

be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS TO BE HELD, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES, 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 Princess.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady who proposes to be presented 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 Room, 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 Princess.

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, except in attendance upon the Ladies of their families.

The State apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

Windsor Castle, April 9, 1866.

THIS day the following Address from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of New Windsor, was handed by the Mayor to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the loyal and ancient borough of New Windsor, have ventured to approach your Majesty, for the purpose of expressing our heartfelt sorrow at the

loss your Majesty has sustained by the lamented decease of Leopold, King of the Belgians, who was connected with your Royal House by so many ties of kindred and friendship.

We cannot but feel that by the death of King Leopold your Majesty has lost a wise, experienced, and faithful counsellor, your people a friend, who was always deeply interested in their welfare and happiness, and the world a Sovereign who by his wisdom, sagacity, and singleness of purpose, secured universal confidence, and became the great arbitrator and peacemaker between contending nations.

We humbly pray that your Majesty may in all your losses and trials be sustained and comforted by the Divine favour.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Borough, at a Meeting of the Council thereof, held on the 22nd day of December, 1865.

L. S.

John Jones, Mayor.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of March, 1866.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 25th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to issue Commissions to the Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces and Royal Marines; and to Adjutants and Quartermasters of the Militia and Volunteer Forces without affixing Her Royal sign-manual thereto," after setting forth therein that every officer appointed or promoted by Her Majesty in Her Land Forces or Marines, and every Adjutant or Quartermaster in Her Militia or Volunteer Forces, receives a Commission from Her Majesty with Her Royal sign-manual thereon, and that it was expedient to regulate from time to time the mode of authenticating the said Commissions granted by Her Majesty, it was enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time, as occasion might require, to direct that all or any Commissions for officers prepared or to be prepared under the authority of Her Majesty's Royal sign-manual might be afterwards issued without Her Royal sign-manual, but having thereon, in the case of Her Majesty's Land Forces, except as thereafter mentioned, the signatures of the Commander-in-Chief or the General Commanding-in-Chief, and of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in the case of the Royal Marines, of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and in the case of Military Chaplains, Commissariat and Store Officers, and of Adjutants and Quartermasters in the Militia and Volunteer Forces, of one of Her Majesty's said Principal Secretaries; and that every such Commission issued and signed in pursuance of such Order in Council should be conclusive evidence that the officer named in any such Commission had been appointed or promoted by Her Majesty to the rank or office named therein:

And whereas by an Order in Council, bearing date the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, directions were given as to the issuing and signing of certain Commissions