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Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 18, 1861.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness The Prince Consort will, by the desire of The Queen, hold Levees at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on the following days at two o'clock, viz.:—

Saturday the 4th of May next.
Wednesday the 15th of May next.

It is The Queen's pleasure, that presentations to His Royal Highness at these Levees shall be considered as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE LEVEES
AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen, who propose to attend the Levees, 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 Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to His Royal Highness The Prince Consort.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before each Levee, a card with his name written thereon, and with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman by whom he is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation that no presentation can be made at a Levee excepting by a person actually attending that Levee, it is also necessary that a letter from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, stating it to be his 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 Levees, 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.

The state apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court, until half-past one o'clock.

Whitehall, April 23, 1861.

THE following Address of Condolence to the Queen, on the occasion of the death of Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, has been presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, beg to approach your Majesty with feelings of profound veneration and respect.

We desire to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence on the heavy affliction sustained by your Majesty in the decease of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, your Majesty's Royal Mother.

When we call to mind the many virtues which shone forth in the public and private life of that Illustrious Princess, we can appreciate the poignancy of the sorrow which your Majesty must feel at this grievous bereavement; whilst we are not insensible also of considerations which may in some measure enable your Majesty to bow with resignation to the Divine Will.

Pre-eminent amongst these consolations is the reflection that Her Royal Highness was permitted to witness in your Majesty's wise and beneficent rule the bright fulfilment of her most dearly-cherished hopes—the reward of many anxious years of unintermitted maternal care.

We reflect, also, that length of years has afforded Her Royal Highness the gratification of beholding in the dawning character of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, those noble qualities which form the surest guarantee of their future happiness.