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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1849.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, March 20, 1849.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning, on Thursday next, the 22d instant, for His late Majesty The King of the Netherlands; viz.—

The Ladies to wear black silk, fringed or plain linen, white gloves, necklaces and ear-rings, black or white shoes, fans and tippets.

The Gentlemen to wear black, full trimmed, fringed or plain linen, black swords and buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning, on Thursday the 5th of April next; viz .-

The Ladies to wear black silk or velvet, coloured ribbons, fans and tippets, or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuffs, with black ribbons.

The Gentlemen to wear black coats, and black or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuff waistcoats, full trimmed, coloured swords and buckles.

And on Thursday the 12th of April next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, March 19, 1849.

It is hereby notified, that Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter and its inclosures addressed to their Lordships by Commodore Sir Charles Hotham, K. C. B. Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the west coast of Africa, announcing that war had, in the month of February last, been declared against the Chiefs of Gallinas; and that he, the said Commodore, had established an effective Blockade of that coast between Solyman Point on the south and Cazee on the north.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, March 16, 1849.

British Marriages Abroad.

Notice.

There being reason to suppose that in many cases of marriages heretofore solemnized in the chapels or houses of British Ambassadors and Ministers at Foreign Courts, and in the chapels of British factories abroad, the Clergymen by whom such marriages were solemnized, have retained in their custody the records of such marriages, in consequence of there not having been

at the time any fixed Office appointed in this country for registering the same; but arrangements for that purpose having been made in the year 1816, since which period such records have been transmitted, through the medium of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Registry Office of the Lord Bishop of London, in Doctors' Commons: This is to give notice to all such Clergymen or their representatives, or others, who may be in possession of such records as afore-mentioned, dated before the year 1816, that they are requested to transmit such records to the Foreign-Office, in order to their being deposited in the London Registry Office.

ADMIRALTY, March 19, 1849.

The following promotions have this day taken place, consequent on the death of Rear Admiral Thomas Searle, C.B. on the 17th instant:

Rear Admiral of the Blue, Philip Browne, to be

Rear Admiral of the White.
Captain William Bowen Mends, to be Rear
Admiral of the Blue.

WHITEHALL, March 5, 1849.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Hubert Smith, of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, in the county of Salop, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Sutherland.

The Honourable George William Sutherland Leveson Gower, commonly called the Marquess of Stafford and Lord Strathnaver, to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 9th March 1849.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Oxford.

Henry Edward Francis Lambert, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 16th March 1849.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Monmouth.

John Arthur Herbert, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 16th March 1849. George Cave, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 16th March 1849.