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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1855.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 26, 1855.

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

Wednesday the 7th of March next.
Wednesday the 14th of March next.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEES AT ST. JAMES'S-PALACE.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Levees, at St. James's-Palace, 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 Gentlemen who are to be presented are hereby informed, it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* on the *Monday previous* to each Levee, or upon any earlier day between the hours of *eleven and four*, in order that they may be submitted for the Queen's approbation ; it being Her Majesty's command, that no presentation shall be made at the Levees but in conformity with the above regulations.

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 to the Queen.

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

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having petitions or addresses to present to Her Majesty at the Levees, are to send a card (having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come), to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock*, on the *Monday previous* to each Levee ; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levees ; one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to Her Majesty ;

and, on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

War-Department, March 2, 1855.

LORD PANMURE yesterday received a Despatch and its Enclosures, of which the following are copies, addressed to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, by Field-Marshal the Lord Raglan, G.C.B.

*Before Sevastopol,
February 17, 1855.*

MY LORD DUKE,

I HAVE the satisfaction to acquaint your Grace that the weather has improved since I last addressed you, and the country is becoming drier.

Two days ago the thermometer was up at 60. It was somewhat lower yesterday, and early this morning it was down below freezing point, and at this moment it is snowing.

I mention these particulars in order to show your Grace how variable this climate is.

No movement has been made upon the part of the enemy. The garrison of Sevastopol is engaged in deepening the ditches, and improving the defences of the south front, and in constructing works on the north side of the harbour.

I have received information that the Russian Army, in the neighbourhood of Backshi Serai and Simpheropol, is suffering much from the want of provisions, and from privations of all kinds.

I am happy to be able to say that the railway is making considerable progress, and that every hope is entertained that in the course of a very short time it will be available for transit as far as Kadikoi, which will accelerate the conveyance of stores up to the camp.

I inclose the return of casualties up to the 16th instant.

I have great pleasure in stating that Colonel Bell, of the Royal Regiment, who received a slight wound in the side from a musket-ball, when commanding in the trenches on the night of the 14th instant, experiences very little inconvenience from it, and has felt well enough to continue to discharge his duty with his accustomed zeal.

I have, &c.,
RAGLAN.

*His Grace the Duke of Newcastle,
&c. &c. &c.*