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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, August 25, 1893.*

**O**RDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Saturday, the 26th instant, for His late Royal Highness Ernest, The Second Reigning Duke of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K.G., First Cousin and Brother-in-Law of Her Majesty The Queen, and only Brother of The Prince Consort:—

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 Saturday, the 9th of September next, 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 Saturday, the 23rd of September next the Court to go out of Mourning.

*Foreign Office, August 22, 1893.*

**T**HE Earl of Rosebery, K.G., has received the following Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Caracas, respecting the claims of British subjects on the Venezuelan Government:—

*British Consulate,*

**MY LORD,** *Caracas, July 12, 1893.*

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy and translation of a communication received yesterday from Count von Kleist, returning all British claims in his possession, His Excellency stating that they should be presented by the interested parties or their attorneys to the Commission of Public Credit.

I herewith send copies of Decree establishing this Commission, which is referred to in above-mentioned Despatch, and trust that your Lordship will approve of my having informed Mr. Ch. H. de Lemos, the British Vice-Consul at Ciudad Bolivar, of the above measure, as per enclosed copy of my Despatch to him, as nearly all the claimants reside in Guiana.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. L. BOULTON.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Rosebery, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

(Translation.)

*Caracas, July 8, 1893.*

SIR,

AS the claims of British subjects due to the late Revolution deposited at this Legation may be numbered amongst those that may be submitted for examination to the Commission of Public Credit in accordance with Articles 10 and 11 of the Decree of June 9, published in Official Gazette of the 12th of June last, it is necessary that the claimants should, without delay, present their duly authorized petitions to said Commission, either personally or through their Attorneys.

To this end this Legation returns to Her Majesty's Consulate, for delivery to the claimants, or their agents, after retaining a record thereof in its archives, the claims that in due time were sent to it, along with one from the Carenero Railway Company.

As the resolution referred to affords claimants a possibility of the restitution of their rights, they should, without loss of time, take the necessary steps not to be further on excluded therefrom. Herewith I send all the documents relative to claims of British subjects.

(Signed) KLEIST,

Imperial German Minister Resident.

H. L. Boulton, Esq.,

&c., &c., &c.

*British Consulate,*

*Caracas, July 11, 1893.*

SIR,

HIS Excellency Count von Kleist, having returned to me all the documents of claims of British Subjects that were in his possession arising out of the late civil war, informs me that they may be considered as amongst those that must be submitted for examination by the Commission of Public Credit, in accordance with Articles 10 and 11 of the Decree of June 9 last, published in the Official Gazette of the 12th of that month, and that it is necessary that the claimants should without delay present their petitions to said Commission, either personally or through duly authorized parties; adding, that as the above disposition holds out to claimants a possibility of the restitution of their rights, they should, without loss of time, apply not to be excluded from its benefits. I transmit the above, which should be made known to the interested parties for their guidance. I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. L. BOULTON.

Ch. H. de Lemos, Esq.,

&c. &c. &c.