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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1855.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
May 7, 1855.

NOTICE is Hereby Given, that Her Majesty will hold Drawing-Rooms at St James's Palace, on the following days, at Two o'clock:—
Saturday, 19th May next, { to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day.
Thursday, 14th June next.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars at the Drawing-Room on the 19th of May next.

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

The Ladies who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Rooms at St James's-Palace are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names *clearly written* thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in attendance in the Ante-room, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the same to Her Majesty.

Those Ladies who are to be presented at the Drawing-Room on the 14th of June next, are hereby informed it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the names of the Ladies who are to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office *before Twelve o'clock on the Tuesday previous* to the Drawing-Room, or upon any earlier day, between the hours of *eleven and four*, 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 names shall correspond with those previously sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office. No presentations will take place at the Drawing-Room on the 19th of May next.

It is particularly requested that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to the Queen.

The State Apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court until half-past one o'clock.

WESTMINSTER, May 5, 1855.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *the Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the sum of sixteen millions by way of annuities.

An Act to transfer to the Corporation of the town of Brighton, the property, powers, privileges, and liabilities of the Brighton Improvement Commissioners.

An Act for granting further powers to the Folkestone Waterworks Company.

An Act for enabling the Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company to raise further capital, and for other purposes.

An Act for merging the Sheffield Gas Consumers Company in the Sheffield United Gas Light Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for constructing a railway from Bridport to Maiden Newton, on the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth Railway, in the county of Dorset.

An Act to enable the Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax Junction Railway Company to raise additional capital, and for other purposes.

An Act to consolidate and amend the provisions of the Act relating to the Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company.

An Act for supplying with Gas the townships of Ossett-cum-Gawthorpe, in the parish of Dewsbury, and Horbury, in the parish of Wakefield, all in the West Riding of the county of York.

An Act for more effectually lighting with Gas the town of Stalybridge and the neighbourhood thereof, in the counties of Chester and Lancaster, and in the West Riding of the county of York.