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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 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.

Whitehall, May 23, 1856.

THE following Addresses having been presented to The Queen, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Cambridge, desire your Majesty's permission to renew the assurance of our devotion to your Majesty's person and government, and to offer to your Majesty our most hearty congratulations on the re-establishment of Peace, on a basis calculated to secure the integrity and prosperity of the Ottoman Empire.

The noble objects for which the War was undertaken have been fully accomplished. We cannot but deeply grieve for the loss of the many brave men who have fallen in the service of their Queen

and country, and for the sufferings sustained by the Forces of your Majesty and your Allies. We are, however, consoled by the reflection that the indomitable courage, admirable discipline, and heroic endurance of British soldiers and seamen, were never more conspicuously displayed in any period of our history as a nation.

We earnestly implore Divine Providence, that your Majesty may long continue to reign over a loyal, grateful, free, and united people.

Given under the Common Seal of the said borough, at a Council there holden, on the 15th day of May, in the 19th year of your Majesty's reign.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city and borough of Canterbury, in Council assembled, embrace this opportunity to present to your Majesty our sincere congratulations on the re-establishment of pacific relations between Great Britain and the Emperor of all the Russias.

In common with our fellow countrymen, we deeply lamented the necessity of entering on the late struggle, undertaken with no objects of personal aggrandisement, but solely to curb the aggressive ambition of a powerful empire, and to secure the independence of surrounding nations. We feel assured that the apparent necessity of the War contributed not a little to the universal accord with which your subjects maintained, and were prepared cheerfully to continue, the struggle, influenced by the noble sentiment that in a just cause, the aid of the oppressed, no sacrifices were too great to be made. Happily that struggle is now at an end, the objects for which it was entered upon have been satisfactorily accomplished, and the blessings of Peace, so dear to the hearts of your Majesty's loyal subjects, are again restored.

Whilst deploring the losses sustained by your Majesty's Military and Naval Forces, we can but reflect with pride on the distinguished and gallant manner in which those Forces have nobly sustained the honour of this country.

We entertain the fervent hope that, by the blessing of Divine Providence, the Peace so happily concluded, and so honourable to this country and our gallant Allies, may be of a durable character.

That Almighty God may long preserve your