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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1856.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 5, 1856.

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

- Wednesday, the 20th instant.
- Wednesday, the 27th instant.
- Wednesday the 12th of March next.

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

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Levees, 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 each 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 Levees 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 each 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.

War-Department, February 19, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has received a Despatch, of which the following is a copy, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, February 4, 1856.

MY LORD,

MARSHAL PELISSIER informed me a few days ago that this day Fort Nicholas would be destroyed; and he sent again to say that at one o'clock P.M. the mines for this purpose would be fired.

The view over the whole harbour is well obtained from the interior slope of the Redan Hill, and from other points within the Russian lines.

The day was magnificently clear; every sentry on the opposite side could be seen, every working party watched, every soldier that was lounging in the sun; occasional shot and shell were sent from the enemy to the Karabelnaia and the town, but otherwise nothing disturbed the usual appearance of quiet, almost of desolation.

On our (the south) side, we looked down on the large ruined barracks in front, on the inner creek of the Dockyard, the Quay, and the remains of Fort Paul, the spacious inlet from the harbour on our left, beyond which stand the roofless buildings of Sevastopol itself. There also is the well-remembered long line of pointed arches, the casemates of the interior of Fort Nicholas, of which the embrasures in double tier pointed to seaward and away from us.

It juts out into the harbour built on an inner tongue of land; Fort Constantine forming a similar but more outward defence for the sea approach on the north.

The scene and feeling of expectation were of great interest, for another tangible proof of power and success was to take place, and 106,000 lbs. of powder were in the several mines.