

on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levees, one to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and on these occasions no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

At the Court at Windsor, the 15th day of
April 1854,
PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day the Right Honourable Henry Unwin Addington was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

At the Court at Windsor, the 15th day
of April 1854,
PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas Her Majesty was graciously pleased, on the twenty-eighth day of March last, to issue Her Royal Declaration in the following terms:—

“Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, having been compelled to take up Arms in support of an Ally, is desirous of rendering the War as little onerous as possible to the Powers with whom she remains at Peace.

“To preserve the commerce of neutrals from all unnecessary obstruction, Her Majesty is willing, for the present, to waive a part of the belligerent rights appertaining to Her by the Law of Nations.

“It is impossible for Her Majesty to forego the exercise of Her right of seizing articles contraband of war, and of preventing neutrals from bearing the enemy's despatches, and she must maintain the right of a belligerent to prevent neutrals from breaking any effective blockade which may be established with an adequate force against the enemy's forts, harbours, or coasts.

“But Her Majesty will waive the right of seizing enemy's property laden on board a neutral vessel, unless it be contraband of war.

“It is not Her Majesty's intention to claim the confiscation of neutral property, not being contraband of war, found on board enemy's ships; and Her Majesty further declares, that being anxious to lessen as much as possible the evils of war, and to restrict its operations to the regularly organized forces of the Country, it is not Her present intention to issue letters of marque for the commissioning of privateers.”

Now it is this day ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that all vessels under a neutral or friendly flag, being neutral or friendly property, shall be permitted to import into any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, all goods and merchandize whatsoever, to whomsoever the same may belong; and to export from any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, any goods and merchandize whatsoever, not being contraband of war, or not requiring a special permission, to whomsoever the same may

And Her Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby further ordered, that save and except only as aforesaid, all the subjects of Her Majesty, and the subjects or citizens of any neutral or friendly State shall and may, during and notwithstanding the present hostilities with Russia, freely trade with all ports and places whatsoever situate, which shall not be in a state of blockade, save and except that no British vessel shall, under any circumstances whatsoever, either under or by virtue of this Order, or otherwise, be permitted or empowered to enter or communicate with any port or place which shall belong to or be in the possession or occupation of Her Majesty's enemies.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 15th day
of April 1854,
PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, of the twenty-ninth of March last, it was amongst other things ordered, “that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the date of this Order, shall have sailed from any Foreign port, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, shall be permitted to enter such port or place and to discharge her cargo, and afterwards forthwith to depart without molestation, and that any such vessel if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.”

And whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is now pleased to alter and extend such part of the said Order, it is hereby ordered, by and with such advice as aforesaid, as follows; that is to say:—that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the fifteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall have sailed from any port of Russia, situated either in or upon the shores or coasts of the Baltic Sea or of the White Sea, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, shall be permitted to enter such last-mentioned port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterwards forthwith to depart without molestation; and that any such vessel if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

And Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, further to order, and it is hereby further ordered, that in all other respects Her Majesty's aforesaid Order in Council, of the twenty-ninth day of March last, shall be and remain in full force, effect, and operation.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. GREVILLE.

