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Lord Chamberlain's-Office, March 16, 1847.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room, at St. James's-Palace, on Saturday the 27th instant, at two o'clock.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING-ROOM.

The Ladies, who purpose attending Her Majesty's Drawing-Room, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names *legibly* written thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Presence-chamber, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to Her Majesty.

And those Ladies, who are to be presented, are hereby informed, it is absolutely necessary that their names, together with the names of the Ladies who are to present them, should be sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's-Office, *before twelve o'clock* on Thursday the 25th instant, in order that they may be submitted for the Queen's approbation; it being Her Majesty's command, that no presentation shall take place unless the name of the Lady presenting, together with that of the Lady to be presented, shall appear on the card to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, which names shall correspond with those previously sent in to the Lord Chamberlain's-Office.

It is particularly requested, that in every case *written cards only* be delivered.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,
For a General Fast.

VICTORIA, R.

WE, taking into Our most serious consideration the heavy judgments with which Almighty God is pleased to visit the iniquities of this land, by a grievous scarcity and dearth of divers articles of sustenance and necessaries of life; and, trusting in the mercy of Almighty God, that, notwithstanding the sore punishment which He hath laid upon Us, and upon Our people, He will, if We turn to Him in due contrition and penitence of heart, withdraw His afflicting hand; have, therefore, resolved, and do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, that a public Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout those parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of March instant, that so both We and Our people may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain pardon of Our sins, and may, in the most devout and solemn manner, send up Our prayers and supplications to the Divine Majesty, for the removal of those heavy judgments which Our manifold sins and provocations have most justly deserved, and under which We at this present time labour; and We do strictly charge and command, that the said public Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His wrath and indignation; and upon pain of such punishment as may be justly inflicted on all such as contemn and neglect the performance of so religious and necessary a duty. And, for the better and more orderly solemnizing of the same, We have given directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England and Ireland, to compose a Form of Prayer,