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TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1869.

Lord Chamberloin's Office, St. James's Palace, April 5, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Day fixed for the Celebration of The Queen's Birthday has, by Her Majesty's command, been changed from Saturday, the 29th of May, to Wednesday, the 2nd of June next.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, March 2, 1869.

OTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 11th of 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 present d. 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 pre-

sentation 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.

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen, will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levees.

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

SYDNEY, Lord Chamberlain.

DECLARATION for the Admission duty free into Great Britain and the Zollverein, of Patterns and Samples imported by Commercial Travellers.

Signed, in English and German, at Berlin, April 1, 1869.

Declaration.

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the North German Confederation, and the President of the Federal Office, in the name of the Presidency of the German Customs and Commercial Union, being duly authorized to that effect, hereby declare that articles liable to duty, serving as patterns and samples, which are introduced into Great Britain by commercial travellers of the Zollverein States, or into the Zollverein by commercial travellers of Great Britain, shall henceforth be admitted free of duty, subject to the following formalities requisite to insure their being re-exported or placed in bond :--

1. The officers of Customs at any port or place at which the patterns and samples may be