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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1868.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 6, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 23rd of May next.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, February 3, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 12th May next, at three o'clock.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Ladies, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Room, at Buckingham 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, 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, St. James's Palace, *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 Queen.

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

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

BRADFORD,
Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, May 2, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Wednesday next, the 6th instant, until further orders.

Whitehall, May 4, 1868.

THE following Addresses of congratulation to the Queen, in reference to the atrocious attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the city of Edinburgh, humbly desire to offer your Majesty the expression of our deepest sympathy in the sorrow and anxiety occasioned by the painful intelligence which has reached this country as to the attempt upon the life of your Son, our beloved Prince, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

While we regard the foul outrage with horror and indignation, we recognise with devout thank-