

Office, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Drawing Room, a card with her name written thereon, and with the name of the Lady by whom 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.

Foreign Office, March 8, 1861.

IT is hereby notified, that the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from his Excellency the Marquis d'Azeglio, the Sardinian Minister in London, an official communication, dated the 7th March instant, stating that the Sardinian Admiral Persano had, on and from the 5th of March instant, established the Blockade of the Citadel of Messina and of the neighbouring Forts, with a number of ships of war sufficient to render this blockade effective.

The Sardinian Minister further states that he is officially informed by the Sardinian Government, that the commercial port of the city of Messina is not comprised in this blockade, and that such port consequently remains free from blockade and open to trade.

Downing-Street, March 6, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir John Young, Bart., K.C.B., G.C.M.G., to be Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the colony of New South Wales.

Downing-Street, March 7, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Edward Douglas, Esq., to be Assistant Colonial Secretary in the Despatch Branch of the Office of the Colonial Secretary for the Island of Mauritius.

India Office, February 8, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased, by letters patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to appoint Colley Harman Scotland, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Madras.

India Office, March 7, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Edward Henry Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, to be one of Her Majesty's Commissioners to enquire into, and report upon, the measures which it may be expedient to take for maintaining and improving the health of all ranks of Her Majesty's Army serving in India.

The Queen has also been pleased to appoint Colonel Henry Marion Durand, C.B., to be a Member of the said Commission, in the room of Major-General Sir Robert John Hussey Vivian, K.C.B.; and James Brown Gibson, Esq., M.D., C.B., to be a Member of the said Commission, in the room of Thomas Alexander, Esq., C.B.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
March 8, 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 Costa Rica, reporting that the port of Punta Arenas ceased to be a free port on the 26th January last.

Commission signed by the Queen.

2nd Battalion North Riding of Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers.

Robert Craufurd, Esq., to be Adjutant. Dated 19th January, 1861.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

Aubrey Walsh, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1861.

Seymour Teulon, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1861.

Charles Wastell Dixey, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1861.

John Holt, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1861.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City and County of the City of Norwich.

21st Norfolk Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Robert Thornhagh Gurdon, Esq., to be Captain, vice Bellairs, resigned. Dated 2nd March, 1861.

MEMORANDUM.

The 1st Norfolk Mounted Rifle Volunteer Corps has been attached to the City of Norwich Rifle Volunteer Corps for administrative purposes.