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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
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NOTICE is hereby given, that the Queen will hold a Court at St James's Palace, on Wednesday, the 7th of March next, at two o'clock, for the special and exclusive reception of Officers of Volunteer Corps, who may be desirous of presenting themselves before Her Majesty.

REGULATIONS.

The Officers of Volunteer Corps, who are desirous of attending the Queen's Court, at Saint James's Palace, on Wednesday the 7th of March next, should forthwith communicate their intention to the Lord Lieutenants of the several Counties in which their Corps have been established.

A list of the Officers who have thus signified their wish to be present will be transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant of each County to the Secretary of State for the War Department.

These lists, which will distinguish the rank of each Officer, and the Corps or Company to which he belongs, will be forwarded to the Lord Chamberlain from the War Department, at latest, upon Monday the 5th of March.

The Lord Lieutenants and the Military Authorities summoned to attend the Court, will enter the Palace at the Entrée Entrance in Ambassadors' Court, and will pass at once to the Entrée Room.

The Officers of Volunteers will enter the Palace at the usual Corridor entrance, opposite Marlborough House, and will be shewn at once to the room appointed for the assembling of their Corps, where they will form into Companies in the order in which they are to pass the Queen. In order to facilitate this arrangement, each Officer will be furnished with a card on which is distinctly written his County, the number of his County in the Army List, and the name and number of his Corps, Company, or Sub-division. *Artillery* should be specially marked on the cards of Officers of Artillery Volunteer Corps.

The doors of the Palace will be opened at half-past twelve o'clock, and no Officer can be admitted after a quarter before two o'clock.

Officers will appear in the Uniforms approved for their Corps by the Lord Lieutenants.

They will pass before the Queen by Regiments, Companies, or Sub-divisions, headed by the Senior Officer present.

The Officers of each Corps will be introduced by the Lord Lieutenants of their Counties, who will join them before entering the Throne Room. In the absence of the Lord Lieutenants, they will

be introduced by the Under Secretary of State for the War Department. The Officers will draw up in line before the Queen, and the Senior Officer of each Corps or Company present will hand a card, containing the names of those about to pass before Her Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant. This card will be passed to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read the names to the Queen. The Officers will then pass on.

The various Corps will take precedence according to their Seniority in the Army List.

SYDNEY, Lord Chamberlain.

DOWNING-STREET, February 27, 1860.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct the following letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, for investing the Supreme Court of Hong-Kong with appellate jurisdiction in cases of civil suits between British Subjects, heard and determined under the authority of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 3d of March 1859, by British Consuls, within the dominions of the Emperor of Japan.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

Whereas by an Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council of Hong-Kong, in the year 1845, intituled, No. 6 of 1845, "An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No. 15 of 1844, for the establishment of a Supreme Court of Judicature at Hong-Kong, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof," it was enacted that there should be within the said Colony a Court which should be called the Supreme Court of Hong-Kong.

And whereas by an Order in Council, bearing date the 3d day of March 1859, it was ordered that in the event of any suit of a civil nature, arising between British Subjects within the dominions of the Tycoon of Japan, it should be lawful, upon the application of any party to such suit, for the Consul of the district within which the party sued should be found, to hear and determine such suit, subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Hong-Kong; and that every such appeal should be made and conducted in the manner and form, and under the same conditions as were prescribed by the said Order in Council, in case the defendant only were a British Subject. And whereas by the 28th Article of the aforesaid Order in Council, it

