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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.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, April 26, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday the 10th and on Friday the 13th of May next, at three o'clock.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, May 4, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating, constituting, and appointing the Right Honourable Ronald Ruthven, Earl of Leven and Melville, to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 3, 1898.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received the following Note from the American Ambassador at this Court:—

American Embassy, London, April 23, 1898.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that I have been informed of the intention of the Government of the United States, in the event of hostilities between that Government and Spain, not to resort to privateering, but to adhere to the following recognised rules of International Law:—

First, the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war;

Second, neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under the enemy's flag; and