

sidered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEE 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 Levee, 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.

Westminster, March 19, 1869.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to

the said Act, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(C. 393.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 22, 1869.*

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 Minister at Washington, enclosing a copy of an Act recently passed by the Congress of the United States, for "regulating the duties on imported copper and copper ores."

By this Act, the duties hitherto levied on copper imported from foreign countries, have been raised to the following rates:—

	Cents.
All copper imported in the form of ores (per pound of fine copper contained therein)	3
All regulus of copper, and all black or coarse copper (per pound of fine copper contained therein)	4
All old copper, fit only for remanufacture, per pound	4
All copper in plates, bars, ingots, pigs, or other forms not manufactured, or herein enumerated, including sulphate of copper, or blue vitriol, per pound	5
Copper in rolled plates, called braziers, copper sheets, rods, pipes, and copper bottoms, eyelets, and all manufactures of copper, or of which copper shall be a component of chief value, not otherwise herein provided for, <i>ad valorem</i>	45%

Provided, that the increased duty imposed by this Act shall not apply to any of the articles therein enumerated, which shall have been in course of transit to the United States, and actually on shipboard on the 19th January, 1869.

(C. 395.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 22, 1869.*

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 Minister at Madrid, inclosing an order issued by the Finance Minister of the Provisional Government of Spain, on the 3rd March, 1869: extending to the ships of every nation the power—hitherto enjoyed under Articles 8 and 260 of the Customs Ordinances by Spanish vessels only—of going on to foreign ports with cargoes from foreign* America, and with cargoes of dried fish from the same ports with a Consular Register, under the same rates and formalities as are established by the aforesaid articles.

* NOTE.—By the term "Foreign America," is meant all parts of America not belonging to Spain.