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TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1853.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 2, 1853.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be celebrated on Tuesday the 24th instant.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 2, 1853.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold Drawing-Rooms, at St. James's-Palace, on the following days, at two o'clock :

Thursday, 2nd June next.
Tuesday, 14th June next.
Thursday, 23rd June next.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING-ROOMS, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

The Ladies, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Rooms, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names clearly written thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Ante-room, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to Her Majesty.

Those Ladies who are to be presented are hereby informed, that it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the names of the Ladies who are to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office on *Tuesday the 31st of May* for the first Drawing-Room ; on *Saturday the 11th of June* for the second Drawing-Room; and on *Tuesday the 21st of June* for the third Drawing-Room, on each day, *before twelve o'clock*, in order that they may be submitted for the Queen's approbation; it being Her Majesty's command, that no presentation shall take place, unless the name of the Lady presenting, together with that of the Lady to be presented, shall appear on the card to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, which names shall correspond with those previously sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

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.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court, until half-past one o'clock.

Foreign-Office, May 3, 1853.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Henry Francis Howard, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Berlin, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Brazil.

Foreign-Office, May 16, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. J. C. Pinkerton as Consul at Belfast for His Majesty the King of Hanover.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Nathaniel Solomon as Consul at St. Helena for the Free Hanseatic City of Lubeck.

Downing-Street, May 14, 1853.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Gardiner Austin, Esq., to be Immigration Agent-General for the colony of British Guiana.

Westminster, May 13, 1853.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the sum of seventeen millions seven hundred and forty-two thousand five hundred pounds by Exchequer Bills, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

An Act to enable the Crystal Palace Company to divert certain roads, and to purchase lands, and for other purposes relating to the Company.

An Act for providing water-works and gas works for the town of Lowestoft, in the county of Suffolk, and for regulating the market there, and for other purposes, of which the short title is "The Lowestoft Water, Gas, and Market Act, 1853."

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Dublin