

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 Drawing Rooms, 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 7, 1870.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Levee at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, the 11th day of March next, at three o'clock.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE LEVEE
AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levee at Buckingham 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, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to The Queen.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented to The Queen, 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 an intimation from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, of 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 Levees, except in accordance with the above regulations.

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ADDRESSES.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having Petitions or Addresses to present to The Queen at Her Majesty's Levee, are to deliver a card (having on it their names, a statement of the

object of such Petitions or Addresses; and the names of the persons from whom they come), to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* two clear days previous to the Levee; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee; one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed Four persons.

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SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

Her Majesty's most gracious Speech, delivered by the Lords Commissioners, to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, February 8, 1870.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE have it in command from Her Majesty again to invite you to resume your arduous duties, and to express the regret of Her Majesty that recent indisposition has prevented Her from meeting you in person, as had been Her intention, at a period of remarkable public interest.

The friendly sentiments which are entertained in all quarters towards this country, and which Her Majesty cordially reciprocates, the growing disposition to resort to the good offices of allies in cases of international difference and the conciliatory spirit in which several such cases have recently been treated and determined, encourage her Majesty's confidence in the continued maintenance of the general tranquillity.

Papers will be laid before you with reference to recent occurrences in New Zealand.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The estimates for the services of the approaching financial year, are in a forward state of preparation. Framed with a view, in the first place, to the effective maintenance of the Public Establishments, they will impose a diminished charge upon the subjects of Her Majesty.

The condition of the Revenue has answered to the expectations which were formed during the past Session.

Her Majesty trusts that you will be disposed to carry to its completion the inquiry which you last year instituted into the mode of conducting Parliamentary and Municipal Elections, and thus to prepare the materials of useful and early legislation.

My Lords, and Gentlemen.

It will be proposed to you to amend the laws respecting the occupation and acquisition of land in Ireland, in a manner adapted to the peculiar circumstances of that country, and calculated, as Her Majesty believes, to bring about improved relations between the several classes concerned in Irish agriculture, which collectively constitute the great bulk of the people. These provisions, when matured by your impartiality and wisdom, as Her Majesty trusts, will tend to inspire among persons with whom such sentiments may still be wanting,