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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1855.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1855.

NOTICE 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, 14th June 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, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

The Ladies, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing-Rooms, 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 Ante-room, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the same to Her Majesty.

Those Ladies who are to be presented at the Drawing-Room on the 14th of June next, are hereby informed, it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the names of the Ladies who are to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office *before twelve o'clock*, on the *Tuesday previous* to the Drawing-Room, or upon any *earlier* day, between the hours of *eleven* and *four*, 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. No presentations will take place at the Drawing-Room on the 19th of May next.

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.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *May*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the fourth section of the Act of the sixth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter eighty-seven, intituled "An Act to regulate the payment of salaries and allowances to British Consuls at foreign ports, and the disbursements at such ports for certain public purposes," it is amongst other things enacted "that it shall and may be lawful for all Consuls-General and Consuls appointed by His Majesty, and resident within the dominions of any sovereign or any foreign state or power in amity with His Majesty, to accept, take, and receive the several fees particularly mentioned in the tables to this said Act annexed, for and in respect or on account of the several matters and things and official acts and deeds particularly mentioned in the said schedules, and that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be by him made, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, as occasion may require, to increase or diminish or wholly to abolish all or any of the fees aforesaid, and to establish and authorize the payment of any greater or smaller or new or additional fees or fee, for or in respect of the several matters and things mentioned in the said schedules or any of them, or for or in respect of any other matters or things or matter or thing to be by any such Consul-General or Consul done or performed in the execution of such his office."

And whereas by an Order in Council made on the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, it was ordered "that whenever a British Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul should be called upon by masters of merchant ships to give his sanction in writing as to the shipment or discharge of seamen, or his certificate as to the desertion of seamen, it should be lawful for such Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul to demand, recover, and receive from all masters or other chief officers or commanders of any ship or vessel, belonging to any of Her Majesty's subjects the sum of two shillings for each seaman whose shipment or discharge should have been so sanctioned, or whose desertion should have been so certified ;