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Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 14, 1873.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Sunday next, the 16th instant, for Her late Majesty The Dowager Queen of Wurtemberg, Mother of His Majesty The King of Wurtemberg; viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, white Gloves, black or white Shoes, Feathers, and Fans, Pearls, Diamonds, or plain gold or silver Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to wear black Court Dress, with black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Sunday, the 30th instant, viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, with coloured Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments, or grey or white Dresses, with black Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to continue the same Mourning.

And on Sunday, the 6th of April next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, March 11, 1873.

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 1st of April next, at three o'clock.

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 Gentleman 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.

Downing Street, March 13, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Pope Hennessy, Esq., C.M.G., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahama Islands.

Whitehall, March 14, 1873.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Francis Dillon Bell, Esq., Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Zealand.

Whitehall, February 26, 1873.

The Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of