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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES' PALACE, April 9, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Queen's Birthday will be celebrated, in London alone, on Saturday the 21st of May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Tuesday the 24th of May next.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, April 22, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Levee at St. James' Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Monday the 23rd May next, at two o'clock.

It is The Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at the Levee shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

By the QUEEN.
A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

HEREAS We are happily at Peace with all Sovereigns, Powers, and States:

And whereas a State of War unhappily exists between His Majesty the King of Spain, and, in His Name and during His Minority, Her Majesty the Queen Regent of the Kingdom, and the

United States of America, and between their respective Subjects, Citizens, and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions:

And whereas We are on Terms of Friendship and amicable Intercourse with each of these Powers, and with their several Subjects, Citizens, and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions:

And whereas great Numbers of our Loyal Subjects reside and carry on Commerce, and possess Property and Establishments, and enjoy various Rights and Privileges, within the Dominions of each of the aforesaid Powers, protected by the Faith of Treaties between Us and each of the aforesaid Powers:

And whereas We, being desirous of preserving to Our Subjects the Blessi gs of Peace, which they now happily enjoy, are rmly purposed and determined to maintain a trict and impartial Neutrality n the said Star of War unhappily existing because the one of Powers:

And where the colved to ensure, by every law a soft in lur Power, the due observances in lur Power, the due ubjects towards both the aforesaid her the Rules embodied in Article VI. of the States of America, which said Rules are as follows:—

"A neutral Government is bound-

"First. To use due diligence to prevent the fitting-out, arming, or equipping, within its jurisdiction, of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or to carry on War against a Power with which it is at Peace; and also to use like diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any