

St. James's-Palace, April 26, 1845.

Notice is hereby given, with reference to an Order published in the Gazette, bearing date "Carlton-House, May 4, 1821," that henceforth, in all cases where persons are to be presented for the honour of Knighthood, at the Levee, the pleasure of Her Majesty, ascertained by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, will be signified to the Lord in Waiting by the Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Chamberlain's-Office, April 3, 1845.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room, at St. James's-Palace, on Tuesday the 27th of May next, at two o'clock, to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day.

N. B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars.

AT the Court at *Buchingham-Palace*, the 26th day of *April* 1845,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty, for a term to be limited, certain duties on sugar imported into the United Kingdom," it was enacted, that, from and after the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, there should be charged, amongst other duties of Customs, the following, that is to say :

On sugar, the growth and produce of China, Java, or Manilla, or of any foreign country, the sugars of which Her Majesty in Council should have declared, or might thereafter declare, to be admissible as not being the produce of slave labour, and which should be imported into the United Kingdom either from the country of its growth or from some British possession, having first been imported into such British possession from the country of its growth, the duties following, that is to say :

White clayed sugar, or sugar rendered by any process equal in quality to white clayed, not being refined, for every hundred weight £. s. d.
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Brown sugar, being Muscovado or clayed, or any other sugar, not being equal in quality to white clayed, for every hundred weight 1 3 4

and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity than a hundred weight :

And by the said Act it was also enacted, that with regard to sugar, the growth of any foreign country, between which country and Her Majesty there was then subsisting any treaty or convention binding Her Majesty to grant to such country, either conditionally or unconditionally, the privileges of the most favoured nation, or to permit, either conditionally or unconditionally, the produce of such country to be imported into the United Kingdom at the same duties as are imposed upon the like produce of any country, it should be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by any Order or Orders in Council, to declare, that, from and after a day to be named in such Order, brown, Muscovado, or clayed sugars (not being refined), the growth of such country, in case such treaty should continue to subsist, should, if imported from such country, or from any British possession abroad, having been imported into such British possession from such country, be admitted to entry for consumption in the United Kingdom at the aforesaid respective rates of duty of one pound eight shillings and one pound three shillings and four pence per hundred weight respectively, in like manner as sugars the growth and produce of China, Java, and Manilla :

And whereas, amongst other treaties and conventions as aforesaid, a treaty was, at the time of the passing of the said Act, and still is, subsisting between Her Majesty and the United States of America, which was signed on the sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, extending and continuing in force the provisions of a certain other treaty with the said United States of America, amongst which was an agreement that no higher or other duties should be imposed on the importation into the territories of His Britannic Majesty in Europe, of any articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of the said United States, than were or should be payable on