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*St. James's Palace, September 7, 1886.*

THE Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, will be closed after Sunday next, the 12th instant, until further orders.

EDGAR SHEPPARD, Sub-Dean.

*Foreign Office, September 6, 1886.*

THE Earl of Iddesleigh, G.C.B., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch from the British Vice-Consul at Santo Domingo, stating that, in consequence of an insurrection which has broken out at the city of La Vega, and in which the district of Monte Christi has joined, the Dominican Government has issued a Decree, under date of the 5th ultimo, copy and translation of which are given below, declaring the Port of Monte Christi under blockade:—

Alejandro Wos y Gil, General de Division del Ejercito Nacional y Presidente Constitucional de la Republica:—

CONSIDERANDO, que el distrito de Monte Cristy se ha sublevado contra el Gobierno legitimo de la Republica ;

En uso de sus facultades,  
Decreta :

ART. UNICO. Se declaran cerrado el puerto del Distrito de Monte Cristy al comercio en general y sugetos los buques que arribaren á él y á sus costas, á las leyes sobre bloqueo, que se haran efectivas a los quince dias de la fecha, para los buques procedentes de las Antillas ; á los treinta, para los des Continente Americano ; y á los cuarenta y cinco, para los de Europa.

Dado en Santo Domingo, capital de lá República, á los cinco dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos ochenta y seis, cuarenta y tres de la Independencia y veinte y tres de la Restauracion.

A. W. Y. GIL.

Refrendado. El Ministro de lo Interior y Policia y encargado de la Cartera de la Guerra y Marina.

A. DEETJEN.

Refrendado. El Ministro de Justicia e Instruccion pública.

D. A. RODRIGUEZ.

Refrendado. El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y encargado de la Cartera de Hacienda y Comercio.

J. B. MOREL.

(Translation.)

Alexander Wos y Gil, General of Division and Constitutional President of the Republic.

WHEREAS, the district of Monte Christi has risen against the legitimate Government of the Republic ;

In exercise of his lawful powers,

Decreases :

ART. 1. The Port of the District of Monte Christi is hereby declared closed to trade in general.

All vessels arriving at the aforesaid port, or on the coasts of the said district, shall be subject to the laws on blockade, which are to be in force fifteen days after the present date for vessels proceeding from the West Indies, thirty days after for vessels proceeding from the American continent ; and forty-five days after for vessels proceeding from European ports.

Given at Santo Domingo, capital of the Republic, on the 5th day of the month of August, 1886, the 43rd year of the Independence and the 23rd of the Restoration.

(Signed) A. W. Y. GIL.

Countersigned. The Minister of the Interior and of Police, charged also with the Portfolio of War and Marine.

A. DEETJEN.

Countersigned. The Minister of Justice and Public Education.

D. A. RODRIGUEZ.

Countersigned. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, charged also with the Portfolio of Finance and Commerce.

J. B. MOREL

*Foreign Office, September 7, 1886.*

CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR GOODS SHIPPED TO SPAIN.

HER Majesty's Minister at Madrid recommends that Shippers sending Colonial produce to Spanish ports should forward Certificates of Origin, stating the colony or country of production.