

on the occasion of the residence of the Prince of Wales among them.

I have concluded with the Emperor of the French Conventions supplementary to the Treaty of Commerce of 23d of January 1860, and in furtherance of the objects of that Treaty.

I have also concluded with the King of Sardinia a Convention for the reciprocal protection of Copy-right.

These Conventions will be laid before you.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have directed the Estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you. They have been framed with a due regard to economy and to the efficiency of the several branches of the public service.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

Measures will be laid before you for the consolidation of important parts of the Criminal Law; for the improvement of the Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency; for rendering more easy the transfer of land; for establishing a uniform system of rating in England and Wales; and for several other purposes of public usefulness.

I confidently commit the great interests of My Empire to your wisdom and care; and I fervently pray that the blessing of the Almighty may attend your counsels, and may guide your deliberations to the attainment of the object of My constant solicitude—the welfare and happiness of My People.

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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,  
February 2, 1861.

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Queen will hold Levees at St James's Palace, upon the following days, at two o'clock, viz. :—

Thursday the 14th instant.

Wednesday the 20th instant.

Wednesday the 13th of March next.

REGULATIONS

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

*By Her Majesty's Command.*

The Noblemen and Gentlemen who propose to attend Her Majesty's 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 The Queen.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented to The Queen, must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the 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 to The Queen.

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

ADDRESSES.

The same regulations apply to the presentation of Addresses or Petitions.

A card containing a statement of the object of the Addresses or Petitions, with the names of the persons who are to present them, must be sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St James's Palace, two clear days before the Levee. Two other cards, containing similar information, are to be taken to the Levee, one to be delivered to The Queen's Page in Attendance in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who shall read its contents to The Queen.

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.

The members of a Deputation, who have not previously attended Court, must be presented to The Queen.

SYDNEY,  
Lord Chamberlain.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE, February 8, 1861.

This day had audience of Her Majesty :—

His Excellency the Baron de Brunnow, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Emperor of all the Russias, to deliver his credentials;

To which audience he was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, K.G., acting for Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day  
of February 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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

ARTHUR HELPS.

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day  
of February 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas Her Majesty was graciously pleased, by Her Royal Proclamation, bearing date the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, to promise and declare that the Bounties of Ten Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Five Pounds for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for Her Majesty's Service, should be paid, in the manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the age of forty-five, nor under the age of twenty years, who should, on or before the fifteenth day of June then following, enter themselves to serve in Her Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Her Majesty's Ships, or Officers employed in Tenders, or at Rendez-