

on any pretence whatever, who has not been so presented.

It is particularly requested, that Gentlemen who are to be presented at the Levees will have their names *distinctly* written upon the card to be delivered to the Lord in Waiting, in order that there may be no mistake 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.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 22d day of *May* 1840,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, certain duties on sugar imported into the United Kingdom, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," it was, among other things, enacted, that on and from and after the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majesty, his heirs, and successors, among other duties of customs therein-mentioned, the duty on sugar, being the growth of any British possession within the limits of the East India Company's charter, into which the importation of foreign sugar might be by that Act prohibited (which prohibition extended only to the presidency of Fort William, in Bengal, and its dependencies, being British possessions), and imported from thence, of one pound four shillings (£1 4s.) the hundred weight:

And by the same Act it was further enacted, that before any sugar should be entered as being of the produce of any of the provinces composing the presidency of Fort William, in Bengal, or of any of the dependencies thereof, being a British possession, at the lower rate of duty fixed by that Act (being

the said duty of one pound four shillings (£1 4s.) the hundred weight), the master of the ship importing the same should deliver to the collector or controller of the customs at the port of importation a certificate, under the hand and seal of the collector of sea customs of the port where such sugar was taken on board, within the limits of the presidency of Fort William, in Bengal, or of any of the dependencies thereof, being a British possession, testifying that there had been produced to him by the shipper of such sugar a certificate under the hand and seal of the collector, or assistant collector of the land or custom revenue of the district within which such sugar was produced, that such sugar was of the produce of the district, and that the importation into such district of foreign sugar, or sugar the growth of any British possession into which foreign sugar could be legally imported, was prohibited, which certificate so granted by the said collector of sea customs should state the name of the district in which such sugars were produced, their quantity and quality, the number and denomination of the packages containing the same, and the name of the ship in which they were laden, and of the master thereof; and that such master should also make a declaration before the collector or controller that such certificate was received by him at the place where such sugar was taken on board, and that the sugar so imported was the same as was mentioned therein:

And it was by the said Act further enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor-General of India in Council, to appoint any officer or officers, other than the said collector and assistant collector of land revenue, and the collector of customs, to give such certificates:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the seventh year of the reign of His said late Majesty King William the Fourth, and the first year of the reign of Her Majesty, it was, among other things, enacted, that the duties imposed on sugar by the said herein-before recited Act should be further continued, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight:

And whereas by another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine,