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FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1856.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 29, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room at St. James's Palace, on Thursday the 29th May next, at two o'clock, to celebrate Her Majesty's Birth-day.

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars at the Drawing-Room on the 29th of May next.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING-ROOM, 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 name to Her Majesty.

No presentations will take place at this Drawing-Room.

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.

War Department, May 9, 1856.

LORD PANMURE has received a Despatch and its Enclosure, of which the following are copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, April 22, 1855.

MY LORD,

ENCLOSED I do myself the honour to forward to your Lordship the weekly report of the Inspector-General of Hospitals.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Crimea,
April 21, 1856.*

SIR

THE health of the Army serving in the Crimea, as shewn by the accompanying return of sick, has been remarkably good, better even than could have been anticipated at this season of the year; for in place of increase there has been an actual decrease both in the sickness and mortality this week, which is more favourable, I own, than I expected, and we cannot reasonably look for a further decrease as the admissions to strength are only 1.56 per cent.; deaths to strength 0.01 per cent.; sick to well 3.72 per cent.

The cavalry on the Bosphorus and the troops at Kertch have been equally healthy, and no death had occurred at either place during the week ending 6th April.

The Land Transport continues to have a larger proportion of sick than any part of the Army, but even the health of that Corps has steadily improved of late, though, I am sorry to say, three deaths, all from typhoid fever, occurred this week in the hospitals at the head-quarters of that corps, and one in the hospital of the battalion attached to the 2nd Division from disease of the heart.

This reduces the mortality in the regular Army to six, and of these one died from the direct effects of drunkenness.

In the Swiss Legion, at Smyrna, I notice an increase of sickness, and I should myself be apprehensive of that station as a summer residence for troops; but as yet the Army is not suffering very much from disease, either there or at any other place, for, taking all the stations and all the hospitals, both general and regimental, into account, the admissions to strength, of all classes entitled to medical aid, have only been 1.96 per cent.; the deaths to strength 0.02 per cent.; and the sick to well 5.26 per cent.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HALL,
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

*General Sir Wm. J. Codrington, K.C.B.,
Commanding-in-Chief.*