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## COPY of a DESPATCH from Admiral SIR CHARLES ELLIOT, K.C.B., to The EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.

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My Lord,

St. Helena, April 8, 1869.

HEREWITH I have the honour to forward the Blue Book for the year 1868. 2. I have so recently reported to your Lordship in detail on the present financial situation of the Colony, incidental to the serious failure of the revenue during the last seven months of the past year, that it is unnecessary to revert to that subject on the present occasion. In the meantime I have the satisfaction to mention that the heavy drought with which the island had been visited for so many months past has at last given way, and that the general business of the Port is gradually improving.

The Earl Granville, K. G., &c. &c. &c. I have, &c., (Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

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