

be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to His Royal Highness.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Levee, a card with his name written thereon, and with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman by whom he is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation that no presentation can be made at a Levee excepting by a person actually attending that Levee, it is also necessary that a letter from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, stating it to be his intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to The Queen for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's command that no presentation shall be made at the Levee except in accordance with the above regulations.

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 His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY, Lord Chamberlain.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 5, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of M. Carl Gustaf Akerberg as Consul at the Cape of Good Hope for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

WHITEHALL, May 8, 1865.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Arthur Blomfield, B.A., to the Rectory of Barton-in-the-Clay, in the county of Bedford, and diocese of Ely, void by the cession of the Reverend William Gill.

DUBLIN CASTLE, May 8, 1865.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to make the undermentioned appointments, viz. :—

Colonel John Stewart Wood, C.B., to be Inspector-General of the Police Force in Ireland, in the room of Sir Henry John Brownrigg, retired.

Major Thomas Esmonde to be Deputy Inspector-General, in the room of Colonel Wood; and Thomas Marcus Brownrigg, Esq. to be an Assistant Inspector-General.

CROWN OFFICE, May 9, 1865.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Lambeth.

James Clarke Lawrence, Esq. in the room of William Williams, Esq. deceased.

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Board of Trade, Whitehall,
May 9, 1865.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, enclosing copies of the following Proclamations issued by the President of the United States :—

OFFICIAL.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by my Proclamations of the nineteenth and twenty-seventh days of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the ports of the United States in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, were declared to be subject to blockade; but whereas the said blockade has, in consequence of actual military occupation by this Government, since been conditionally set aside or relaxed in respect to the ports of Norfolk and Alexandria, in the State of Virginia; Beaufort, in the State of North Carolina; Port Royal, in the State of South Carolina; Pensacola and Fernandina, in the State of Florida, and New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana:

And whereas, by the fourth section of the Act of Congress, approved on the thirteenth of July eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled, "An Act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and for other purposes," the President, for the reasons therein set forth, is authorized to close certain ports of entry:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim that the ports of Richmond, Tappahannock, Cherrystone, Yorktown, and Petersburg, in Virginia; of Camden (Elizabeth City), Edenton, Plymouth, Washington, Newbern, Ocracoke, and Wilmington, in North Carolina; of Charleston, Georgetown, and Beaufort, in South Carolina; of Savannah, St. Mary's, and Brunswick (Darien), in Georgia; of Mobile, in Alabama; of Pearl River (Shieldsborough), Natchez, and Vicksburg, in Mississippi; of St. Augustine, Key West, St. Mark's (Port Leon), St. John's (Jacksonville), and Apalachicola, in Florida; of Teche (Franklin), in Louisiana; of Galveston, La Salle, Brazos de Santiago (Point Isabel), and Brownsville, Texas; are hereby closed, and all right of importation, warehousing, and other privileges, shall, in respect to the ports aforesaid, cease, until they shall have again been opened by order of the President; and if, while said ports are so closed, any ship or vessel from beyond the United States, or having on board any articles subject to duties, shall attempt to enter any such port, the same, together with its tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, shall be forfeited to the United States.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

(L. S.) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.