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FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1856.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 31, 1856.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on Wednesday the 25th of June next, 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 17, 1856.

THE following Address 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, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient borough of Portsmouth, in Council assembled, approach your Majesty to offer our sincere congratulations on the restoration of Peace.

Whilst we deeply deplore the horrors of War, and lament the peculiar and unexampled sufferings attendant on that now brought to a close, it is, nevertheless, a source of satisfaction that the events which led to it have resulted in what we trust will prove a firm and lasting alliance with the Empire of France and a safeguard to the Peace of Europe.

In reviewing the period of the War we feel that there is much for which to be thankful to Almighty God. Notwithstanding almost unprecedented trials the valour and endurance of the British Forces, in conjunction with those of your Majesty's illustrious Allies, have been crowned with success, demonstrating that, after a long interval of Peace, the same indomitable courage and perseverance which animated our forefathers remains not less a characteristic of the British people.

We regard with pride and satisfaction the fact that your Majesty's Forces of both Services and the national resources generally remained at the termination of the War not only unimpaired, but exhibited increased and increasing efficiency and completeness.

With feelings of heartfelt gratification we have witnessed your Majesty's care and solicitude for the comfort and welfare of your troops, and