

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.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 25, 1866.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Saturday next, the 28th instant, until further orders.

Foreign Office, April 24, 1866.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint George Lenox-Conyngham, jun., Esq., now a Third Secretary, to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, April 25, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. L. F. Power as Consul at Gibraltar for His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. James William Musson as Consul for the Bermuda Islands for the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

Downing Street, April 26, 1866.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain Amelius Beauclerk Fyers, R.E., to be Surveyor-General for the Island of Ceylon.

Crown Office, April 25, 1866.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Cambridge.

John Eldon Gorst, Esq., in the room of William Forsyth, Esq., whose election for the said borough has been determined to be void.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 26, 1866.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Acting Consul at Manila, reporting that vessels entering the ports of the Philippine Islands in search of cargo and leaving in ballast, without loading or discharging cargo, will be exempt from tonnage duties.

Admiralty, 25th April, 1866.

Commander George Annesley Phayre has been promoted to be a Retired Captain under Orders in Council of 1st August, 1860, 9th July, 1864, and 24th March, 1866.

Thomas Owen Joynson, Esq., was promoted to the rank of Paymaster in Her Majesty's Fleet on the 16th instant.

Admiralty, 26th April, 1866.

Mr. William Pratt has this day been promoted to the rank of First Class Assistant Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 20th April, 1866.

Mr. Ivie Alexander Couper has this day been promoted to the rank of First Class Assistant Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 19th March, 1866.