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*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 Thursday, 27th June next, at two o'clock:

## 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.

*India-Office, June 25, 1861.*

THE Queen, being desirous of affording to the Princes, Chiefs, and People, of the Indian Empire, a public and signal testimony of Her regard, by the Institution of an Order of Knighthood, whereby Her resolution to take upon Herself the Government of the Territories in India may be commemorated, and by which Her Majesty may be enabled to reward conspicuous merit and loyalty, has been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to institute, erect, constitute, and create, an Order of Knighthood, to be known by, and have for ever hereafter, the name, style, and designation, of "The Most Exalted Order of the Star of India."

And to ordain, direct, and appoint, that the said Order shall consist of The Sovereign, a Grand Master, and twenty-five Knights, together with such Extra and Honorary Knights as Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, shall from time to time appoint.

And to ordain, direct, and appoint, that Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the said United Kingdom, shall be Sovereigns of the said Most Exalted Order.

And that the Viceroy and Governor-General of India for the time being shall be Grand Master of the said Order, and that he shall, in virtue thereof, be the first and principal Knight of the Order.

And that the said Most Exalted Order shall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, to be from time to time made and ordained by Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, Sovereigns of the said Order.

And to ordain and direct that it shall be competent for the Sovereign of the said Order to confer the dignity of a Knight of the Order upon such Native Princes and Chiefs of India as shall have entitled themselves to Her Majesty's favour, and upon such of Her Majesty's British subjects