

she is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation, that no presentation can be made at a Drawing Room excepting by a Lady actually attending that Court, it is also necessary that a letter from the Lady who is to make the presentation, stating it to be her intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to the Queen, for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's Command, that no Presentations shall be made at the Drawing Rooms, except in accordance 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.

NOTIFICATION.

Foreign Office, February 22, 1861.

WITH reference to the Notification, dated the 6th day of February instant, and inserted in the London Gazette of the 8th February instant, on the subject of the Blockade of the Fortress of Gaeta, it is hereby further notified that the Right Honourable the Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Marquis d'Azeglio, the Sardinian Minister in London, the following official communication:—

La capitulation de Gaëte le 13 courant ayant mis fin au blocus de cette place, notifié officiellement au Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique en date du 4 Février, le Soussigné, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire de Sa Majesté Sarde, à l'honneur, par ordre de son Gouvernement, de porter à la connaissance de son Excellence Lord John Russell, Principal Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères de Sa Majesté Britannique, la terminaison de ce blocus, et le prie d'agréer l'assurance de sa plus haute considération.

(Signed) V. E. D'AZEGLIO.

Londres, ce 19 Février, 1861.
23, Park-lane.

(Translation.)

The Capitulation of Gaëta on the 13th instant, having put an end to the Blockade of that place, officially notified to the Government of Her Britannick Majesty on the 4th of February, the Undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Sardinian Majesty, has the honour, by order of his Government, to bring to the knowledge of Lord John Russell, Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Her Britannick Majesty, the termination of this Blockade, and begs him to accept the assurance of his highest consideration.

London, February 19, 1861.

(Signed) V. E. D'AZEGLIO.

Whitehall, February 20, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Most Noble George Douglas, Duke of Argyll, K.T.; the Right Honourable Thomas, Lord Kingsdown; the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., G.C.B.; Robert Wigram Crawford, Esq.; Pearce William Rogers, Esq.; William George Anderson, Esq.; William Strickland Cookson, Esq.; and Edwin Wilkins Field, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the constitution of the Accountant-General's Department of the Court of Chancery, and the provisions for the custody and management of the Funds of the Court.

Whitehall, February 21, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant Henry Huxham, R.N., commanding Her Majesty's gun boat "Kestrel," Her Majesty's Royal Licence and Permission that he may accept and wear the insignia of a Knight of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honour, which His Majesty the Emperor of the French hath been pleased to confer upon him for his services against Pirates in the vicinity of Chusan, in the course of which he recaptured a junk belonging to the French Catholic Mission at Ningpo, and was severely wounded.

Whitehall, February 21, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Peter Cameron to the church and parish of Knock, in the presbytery and island of Lewis and county of Ross, vacant by the death of the Reverend Alexander S. Bethune.

The Queen has also been pleased to present the Reverend Donald Mackay to the church and parish of Cross, in the presbytery and island of Lewis and county of Ross, vacant by the transportation of the Reverend James Bain to the church and parish of Kilfinan.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
February 21, 1861.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Greytown, enclosing copies of two Decrees recently issued by the Government of Nicaragua. One of the Decrees constitutes the Port of San Juan del Norte a Free Port; the other imposes a duty of 5 per cent., on the invoice value, on all merchandize imported into that port for consumption, and also subjects all merchant vessels to a duty of 15 cents per ton.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
February 21, 1861.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Decree, forwarded by Her Majesty's Consul at Naples, permitting, until the 31st December next, the free importation into the Neapolitan provinces, of the oils of sesame, ground nuts, poppies, camolina, and rapeseed.