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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, April 4, 1851.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold Drawing-Rooms at St James's Palace on the following days, at two o'clock :—

Tuesday, 6th May next.

Thursday, 15th May next.

Saturday, 31st May next, { to Celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars at the Drawing-Room on the 31st of May next.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, April 11, 1851.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Levee announced to be held at St James's-Palace on Wednesday the 18th of June, is to be held on Wednesday the 28th of May instead.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 14th day of April 1851,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of salaries and allowances to British Consuls at Foreign Ports, and the disbursements at such ports for certain publick purposes," it is amongst other things enacted "that it shall and may be lawful for all Consuls-General and Consuls appointed by His Majesty, and resident within the dominions of any Sovereign or any Foreign State or Power in amity with His Majesty to accept, take, and receive the several fees particularly mentioned in the tables to this said Act annexed, for and in respect or on account of the several matters, and things, and official acts and deeds particularly mentioned in the said schedules; and that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by Him made, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, as occasion may require, to increase or diminish, or wholly to abolish all or any of the fees aforesaid, and to establish and authorize the payment of

"any greater or smaller, or new or additional fees or fee, for or in respect of the several matters and things mentioned in the said schedules or any of them, or for or in respect of any other matters or things, or matter or thing to be by any such Consul-General or Consul done or performed in the execution of such his office;"

And whereas such Consuls-General and Consuls have, under the provisions of the said Act, levied fees on certificates as to the shipment, and discharge, and desertion of British seamen at Foreign Ports;

And whereas it is expedient to alter the said fees; now therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, and in execution of the powers in Her Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, it is hereby ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that whenever a British Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul shall be called upon by masters of merchant ships to give his sanction in writing as to the shipment or discharge of seamen, or his certificate as to the desertion of seamen, it shall be lawful for such Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul to demand, recover, and receive from all masters or other chief officers or commanders of any ship or vessel belonging to any of Her Majesty's subjects the sum of two shillings for each seaman whose shipment or discharge shall have been so sanctioned, or whose desertion shall have been so certified; and that it shall not be lawful for such Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul to levy a larger fee for this service.

And the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court of Buckingham-Palace, the 14th day of April 1851,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the seventh and eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for amending an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the better administration of justice in His Majesty's Privy Council, and to extend its