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TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 25, 1897.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated in London alone on Wednesday, the 26th of May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Monday, the 24th of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 19, 1897.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Saturday next, the 24th instant, until further orders.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 20, 1897.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Royal Highness The Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein will, by command of The Queen, hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Tuesday, the 4th May next, 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 are requested to bring with them to the Drawing Room 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.

The privilege of making presentations to The Queen at a Drawing Room is restricted to those Ladies who have themselves been previously presented to Her Majesty, and who are themselves present at the Drawing Room.

Under such circumstances a Lady has the privilege of presenting one Lady only at a Drawing Room in addition to her Daughters or Daughters-in-law.

This restriction does not apply to Ladies who, from official position or other circumstances, are specially privileged to make presentations to Her Majesty.

The Lady who proposes to present another must send in writing the name of such Lady to

the Lord Chamberlain's Office, not later than *two days* previous to the Drawing Room, in order that the Lord Chamberlain may submit the name to Her Majesty, when; if it be approved, presentation cards will be forwarded.

Printed forms for this purpose can be obtained at the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

It is particularly requested that the names of the Lady to be presented be *very distinctly written* on the presentation cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain at the Drawing Room, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

The number of Presentations is limited to 200.

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 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.

LATHOM,

Lord Chamberlain.

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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, April 17, 1897.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburg containing the following Quarantine Regulations, viz. :—

Rules now enforced by the Imperial Anti-Plague Commission for all vessels proceeding to the Black and Azoff Seas from plague-infected places or at which they may have touched on their passage.

All vessels can only enter and discharge at such ports of the above seas at which quarantine or quarantine agencies have been established. These ports are Theodosia, Kertch, Odessa, Sebastopol, Novorossisk, Batoum, and Poti:

On reaching any of these ports vessels coming from, or which may have touched at, a plague-proclaimed country or port, are subjected to ten days' quarantine. After the expiration of this period, provided they prove to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition, they may discharge their cargoes.

If a portion of such cargoes consist of tea coming from plague-stricken places, the exterior