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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1852.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, April 7, 1852.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold Drawing-Rooms at St James's Palace, on the following days, at two o'clock :—
Thursday, 29th April instant.

Thursday, 13th 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 13th of May next.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING-ROOMS.

The Ladies who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Rooms, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names legibly written thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Presence-chamber, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to Her Majesty.

And those Ladies who are to be presented at the Drawing-Room on the 29th of April instant, are hereby informed that it is absolutely necessary that their names, together with the names of the Ladies who are to present them, should be sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office on *Tuesday the 27th of April instant, before twelve o'clock*, in order that they may be submitted for the Queen's approbation ; it being Her Majesty's command, that no presentation shall take place unless the name of the Lady presenting, together with that of the Lady to be presented, shall appear on the card to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, which name shall correspond with those previously sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

It is particularly requested that in every case *written cards only* be delivered.

DOWNING-STREET, April 20, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Charles Gibson, Esq. to be Auditor-General for the Island of Ceylon ; Charles Peter Layard, Esq. to be Government Agent for the Western Province of that Island, and Edward Hume Smedley, Esq. to be District Judge of Galle, in that Island.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, April 17, 1852.

It is hereby notified that the Earl of Malmesbury, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a Copy of a Despatch dated the 11th of February last, from Henry William Bruce, Esq. Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the West Coast of Africa, informing their Lordships that he had issued the following Notification of the raising of the blockade of certain ports and places in the Bight of Benin :—

Her Britannic Majesty's steam ship Penelope, Whydah, February 11, 1852.

Notice is hereby given, that the Kings and Chiefs of the places noted in the margin,* having entered into engagements with Her Britannic Majesty's Government for the complete abolition of the traffic in slaves, their sea coast and ports are to be exempt from the operations of the blockade established by me on the 6th of December last, and to be considered free as heretofore for the purposes of legitimate trade.

(Signed) H. W. BRUCE, Commodore and Commander-in-Chief of Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Forces on the West Coast of Africa.

* Block-ouse, Elmina Chica, Adaffie, Flohow, Porto Seguro, Gomuluta, Little Popoe, Aghwey, Great Popoe, Porto Novo, Lagos.

ADMIRALTY, April 19, 1852.

We, being two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, hereby order that on and after the 1st January 1853, all Naval Clerks who shall have passed the requisite examination as to fitness for the rank of Paymaster in the Royal Navy, so as to be duly denominated "*Passed Clerks*," shall be exempt from the provisions and regulations of the several Acts of Parliament relating to Petty Officers and Seamen in Her Majesty's Service, so far as regards their wills, administrations, powers of attorney, and prize orders : and that any deeds of assignment which Passed Clerks may make after that date will be subject to the rules applying to those of Commissioned Officers.

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