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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1890.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 25, 1890.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Wednesday, the 21st of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
May 16, 1890.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Whit-Monday, the 26th instant.

Whitehall, May 15, 1890.

THE following Address was presented to the Queen by the Local Authority of Aylesbury on the occasion of Her Majesty's passing through that town on Her way to Waddesdon Manor to visit Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild :—

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Chairman and Members of the Local Authority of this ancient town of Aylesbury, humbly approach Your Majesty to express our happiness and sense of honour conferred upon us, and the Inhabitants whom we represent, by this opportunity of shewing their loyalty and devotion to Your Crown and Person. We are deeply sensible of the many blessings this nation enjoys through the wise and beneficent rule of Your Majesty, and of the kindly interest taken by Your Gracious Majesty in all that concerns the welfare of Your subjects. It is our earnest hope and prayer that under Divine Providence Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over the destinies of Your vast Empire, and that every earthly blessing may rest on Your Majesty and the Members of Your Royal Family.

Given under our common seal this 14th day of May, 1890.

Thomas Horwood, Chairman.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer :—

“ I RECEIVE with pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address. It gives Me great satisfaction to visit your town and see around Me so many signs of prosperity and happiness. I earnestly pray for the lasting welfare of My subjects here as well as in all other parts of My dominions.”

War Office, May 16, 1890.

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

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—

Vice - Admiral John Kennedy Erskine Baird,
Royal Navy.

Whitehall, April 23, 1890.

THE Queen, taking into Her Royal consideration that upon the decease of George William Hamilton, Earl of Orkney, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, which happened on or about the 21st day of October last, the title and dignity of Earl of Orkney devolved upon his nephew, Edmond Walter, now Earl of Orkney, as the eldest surviving son and heir of Henry Warrender Fitzmaurice, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Henry Warrender Fitzmaurice, who, whilst living, was the next brother and heir presumptive of his immediate elder brother, the said George William Hamilton, Earl of Orkney, whereby, according to the ordinary rules of honour, the brother and sister of the said Edmond Walter, now Earl of Orkney, cannot enjoy that title, rank, place, and precedence which would have been due to them had their late father, the said Henry Warrender Fitzmaurice, survived his brother, the said George William Hamilton, late Earl of Orkney, and thereby succeeded to the title and dignity of Earl of Orkney, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain and declare that Alexander Edmond Fitzmaurice, Esquire, and Isabella Emily, the wife of John Burnham Garrett, Esquire, the brother and sister of the said Edmond Walter, now Earl of Orkney, shall henceforth have, hold, and enjoy the same title, place, pre-eminence, and precedence as if their late father, the said Henry Warrender Fitzmaurice, had survived his brother, the said George William Hamilton, late Earl of Orkney, and had thereby succeeded to the said title and dignity of Earl of Orkney :

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