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TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1861.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1861.

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at St. James's Palace, on the following days, at two o'clock:

Wednesday, 19th June next.

Thursday, 27th June next.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED WITH REGARD TO THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE,

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Ladies, who propose 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 Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to the Queen.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady who proposes to be presented to The Queen must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's 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.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 7, 1861.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Wednesday the 10th of July next.

Downing Street, June 17, 1861.

A DESPATCH has been received from the Governor of Mauritius, by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the occasion of the death of Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, expressing on behalf of the Governor, and of Her Majesty's public servants in that colony, as well as of all other Her Majesty's loyal subjects there, the deep regret and sympathy which are universally felt throughout the island at that mournful event. This dispatch was accordingly laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

War-Office, June 18, 1861.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Lord Dufferin and Clancboye, the British Member of the late European Commission in Syria, to be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Downing Street, June 18, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Swan Field, Esq., to be Collector of Customs, Principal Comptroller of Her Majesty's Customs and Navigation Laws, and Registrar of Shipping for the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Francis Bertrand Pinney to be sub-Collector and Comptroller of Her Majesty's Customs and Navigation Laws, and Registrar of Shipping at Port Elizabeth, in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.