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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1872.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 21, 1872.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Wednesday, the 15th of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 22, 1872.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 23rd of April next, at three o'clock.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars at the Drawing Room, it being a Collar-Day.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Ladies, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Room, 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 Lady 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 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 an intimation from the Lady who is to make the presentation, of 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 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.

Foreign Office, March 22, 1872.

EARL GRANVILLE has received the following Notification from the French Ambassador at this Court, relative to the termination of the Treaty of Commerce of 1860, between Great Britain and France:—

The Duc de Broglie to Earl Granville.—
(Received March 15).

Londres, le 15 Mars, 1872.

LE Soussigné, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République Française a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de son Excellence M. le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté Britannique les instructions qu'il a reçues de son Gouvernement et qui sont contenues dans la dépêche ci-jointe dont il a l'ordre de lui donner communication.

Comme son Excellence le verra par cette dépêche, le Gouvernement de la République a puisé avec regret, dans l'examen de la dernière note qui lui a été transmise au nom du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique, la conviction qu'il devait renoncer à l'espoir de voir accepter en ce moment la révision du Traité de Commerce de 1860 sur les bases qu'il avait proposées.

En conséquence, et par les raisons dont le Soussigné a plusieurs fois eu l'honneur d'entretenir son Excellence, le Gouvernement de la République se voit obligé de faire usage de la faculté réservée par l'Article XXI de ce Traité, et de l'autori-