

at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Saturday, the 9th of June next, at two o'clock.

It is the Queen's pleasure that Presentations to Her Royal Highness at the Drawing Room shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOMS.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM TO BE HELD, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Ladies, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Room, 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 Princess.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady who proposes to be presented 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 Room, 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 Princess.

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, except in attendance upon the Ladies of their families.

The State apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
May 25, 1866.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday next, after which they will be closed till further orders.

Foreign Office, May 25, 1866.

THE Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Acting British Chargé d'Affaires at Lima, a Despatch, which encloses a Decree of the Peruvian Government, prohibiting, from the date thereof, the entry into the Ports of Peru of those Neutral Vessels which have furnished the Spanish Squadron with Fuel, Provisions, Articles of War, or which have been in communication with that Squadron:—

(Copy).

LIMA.

MARIANO IGNACIO PRADO,

Jeje Supremo Provisorio de la Republica,

Considerando :

1°. Que en el estado de guerra en que se halla la República con el gobierno español, no es lícito á los neutrales proporcionar á los beligerantes medio alguno de hacer mas poderosas y eficaces sus hostilidades :

2°. Que el Perú tiene un perfecto derecho y está en el caso de privar al enemigo de todos los artículos que ha menester para continuar en actitud de guerra :

3°. Que es un hecho evidente que algunas embarcaciones con bandera neutral, han suministrado á los buques españoles carbon de piedra y otras provisiones, sin las cuales no habrian podido subsistir en el Pacífico :

4°. Que, asi quebrantada la neutralidad, á que están obligados los estraños, es indispensable emplear medidas que, sin negar al comercio legal los favores que necesita, pongan á los traficantes de mala fé en la imposibilidad de practicar acciones prohibidas :

Decreto :

Art. único. No es permitido arribar ni cargar, en los puertos y caletas en la República, á las embarcaciones neutrales que desde hoy proporcionen á los buques de la escuadra española, combustible, provisiones de boca, artículos de guerra ó de cualquiera especie, ó que se comuniquen con ella.

El Secretario de Estado en el despacho de Hacienda y Comercio queda encargado de la ejecucion de este decreto, y de hacerlo publicar y circular.

Dado en la casa de Gobierno en Lima á 5 de Abril de 1866.

MARIANO I. PRADO.
M. PARDO.

(Translation).

MARIANO IGNACIO PRADO,

Provisional Supreme Chief of the Republic,

Considering :

1st. That in the state of war in which the Republic is at present with the Spanish Government, it is illegal for neutrals to furnish the belligerents any means in making more powerful and efficient their hostilities.

2nd. That Peru has a perfect right, and is under the necessity of keeping from the enemy all articles that assist in continuing the war.

3rd. That it is an evident fact that several vessels under neutral flags have furnished to the Spanish vessels coal, and other provisions, without which they could not have remained in the Pacific.

4th. That thus violating the neutrality to which foreigners are bound, it is necessary to take those