

order, which is generally designated the Cattle Plague, now prevalent among the cattle of Great Britain, and to ascertain, as far as possible, the mode of treatment best adapted for the cure of the affected animals, and the regulations which may with the greatest advantage be made with a view to prevent the spreading of the said disorder, and to avert any future outbreak of it.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

DUBLIN CASTLE, October 3, 1865.

This day the Privy Council assembled, when the Right Honourable Maziere Brady, Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, and the Right Honourable Sir Hugh Rose, G.C.B., K.S.I., General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in Ireland, were sworn Lords Justices of Ireland.

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Committee of Council on Education,
South Kensington.*

NATIONAL PORTRAIT EXHIBITION IN 1866.

The Lords of the Committee of Council on Education have determined to hold a National Portrait Exhibition at South Kensington, in the Arcades overlooking the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, which will be opened in April 1866.

This Exhibition is based upon the suggestions made by the Earl of Derby, in a letter dated 6th May 1865, from which the following extracts are made:—

"I have long thought that a National Portrait Exhibition, chronologically arranged, might not only possess great historical interest, by bringing together portraits of all the most eminent contemporaries of their respective eras, but might also serve to illustrate the progress and condition at various periods of British Art. My idea, therefore, would be to admit either portraits of eminent men, though by inferior or unknown artists, or portraits by eminent artists, though of obscure or unknown individuals. I have, of course, no means of knowing or estimating the number of such portraits which may exist in the country; but I am persuaded that, exclusive of the large collections in many great houses, there are very many scattered about by ones and twos and threes in private families, the owners of which, though they could not be persuaded to part with them, would willingly spare them for a few months for a public object."

"The question of one, two, or three exhibitions in consecutive years, would, I apprehend, be mainly decided by the result of future inquiries as to the probable number of pictures which could be obtained, and the space which could be found for their exhibition. But whether the period over which each exhibition (if more than one) should range, be longer or shorter, the point on which I should set the greatest value, in an historical, if not in an artistic point of view, would be the strict maintenance of the chronological series. I shall be very happy if any suggestion of mine should lead the Committee of Council to take up seriously, and carry out, with such alterations of detail as experience might suggest, a scheme which I think could hardly fail of being generally interesting; and I should have much pleasure in placing tem-

porarily at their disposal any portraits from my collection at Knowsley which they might think suitable for their purpose."

My Lords have constituted a Committee of Advice, consisting of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, and other noblemen and gentlemen as follows:—

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- The Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge for the time being.
- The Dean of Westminster.
- The Dean of St Paul's.
- The Dean of Windsor.
- The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford.