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S. P. BENNETT, Secretary.
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The Northampton Mercury,

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878.

At last we have the great gratification of recording the fact that England and Russia have agreed to take part in a Congress for discussing the Eastern Question, instead of engaging in a stupendous conflict for the purpose of determining what influence should be paramount at Constantinople. Congress will assemble at Berlin on Saturday next. The invitation issued by Prince Bismarck sets forth that

In conformity with the initiative taken by the Austro-Hungarian Government, and in accordance with the Emperor of Germany has the honour to propose to the Powers signatories of the Treaties of 1856 and 1871 to meet in Congress at Berlin, to discuss there the stipulations of the Treaty of San Stefano, which Russia has concluded between Russia and Turkey. The Government of his Majesty, in giving this invitation to the Government of Her Majesty the Queen, understands that it is agreed, it, the Government of her Britannic Majesty *consents to* the Treaty of San Stefano, and that it *is ready to participate therein.*

The same important phrases, we understand, occur in the invitation addressed to each of the Powers concerned; so that Russia has, to all intents and purposes, conceded the point first insisted upon by Lord Derby—namely, that not a single provision in the "Preliminary" Treaty with Turkey shall be binding until it shall be duly authoritatively confirmed by the High Court of Europe. And in order that there should be no possible misunderstanding, the Russian Chancellor cautiously worded his reply to the invitation delivered, on Monday last, by the German Ambassador thus:

The undersigned has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Count Münster's note, inviting her Majesty's Government to take part in a Congress at Berlin for the discussion of the stipulations of the Preliminary Treaty concluded at San Stefano. The undersigned, in the name of his Excellency's verbal intimation that the invitation has been sent *in the same terms* to the other Powers signatories of the Treaty of Paris, has the honour to inform that those Powers, in accepting this invitation, *assent to the terms* which the Imperial Russian Government proposes to inform his Excellency that her Majesty's Government will be ready to take part in the Congress at the date mentioned.

It need hardly be said that when these communications were read in Parliament, they were received with loud cheers. At last the apprehension that we should have to engage in a war, seemed to be the purpose of assembling the principle of treaty-rights, vanished. It may be taking too sanguine a view to assume that all danger of war is at an end; but, at any rate, we may feel that we have gained, at least, the compromise proposed by Germany because she is not now in a position to fight, and there is no reason to believe that she will be better prepared for a conflict in three months time, even should the "understanding" supposed to be arrived at by Russia, not result from a fresh discussion in Congress. When, two months ago, Lord Salisbury virtually challenged Prince Gortschakoff to a fresh discussion, he could not ventured to anticipate that necessity would compel the latter to withdraw from an untenable position, after so adroitly, as he