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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 24, 1885.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 6th of June next.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 24, 1885.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Wednesday next, the 25th instant, for Her late Highness The Princess Charles of Hesse, Mother of His Royal Highness The Grand Duke of Hesse, Son-in-law of Her Majesty The Queen; viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, white Gloves, black or white Shoes, Feathers, and Fans, Pearls, Diamonds, or plain gold or silver Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to wear black Court Dress, with black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Wednesday, the 1st of April next, viz. :—

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, with coloured Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments, or grey or white Dresses, with black Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to continue the same Mourning.

And on Saturday, the 4th of April next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

War Office, March 21, 1885.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

The Honourable Robert Henry Meade, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

St. James's Palace, March 21, 1885.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Emily Theresa, Lady Amptill, to be one of Her Majesty's Ladies of the Bedchamber in Ordinary, in the room of Julia Janet Georgina, Lady Abercromby, resigned.

Whitehall, March 2, 1885.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto James Irton Ryder, of Therfield, in the parish of Broughton, in the county palatine of Lancaster, Gentleman, but now of Holly Bank, Pendleton, in the same county, eldest son and heir of John Oldham Ryder, late of Irton Hall, in the parish of Irton, in the county of Cumberland, Gentleman, deceased, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Samuel Irton Fell, late of Ambleside, in the county of Westmoreland, Clerk, also deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that he may assume and use the surname of Irton in lieu of that of Ryder, and bear the arms of Irton, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by his issue; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens,
March 23, 1885.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Lima, enclosing copies of the new Peruvian Customs' Tariff, by which the rates of import duty hitherto levied upon several important articles have been increased. The Despatch, with its enclosure, may be seen on application at the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade.

Admiralty, 20th March, 1885.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881— Surgeon Henry Brougham Guppy, M.B., has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 11th March, 1885.

Admiralty, 23rd March, 1885.

Sub-Lieutenant Colin Richard Keppel has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 4th February, 1885. Engineer John Pitt has been promoted to the rank of Chief Engineer in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 17th March, 1885.