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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1865.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 11, 1865.

A DESPATCH has been this day received by the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Lord Howard de Walden and Seaford, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Brussels, announcing the melancholy intelligence of the decease of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, which took place at the Palace of Laeken, near Brussels, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock on the Morning of the 10th instant.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
December 12, 1865.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Thursday next, the 14th instant, for His late Majesty The King of the Belgians, Uncle to Her Majesty the Queen; viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, white Gloves, black or white Shoes, Feathers, and Fans, Pearls, Diamonds, or plain gold or silver Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to wear black Court Dress, with black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Thursday the 28th instant; viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses with coloured Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments, or grey or white Dresses, with black Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to continue the same Mourning.

And on Thursday the 4th day of January next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

COLLEGE OF ARMS, December 12, 1865.

The Deputy Earl Marshal's Order for a General Mourning for His late Majesty the King of the Belgians.

IN pursuance of Her Majesty's commands, these are to give public notice, that upon the melancholy occasion of the death of His late Majesty the King of the Belgians, Uncle to Her Majesty The Queen, it is expected that all persons do put themselves into Mourning for ten days, to commence on Thursday next, the 14th instant.

EDWARD G. FITZALAN HOWARD,
Deputy Earl Marshal.

GENERAL ORDER.

Horse Guards, December 12, 1865.

HER Majesty does not require that the Officers of the Army shall wear any other Mourning on the present melancholy occasion of the death of Field-Marshal His late Majesty the King of the Belgians, than a black crape round the left arm, with their uniforms.

By Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge,
Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

W. PAULET, Adjutant-General.

ADMIRALTY, December 12, 1865.

HER Majesty does not require that the Officers of the Fleet or Royal Marines should wear any other Mourning on the present melancholy occasion of the death of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, than a black crape round the left arm, with their uniforms.

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