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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1861.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1861.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at St. James's Palace, on the following days, at two o'clock:

Wednesday, 19th June next.

Thursday, 27th June next.

## THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS.

### REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE,

*By Her Majesty's Command.*

The Ladies, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Rooms, 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 Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to the Queen.

### PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady who proposes to be presented to The Queen must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Drawing Room, a card with her name written thereon, and with the name of the Lady by whom she is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation, that no presentation can be made at a Drawing Room excepting by a Lady actually attending that Court, it is also necessary that a letter from the Lady who is to make the presentation, stating it to be her intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to the Queen, for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's Command, that no Presentations shall be made at the Drawing Rooms, except in accordance 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.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1861.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Wednesday the 10th of July next.

*Whitehall, May 31, 1861.*

THE following Addresses of Condolence to the Queen, on the occasion of the death of Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have been presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive them very graciously.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in this general assembly of the Church of Scotland, embrace the first opportunity afforded by the return of our annual meeting, to offer the expression of our unfeigned condolence on the mournful event which has deprived your Majesty of a beloved Parent, and this nation of one whose life was adorned by every virtue, and whose memory will not fail to be cherished by all your subjects with affectionate veneration.

The dignified manner in which she discharged her maternal duties, the assiduity and the faithfulness with which she devoted herself to the training of your Majesty during your earlier years, the beneficence which she always practised, but now only discovered to its full extent by the regrets and tears of those who had been accustomed to partake of it, the regard she ever paid to the ordinances of religion, and the blameless example which she set in all the relations of life, gave to her character an endearing interest, and called forth not more the esteem of this Empire than the admiration of the world.

We sincerely sympathise in the universal grief which has been excited by the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, and it is our Prayer, that under this visitation of God's Mighty Hand, your Majesty, and all the Royal Family, may experience the consolation of Him who comforts them who mourn, and be supported by