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FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1849.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 3, 1849.

OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold Drawing-Rooms at St. James's-Palace, on the following days, at two o'clock:

Saturday, 19th May next, { to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day. Thursday, 31st May next.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars, at the Drawing-Room, on the 19th of May next.

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

The Ladies, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Rooms, 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, on the Tuesdays previous to the Drawing-Rooms, on the 26th of April and the 31st of May, on each day before twelve o'clock, 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.

AT the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 1st day of May 1849.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

ER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint Captain Donatus O'Brien and Herbert Poulton Voules, Esq. to be two of the Visitors of Parkhurst Prison, in the Isle of Wight.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Joshua Jebb, C.B. and Herbert Poulton Voules, Esq. to be two of the Commissioners for governing the Pentonville Prison, instead of Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart. and Doctor Ferguson, resigned.

A T the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 1st day of May 1849.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade in the " British Possessions abroad," after reciting that, by the law of navigation, foreign ships are permitted to import into any of the British possessions in Asia, Africa, or America, from the countries to which they belong, goods the produce of those countries, and to export goods from such possessions to be carried to any foreign country whatever; and that it is expedient that such permission should be subject to certain conditions, it is enacted that the privileges thereby granted to foreign ships shall be limited to the ships of those countries which, having colonial possessions, shall grant the like privileges of trading with those possessions to British ships, or which, not having colonial possessions, shall place the commerce and navigation of this country, and of its possessions abroad, upon the footing of the most favoured nation, unless Her Majesty, by her Order in Council, shall in any case deem it expedient to grant the whole or any part of such privileges to the ships of any foreign country, although the conditions aforesaid shall not, in all respects, be fulfilled by such foreign country:

And whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, doth deem it expedient to grant the aforesaid privileges of trading with the British possessions abroad to the ships

of the Dominican Republic:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by the advice aforesaid, and in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in her vested by the said recited Act, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that, from the date hereof, and in the mean time, until Her Majesty in Council shall be pleased to revoke or determine this Order by any other Order in Council, it shall be lawful for Dominican