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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1874.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
March 26, 1874.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 30th of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
March 26, 1874.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, the 5th 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 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 an intimation from the Lady who is to make the presentation, of 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 Drawing Rooms, 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.

HERTFORD,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*War Office, March 30, 1874.*

**D**ESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, were received at the War Office, from Major-General Sir Garnet J. Wolseley, K.C.M.G., C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Forces on the Gold Coast, on the 2nd January and 7th March respectively, but have not hitherto been published:—

*Head Quarters, Cape Coast Castle,  
December 15, 1873.*

**SIR,**  
In my Despatch which accompanies this, I have had the great satisfaction to report that the Ashanti army has crossed the River Prah into its own territory, and that my advanced parties are in occupation of Prahsue, on the south bank.

The first phase of this war has thus been brought to a most satisfactory conclusion, without the assistance of any English troops, except the few marines and the available blue-jackets whom I found here on my arrival on the 2nd October last.

At that date the position of affairs was as follows:—An invading army of Ashantis numbering between twenty and thirty thousand men, having overrun the Fanti territory, occupied threatening positions within an easy march of Her Majesty's Forts at Elmina and Cape Coast Castle. The country was filled with alarms of intended attacks upon our settlements; public confidence in us was at a very low ebb, every movement on our part was known to the enemy, regarding whose intentions, movements, numbers, or even exact position, little information was possessed by our authorities.

I submit that the happy change which has been since that time effected has been accomplished by the untiring exertions of the few carefully selected Staff and special service Officers who landed with me here at the beginning of October.