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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
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NOTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Levee at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Tuesday, the 5th of April next, at two o'clock, instead of the day previously announced.

It is The Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at this Levee shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVEE TO BE HELD BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command,

The Noblemen and Gentlemen who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levee, 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 His Royal Highness.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Nobleman or Gentleman who proposes to be presented, must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Levee, 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 regulations that no presentation can be made at a Levee excepting by a person actually attending that Levee, it is also necessary that an intimation from the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to make the presentation, of 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 the Levee, 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 half-past one o'clock.

KENMARE,

Lord Chamberlain.

War Office, March 29, 1881.

DESPATCHES of which the following are copies have been received by the Secretary of State for War:—

No. 1.

From the Officer Commanding 94th Regiment to the Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Transvaal Camp, Madder Spruit, near Mr. Prinsloe's Farm, forwarded by Colonel Bellairs, Commanding Transvaal District.

SIR,

December 26, 1880.

I HAVE the honour to report that, on the 20th instant, the troops under my command, as per margin,* while on the march from Middleburg to Pretoria, had an engagement with a large body of rebel Boers under Commandant-General Piet Joubert, near Prinsloe's Farm, on the Madder Spruit.

I had no expectation of meeting the enemy at this spot, as the Field Cornet had stated, in conversation, to some of the officers that there was a friendly meeting going on close by, and that emissaries had gone through the country endeavouring to rouse the people to stop us, but that the appeal met with no response.

The only cavalry with us were four Mounted Infantry, so scouting could not be efficiently performed; but one man, while on the march, was always sent to the rise in front, and another one to the highest hill commanding the country.

Lieutenant MacSweeney was employed as Intelligence Officer, to give information as to the enemy's whereabouts. I understand that the enemy followed us nearly all the way from Middleburg, keeping well out of sight, which, as they were all mounted, did not interfere with their power of catching us up at any moment.

The country round the scene of action is well but not thickly wooded, and well suited for cavalry, and fringed round the edge of the plateau by ravines, intermixed with well-wooded farmyards, which could conceal a large number of troops.

At about 12.45 p.m. two or three scouts were seen at about 600 yards distance. I therefore rode back to form up the leading and stop the remaining wagons, but within five minutes of this, the enemy appeared in skirmishing order on the rise of a slight wooded hill on the left.

* 94th Foot: 246 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, 3 women, and 2 children. Army Service Corps: 2 officers, 5 non-commissioned officers and men. Army Hospital Corps: 3 non-commissioned officers and men. Army Medical Department: 1 surgeon.