cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in aunouncing them.

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

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented, 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.

LATHOM,

Lord Chamberlain.

A T the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 18th day of April, 1887.

By Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

HE Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, 1878 to 1886, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, and with reference especially to Article 96 of The Animals Order of 1886, do hereby license the Local Authority for the county of Middlesex, to dig up or cause to be dug up, within fourteen days after the date of this Licence, the carcases of two pigs reported to have been recently buried at Wembly Hill, in the county of Middlesex, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. When dug up the Local Authority shall forthwith cause a post-mortem examination to be made of the carcases with a view to ascertain the cause of death of such animals, and the Local Authority shall then cause the carcases to be re-buried as soon as possible, and shall cause them to be covered with a sufficient quantity of quick lime or other disinfectant, and with not less than six feet of earth.
- The expenses of and incidental to the digging up, post-mortem examination, and re-burial of the carcases shall be defrayed by the Local Authority.

3. This Licence is revocable by the Privy Council, C. L. Peel.

Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Downing Street, April 18, 1887.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the appointment of Charles Cox, Esq., Chancellor of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order, with rank as Senior Knight Commander, in accordance with the Tenth Article of the Statutes of the said Most Distinguished Order, bearing date the 16th day of August, 1832, making provision for the office of Chancellor.

Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the said Most Distinguished Order:—

To be Ordinary Members of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Robert Thorburn, Esq., Premier of Newfoundland, and one of the Representatives of that Colony at the Colonial Conference.

John William Downer, Esq., Premier of South Australia, and one of the Representatives of that Colony at the Colonial Conference.

Thomas Upington, Esq., late Premier, and now Attorney-General of the Cape of Good Hope, and one of the Representatives of that Colony at the Colonial Conference.

James Lorimer, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council and Minister of Defence of Victoria, and one of the Representatives of that Colony at the Colonial Conference.

Robert Wisdom, Esq., Member of the Legislative Assembly and late Attorney-General of New South Wales, and one of the Representatives of that Colony at the Colonial Conference.

Whitehall, April 14, 1887.

THE Queen taking into Her Royal consideration that upon the decease of Maria Janet, in her own right Baroness Sempill, without issue, which happened on the 5th day of September, 1884, the title and dignity of Baron Sempill, in the peerage of that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, devolved upon Sir William Forbes, Baronet, now Baron Sempill, as the eldest son and heir of Sir John Forbes, late of Craigievar, in the county of Aberdeen, Baronet, who was the second son but eventual heir of Sir William Forbes, late of Craigievar aforesaid, Baronet, by his wife, Sarah, the eldest daughter of John, Baron Sempill, all deceased, whereby, according to the ordinary rules of honour, the brother and sisters of the said William, now Baron Sempill, cannot enjoy that title, rank, place, and precedence which would have been due to them had their father survived the said Maria Janet, in her own right Baroness Sempill, and had thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Baron Sempill; Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that James Ochoncar Forbes, of Corse, in the county of Aberdeen, Esquire, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Grant, of Drumminor, in the said county of Aberdeen, Esquire, Sarah, wife of Duncan Forbes, of Aberdeen, Esquire, and Caroline Ann, wife of Frederick Walter Robberds, Clerk, Bachelor of Arts, Rector of Saltford, in the county of Somerset, the brother and sisters of the said William, now Baron Sempill, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy the same title, rank, place, pre-eminence, and precedence as the son and daughters of a Baron, as if their late father had succeeded to the title and dignity of Baron Sempill:

And Her Majesty has been further pleased to command that the said Royal Order and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

(H. 3136.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, April 18, 1887.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following copy of a Telegram, from Her Majesty's Governor of Malta:—" Quarantine term of 21 days, fixed by notice 25th March, reduced to ten days. Vessels from Sicily allowed to discharge and take cargo in quarantine."

(H. 3177.)

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),

London, April 19, 1887.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon:—"Sicilian and other Italian Mediterranean ports declared free from cholera from April 7."