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Lord Chamberlain's Office, June 5, 1855.

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

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEE AT ST. JAMES'S-PALACE.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Levee, 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 name to Her Majesty.

Those Gentlemen who are to be presented are hereby informed, it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock* on the *Monday previous* to the Levee, 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 be made at the Levee but in conformity 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.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having petitions or addresses to present to Her Majesty at the Levee, are to send a card (having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come), to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock*, on the *Monday previous* to the Levee; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee; one of the two cards to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to Her Majesty; and, 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.

Whitehall, June 13, 1855.

THE REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND COMMISSIONERS.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's Commissioners for the formation and application of a Patriotic Fund, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, or Marines who may be killed or may die on active service, during the present war, now humbly beg to present to your Majesty a First Report of our proceedings, and of the arrangements which we have deemed it expedient to make, for giving an early effect to your Majesty's gracious intentions.

Measures taken for collecting fund.

2. Acting under the sanction of one of your Majesty's Secretaries of State, our Honorary Secretaries proceeded at once, on the promulgation of the Royal Commission in the London Gazette of the 16th October, 1854, to communicate with the Commissioners in Aid, both at home and abroad, and to request their assistance for the formation of Local Committees to collect and transmit the gifts and voluntary subscriptions of your Majesty's loyal subjects to the Patriotic Fund. To facilitate those measures our Honorary Secretaries issued the notice (A.) in the Appendix.

Amount collected, and the classes from whom received.

3. The unprecedented amount which, in the short space of six months, has been contributed in answer to that appeal is a most satisfactory proof of the eagerness with which your Majesty's subjects have embraced an occasion of testifying at once their loyal support of the great contest in which our country is engaged, and their recognition of the claims of those gallant men who may unhappily fall in it. A sum exceeding a Million sterling has now been paid into the Bank of England to our account. Every class of the community has contributed liberally to the Fund. On the one hand, the nobility, the gentry, the great corporate mercantile bodies of the kingdom, have proportioned their donations to the greatness of the occasion, and to their large share of the blessings bestowed by Providence upon this favoured land. On the other, we have found that the brilliant deeds of our countrymen in arms have awakened equal sympathy in every class of humble life, even among those whose generous