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Arthur Lord Clarendon, a few days later that a fleet had been im-
posed upon her Majesty's ports by Russia.

Turkey was the aggrieved weaker power, a portion of her territory had
been forcibly occupied & retained, while military preparations of
most magnitude went on in Russia.

In defending Turkey from the imminent danger that threatened
her - H. M. Govt upheld the fundamental principle involved
in the maintenance of the Ottoman Empire

12 March 1854 Treaty of Alliance between Fr: Eng in Aus & Turkey
request for assistance

Stated objects of armed assistance thereby declared to be

- (1) the restoration of Ottoman independence
- (2) maintenance of the European equilibrium endangered by
the attempts of Russia to absorb a part of European Turkey.