

Mr. Herries to Earl Russell.—(Received September 26.)

My Lord,

Lisbon, September 18, 1862.

WITH reference to Sir Arthur Magenis' despatches of December 6 and 15, 1860, inclosing copies of notes in which he had remonstrated against the encouragement given to the Slave Trade by Portuguese authorities on the East Coast of Africa, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship herewith, translations of a note dated the 9th instant (received the 13th) from the Marquis de Loulé, and of two despatches from the Governor-General of Mozambique inclosed therein, controverting the statements contained in the above-mentioned notes from Sir Arthur Magenis, and vehemently repelling the charge of connivance at the Slave Trade on the part of Portuguese authorities.

The Governor-General observes, in the first place, that, although the greatest efforts have been made by him to suppress the Traffic, it cannot be entirely prevented on account of the extent and character of the coast. He goes on to remark, with regard to two specific charges made by Captain Oldfield, that at the time when a certain cargo of slaves was alleged to have been shipped at Angoche, that place was not under Portuguese power, and that Mickandony, another place mentioned, is altogether beyond the Portuguese territories; and, further, as to one or two vessels said to have obtained cargoes between Ibo and ten miles north of Cape Delgado, that the country to the north of the Cape does not belong to Portugal. He contends that the capture of slave ships in the Mozambique channel, which reaches far beyond the Portuguese dominions, proves nothing against Portuguese authorities. After declaring that for the last three years no reliable information has reached him of any shipment of slaves within his jurisdiction, the Governor-General proceeds to criticise Captain Crawford's assertions, which he endeavours to invalidate.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWARD HERRIES.

Inclosure 1 in No. 202.

The Marquis de Loulé to Mr. Herries.

(Translation.)

Lisbon, September 9, 1862.

THE Minister of Marine having communicated to the Governor-General of the Province of Mozambique the contents of Sir Arthur Charles Magenis' notes dated the 5th and 14th December, 1860, in which his Excellency called my predecessor's attention to the large exportation of slaves which was said to be carried on in the Portuguese Possessions on the eastern coast of Africa, with the connivance of the local authorities, it is my duty to transmit to you, for your own knowledge and that of your Government, extracts from two despatches of the said Governor-General, addressed to that Department under date of the 15th of February of the current year.

From these extracts you will see how unjust and groundless are the accusations made against the aforesaid authorities with respect to the Slave Trade.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) MARQUIS DE LOULE.

Inclosure 2 in No. 202.

The Governor-General of the Province of Mozambique to the Minister of Marine.

(Translation.)

*Palace of the General Government of the Province of Mozambique,
February 15, 1862.*

IN the Ministerial Order from the Department under your worthy charge, No. 134 of 1860, His Majesty the King is pleased to recommend to me the greatest possible vigilance, in order to prevent by all the means in my power the exportation of slaves, which, it appeared, according to the information received by the British Government, was carried on in some of the ports of the Portuguese Possessions on this coast, a translated copy of the note of Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at the Court of Lisbon, addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs having been also transmitted to me.

One of the things that has called for my greatest care has been to prevent, by all