou Consuls Ottomans résidant dans le lieu de leur départ ; de même que toute personne qui se rend dans l'Intérieur du royaume soit pourvue d'un permis de voyage.

Il résulte toutefois d'une communication du Ministère de la Police que, depuis quelque temps,

les capitaines des paquebots étrangers, faisant le service de cabotage entre la capitale et les échelles Ottomanes dans la Mer Noire et l'Archipel, négligent d'exiger des passagers l'exhibition de leur permis de voyage ; et que, à la faveur de cette négligence, beaucoup de gens sans aveu parviennent à pénétrer dans l'intérieur de l'Empire.

En me dispensant d'énumérer ici les inconvénients d'une telle dérogation aux règles établies, qui suscite de fâcheuses difficultés à la surveillance de la Police, je me borne à vous prier, M. l'Ambassadeur, de vouloir bien donner des ordres catégoriques à qui de droit pour que les Capitaines des bateaux Anglais aient à veiller à ce qu'aucun passager, non muni d'un permis de voyage en règle, ne soit reçu à bord de leurs bateaux en destination des ports de la Turquie.

Veillez, &c.,
 (Signed) FUAD.

His Excellency

The Right Honourable H. G. Elliot,
 &c., &c., &c.

(Translation).

Constantinople,

May 25, 1868.

M. L'AMBASSADEUR,

MY department has already had the honour of communicating to Her Majesty's Embassy the regulations which require that travellers, arriving in the Empire from abroad, shall, under penalty of being sent away again, be obliged to present passports in due form and provided with the visa of the Ottoman Legation or Consulate at the place from whence they started ; likewise that every person travelling into the interior of the Empire shall be provided with a permit to travel.

It appears from a communication which has been received from the Police Department, that for some time past the Captains of foreign steam-packets, which coast between the capital and the Eastern Ports of the Mediterranean in the Black Sea and the Archipelago, neglect to require that passengers shall show their permits to travel, and that in consequence of this negligence many persons, without authorization, succeed in penetrating into the interior of the Empire.

It is needless here to specify the inconvenience occasioned by this departure from established rules, which is a source of great trouble to the Police, and I will confine myself, M. l'Ambassadeur, to requesting you to be so good as to give categorical orders in the proper quarter, that the Captains of English vessels shall be obliged to take care that no passenger, who is not provided with a permit to travel in due form, shall be received on board their vessels bound for Turkish ports.

Receive, &c.,
 (Signed) FUAD.

His Excellency

The Right Honourable H. G. Elliot,
 &c., &c., &c.

Constantinople,

May 26, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's note of yesterday's date stating the necessity for foreigners coming to