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TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1853.

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.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 30, 1853.

Notice is hereby given, that the State Apartments at Windsor Castle will be closed from *Tuesday the 7th of June* until *Wednesday the 15th of June*, both days inclusive.

Whitehall, May 30, 1853.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the Queen; which Addresses Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, now met in General Assembly, have received with deep gratitude the gracious letter in which your Majesty has been pleased to express your resolution to countenance our present meeting by the sanction of your royal authority.

We derive great encouragement from the confidence with which your Majesty looks forward to the results of our solemn deliberations, in the expectation of our counsels being guided by the same wisdom, moderation, and anxious care, which distinguished former Assemblies of this National Church in the determination of questions affecting the moral and spiritual welfare of the people of Scotland.

It is highly gratifying to us again to receive the assurance of your Majesty's resolution to uphold and support the Church of Scotland in the full enjoyment of its rights and privileges; and it is our earnest prayer that, through the blessing of the Almighty, we may be enabled to use all the means within our reach to advance the honour and glory of God, by labouring with the utmost fidelity and earnestness for the increase of true religion and virtue among the people of whom we have the oversight.

We hail with cordial satisfaction the renewed appointment of Lord Belhaven as your Majesty's representative in this General Assembly, as he has long been honourably distinguished as a zealous member of this National Church, who has given the most substantial proofs of the steadfast attachment to its interests, and who, in many previous Assemblies, has discharged his important duties with strict fidelity to his Sovereign, and with most considerate regard to the convenience and comfort of the members of the Church.

Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds, to be applied to the reformation of