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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 Monday, the 17th of March, at two o'clock.

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

N.B. The Knights of the several Orders are to appear at the Levee in their Collars, it being (St. Patrick's Day) a Collar-day.

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,

Gentlemen who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levees, 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.

Gentlemen who propose to present others must send in writing the name of such Gentlemen to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, not later than *two days* previous to the Levee, in order that the Lord Chamberlain may submit the names to Her Majesty, when, if they are approved, Presentation Cards will be forwarded. Forms for the purpose can be obtained at the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

Gentlemen who wish to be presented officially should communicate with the heads of their Department, who will provide them with the necessary cards and instructions.

It is particularly requested that the names of the Gentlemen to be presented be *very distinctly written* on the Presentation Cards delivered to the Lord Chamberlain at the Levee, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

LATHOM,
Lord Chamberlain.

Foreign Office, March 11, 1890.

EXTRACT from a Despatch received by the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople:—

"I HAVE the honour to state that it having come to my knowledge that an Iradé had been issued for the settlement of the question of unpaid drawn Turkish bonds, I caused enquiries to be made and ascertained that an Iradé had been issued concerning the settlement of the question of Turkish bonds of the 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1873 loans drawn before the suspension of payment of 1875, and hitherto unpaid.

"I consequently made an application to the Sublime Porte for an official copy of this Iradé, which has now been furnished to me, and I have the honour to enclose a translation of it.

"From this it would appear that the holders will be paid off gradually, and will eventually receive about seventy per cent. of the value of their bonds. New bonds will no longer be issued against the old bonds of the Turkish Consolidated Debt, which are now cancelled through not being presented within the time fixed for their conversion; and from the interest which would have been paid on the new bonds had the issue been continued, a sum of about nine thousand five hundred liras, Turkish, will be available every year until the extinction of the claim, which amounts to about eighty-eight thousand Turkish liras."

(Translation.)

Report of Special Council of Ministers.

THE owners of the bonds which were drawn before the stoppage of payment of the bonds of the 1863, 1864, 1865, and 1873 loans not having come forward, the sums remained deposited with the Crédit Mobilier Company, and were subsequently taken over, with a discount by the Treasury, to be paid on the appearance of the owners.

On account of these persons coming forward, a report was submitted on the 13th Zil Kaade 1305, asking for authority to set aside bonds to the amount of seven hundred and fifty thousand (750,000) liras (nominal value) out of the surplus of the new bonds which will remain over from the conversion, and, after deducting fifteen per cent., to issue them to these men at the market price.

In a letter received from the Ministry of