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FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1861.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 30th day of *April*, 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare Her consent to a Contract of Matrimony between Her Royal Highness The Princess Alice Maud Mary and His Grand Ducal Highness Prince Frederic William Louis of Hesse; which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal.

*Arthur Helps.*

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 18, 1861.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness The Prince Consort will, by the desire of The Queen, hold Levees at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on the following days at two o'clock, viz.:—

Saturday the 4th of May next.

Wednesday the 15th of May next.

It is The Queen's pleasure, that presentations to His Royal Highness at these Levees shall be considered as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

## REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE LEVEES AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

*By Her Majesty's Command.*

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who propose to attend the Levees, at St. James's 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 in the Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to His Royal Highness The Prince Consort.

## PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman 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 each 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 a letter from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, stating it to be 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 the Levees, 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.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court, until half-past one o'clock.

*Whitehall, May 3, 1861.*

THE following Addresses of Condolence to the Queen, on the occasion of the death of Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have been presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive them very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Deputy Lieutenants of the Tower Hamlets, in a Court of Lieutenancy assembled, humbly beg to approach the Throne, and with the deepest possible regret to express our sympathy and sorrow for the irreparable loss your Majesty has sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, your Majesty's august Mother.

Devoted to your Majesty's person and Throne, we desire to unite with all other your Majesty's loyal subjects in the expression of our grief for, and participation in, your Majesty's present affliction.

*Chas. Salisbury Butler, Chairman.*