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COPY of a DESPATCH from GOVERNOR SIR CHARLES ELLIOT, K.C.B., to his Grace
the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G.

(No 35.)

MY LORD DUKE,

St. Helena, May 22, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to transmit the Blue Book for the year 1863.

2. Since my recent arrival in this island it has been my duty to report fully to your Grace on the dilapidated condition of the public and private buildings in Jamestown owing to the devastation of the white ant, and also upon the situation of the island considered as an important outpost of the empire. On the present occasion therefore I have only to remark that the returns now submitted nearly correspond with those forwarded in previous years, making some allowance for the obstructions to trade attributable to the civil war in North America.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES ELLIOT.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G,
&c. &c. &c.