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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1888.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
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NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Saturday, the 24th instant, at three o'clock.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.

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.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady 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 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 regulations, 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.

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, 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.

LATHOM,
Lord Chamberlain.

Whitehall, March 23, 1888.

THE following Address of Congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty having completed the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

The University Branch of the Evangelical Protestant Union at Cambridge.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 17th day of March, 1888.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IN pursuance of the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, to order as follows:—

1. The Northern and Salford Divisions (as defined by the Order in Council of the 4th day of May, 1864) of the County of Lancaster shall, for the purpose of the next Spring Assizes, be united together under the name of the Spring Assize County, No. 2.

2. The said Spring Assizes for the said Spring Assize County shall be held at Manchester.

3. The Court at the said Spring Assizes at Manchester shall have jurisdiction to try any prisoner committed in the said Spring Assize County who may be brought before it, and shall have the same powers with respect to the trial of and passing sentence upon such prisoner as a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery would have had at the Assizes in the county where, but for the said Spring Assizes Act, 1879, such prisoner would have been tried.

The provision of Section three of the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, shall apply to the execution of any capital sentence passed at such Assizes as herein mentioned; provided that the expression in the said section "the Sheriff of the county for which such Assizes were held" shall mean the Sheriff of the county in which the prisoner so sentenced would have been tried if the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, had not been passed.