

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.

SPAIN AND CHILI.

Raising of the Blockade of the Port of Valparaiso.

NOTIFICATION.

Foreign Office, June 1, 1866.

IT is hereby notified that the Earl of Clarendon, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch (dated 16th April, 1866), from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General in Chili, enclosing a copy of a Notification received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish Naval Forces in the Pacific, that the blockade of the Port of Valparaiso was, from the 14th day of April last, and is for the present, raised.

The following is a copy and translation of the notification of the Spanish Commander-in-Chief above referred to :—

(Copy.)

Comandancia General de la Escuadra de S.M.C. en el Pacifico.

*Fragata de S.M.C. "Numancia,"
Rada de Valparaiso, 14 de
Abril, de 1866.*

MUY SEÑOR MIO,

TENGO la honra de poner en conocimiento de V.S. y por su digno conducto en el del Señor

Consul de S.M. el Emperador de los Franceses, que desde este dia queda levantado por ahora el bloqueo del Puerto de Valparaiso.

Aprovecho esta ocasion, &c.

(Firmado) CASTO MENDEZ NUNEZ.

*Al Señor Consul de S.M. Britannica,
Valparaiso.*

(Translation of the preceding.)

*Head Quarters of the Squadron of H.C.M. in
the Pacific.*

*Frigate of H.C.M. "Numancia,"
Valparaiso Roads, April 14,*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, and through you the Consul of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, that from this day, and for the present, the blockade of the Port of Valparaiso is raised.

I avail myself, &c.,

(Signed) CASTO MENDEZ NUNEZ.

*To the Consul of Her Britannic
Majesty, Valparaiso.*

SPAIN AND PERU.

Blockade of the Port of Callao.

NOTIFICATION.

Foreign Office, June 1, 1866.

IT is hereby notified that the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Her Majesty's Acting Chargé d'Affaires in Peru, a Despatch, enclosing a Notice published by the Spanish Admiral, of the blockade by the forces under his command, of the port of Callao, on and from the 27th day of April, 1866.

The following is a copy and translation of the Notice of the Spanish Admiral referred to :—

(Copy.)

*Comandancia General de la Escuadra, de S.M.C.
en el Pacifico.*

*Fragata "Numancia," Bahía del
Callao, y Abril 27, de 1866.*

TENGO el honor de participar á V.S. que en uso del derecho que me asiste de beligerante, he resuelto bloquear, como lo queda desde esta fecha la Bahía del Callao ; concediendo un plazo de seis dias, contados desde esta misma fecha, para que puedan dejar sus Aguas los buques neutrales surtos ahora en ellas, y que hubiesen cargado antes de esta declaracion, ó que lo verificasen dentro del dicho plazo, siempre que sus cargamentos no contengan articulos de contrabando de guerra.

Vencido ese plazo solo podrán salir de esta bahía los que lo verifiquen en lastre.

Debo manifestar á V.S. que las instrucciones dadas á los Comandantes de los buques de la Escuadra de mi mando, para sostener el bloqueo de que se trata, son las mismas que las circuladas y publicadas para el de los puertos de Chile ; debiendose agregar á los articulos de la clase antes mencionade, enumerados en dichos instrucciones,