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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1855.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room at St. James's-Palace, on Thursday, 14th June next, at two o'clock.

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

The Ladies, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Room, 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 same to Her Majesty.

Those Ladies who are to be presented at the Drawing-Room on the 14th of June next, are hereby informed, 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 *before twelve o'clock*, on the *Tuesday previous* to the Drawing-Room, or upon any *earlier* day, between the hours of *eleven and four*, in order that they may be submitted for Her Majesty'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 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 1st day of *May*, 1855.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the 333rd section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that, subject to the provisions contained in the fifth part of the Act, it shall be lawful for every pilotage authority by bye law, made with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, amongst other things "to determine the qualifications to be required from persons applying to be licensed as pilots," and "to fix the terms and conditions of granting licenses to pilots."

And whereas it is expedient to make regulations to determine the qualifications to be required from persons so applying to be licensed, and to fix the terms and conditions of granting such licenses.

"And whereas, by the 354th section of the said recited Act, it is enacted that the master of every ship carrying passengers between any place situate in the United Kingdom, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, and Man, and any other place so situate, when navigating upon any waters situate within the limits of any district for which pilots are licensed by any pilotage authority, under the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act, or upon any part thereof so situate, shall, unless he or his mate has a Pilotage Certificate enabling such master or mate to pilot the said ship within such district granted under the provisions of the said Act or employ a qualified pilot to pilot his ship, and that if he fails so to do he shall for every offence incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds."

And whereas it has been made to appear to the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, being the pilotage authority for the port of London, and the seas and channels leading thereto, according to the meaning of the said recited Act, that certain persons, Freemen of London and of the Waterman's Company, have for a long period of time been employed in piloting steam passenger ships up and down the river Thames, between London Bridge and Gravesend, without being duly licensed as pilots by the said pilotage authority.

And whereas it has been resolved by the said Corporation of the Trinity House, that such a