

lain's Office, St. James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Levees, 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 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 to His Royal Highness.

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

BRADFORD,
Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 22, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Wednesday next, the 26th instant, until further orders.

Foreign Office, February 24, 1868.

LORD STANLEY, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan, the following Notification, which has been issued by him, with regard to the opening to foreign trade of the city of Yedo and the port of Niigata:—

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan, hereby notifies, for the information of Her Majesty's subjects, that the negotiations in which he and his colleagues, the Representatives of France, Holland, and the United States of America, have been engaged with the Japanese Government, relative to the opening to foreign trade of the city of Yedo and a port on the west coast of Japan, have resulted in the subjoined arrangements, which have been accepted by the undersigned on the part of Her Majesty's Government.

Niigata having been chosen as the port on the west coast, it has been arranged, in order to supply the deficiencies of that anchorage, at certain seasons of the year, that use may be made by foreign vessels of the adjacent harbour of Ebisuminato, in the island of Sado, and that facilities shall be afforded both for the storage of merchandise at the latter place, and also for its conveyance from thence to Niigata.

As the preparations for the opening of the said three places cannot, however, be completed by the 1st day of January next, on which date the right

to trade at Yedo and at a port on the west coast might be claimed from the Japanese Government by the undersigned and the Foreign Representatives above named, in accordance with the stipulations of their respective Treaties, the undersigned, in common with his colleagues, has consented, at the request of the Japanese Government, to defer the opening of Yedo, Niigata, and Ebisuminato, until the 1st day of April, 1868.

(Signed) HARRY S. PARKES.

Yedo, November 26th, 1867.

Arrangements for the Settlement of Foreigners at Yedo.

ART. I. Within the limits coloured red in the annexed plan, foreigners of nations having treaties with Japan may hire houses and reside for purposes of trade. But no Japanese shall be compelled to rent any buildings to foreigners within the said limits against his will. Moreover, as the Japanese Government are willing that foreigners of those nations having treaties with Japan should enjoy at Yedo the same facilities for leasing ground and building houses that are secured to them by treaty at the ports, the Japanese Government are prepared to lease to foreigners for building purposes that portion of land on the same plan which is coloured blue.

ART. II. Whenever the above named building ground shall have been occupied by foreigners, and more space is required for their use, the Japanese Government will prepare the adjoining space marked A. A. on the same plan, which in that case will be provided with a surrounding road of not less than forty feet in width. Should more land be subsequently required, the above named building ground will be further extended, as may from time to time be desirable, within the limits coloured red.

ART. III. Before the opening of the city to foreign trade, the Japanese Government will clear the ground coloured blue in the same plan, and will surround it with a road, which shall be properly drained, of not less than forty feet in width. The ground within this site not required for roads will be leased to foreigners in the manner provided in Articles 6, 7, 8, and 9, of the arrangements for the formation of foreign settlements at Hiogo and Osaka.

ART. IV. The Japanese Government will see that the canals passing through the limits coloured red are cleared before the opening of the city to foreign trade, and are subsequently kept in good order. All expenses connected with the cleansing of these canals will be borne by the Japanese Government.

ART. V. The Japanese Government engage to push on with all the expedition possible the foreign hotel which is being built on the site marked B. in the same plan, with a view to its being completed before the opening of the city to foreign trade. The management of the hotel will be in the hands of Japanese.

ART. VI. The Japanese Government will construct, at the point marked C, a convenient landing place, to be provided with suitable sheds, at which all goods belonging to foreigners must be landed or shipped. As Yedo, however, is not an open port, no foreign merchant vessel can anchor there, and all goods belonging to foreigners must be entered at the Custom House at Yokohama, according to the Regulations of Trade attached to the Treaties, and must pay duty there, or at some other open port, before they can be imported into Yedo. For the present also, and until it shall be found convenient to collect export