

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 Queen.

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

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen, will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levees.

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

SYDNEY,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
February 12, 1869.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness Prince Arthur will, by command of The Queen, hold Levees at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Friday, the 12th of March, and on Friday, the 19th of March next, at two o'clock.

It is the Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at these Levees shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

#### REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEES TO BE HELD BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ARTHUR, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

*By Her Majesty's Command.*

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levees, 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 His Royal Highness.

#### PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented, must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Levee, a card with his name written thereon, and with the name

of the Nobleman or Gentleman by whom he is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation that no presentation can be made at a Levee excepting by a person actually attending that Levee, it is also necessary that a letter from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, stating it to be his 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 these Levees, 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 His Royal Highness.

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

SYDNEY,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*Foreign Office, February 24, 1869.*

(General.)

**T**HE extract from the Madrid Gazette, of which the following is a translation, has been received by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid:—

(Translation.)

ORDERS.

(Extract.)

Most Excellent Sir,

In view of various communications addressed to this Department by that of State, transmitting several Notes from Her Britannic Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary, in which it is stated that Spanish ships enjoy the same privileges, in regard to the payment of navigation and port dues, as British ships, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and in the English possessions of Canada, Ceylon, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Isle, British Guiana, Barbadoes, Antigua, Jamaica, Bahamas, British Honduras, Santa Lucia, the Bermudas, Santa Elena, Granada, St. Kitts, Dominica, the Virgin Islands, St. Vincent's, Tobago, and Mauritius, as a member of the Provisional Government, and as Minister of the Colonies, I have thought fit to decree that, in accordance with what is laid down by the Royal Decree of 4th June last, and in virtue of the reciprocity respecting the said port and navigation dues established by the same, vessels coming from the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and from the above-mentioned English possessions, shall be assimilated to Spanish vessels in the payment of these dues, in the Spanish colonial possessions.

God guard your Excellency many years.

Madrid, 20th February, 1869.

(Signed) LOPEZ DE AYALA.

*To the Superior Civil Governors of Cuba,  
Porto Rico, and of the Philippine Islands,  
and to the Governor of Fernando Po.*