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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 8, 1895.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated, in London alone, on Saturday, the 25th of May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Friday, the 24th of May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
April 6, 1895.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday, the 8th of May next, at three o'clock.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.

By Her Majesty's Command,

The Ladies who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Room are requested to bring with them to the Drawing Room two large cards, with their names *clearly written* thereon, one to be left with The Queen's Page in Attendance, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to The Queen.

PRESENTATIONS.

The privilege of making presentations to The Queen at a Drawing Room is restricted to those Ladies who have themselves been previously presented to Her Majesty, and who are themselves present at the Drawing Room.

Under such circumstances a Lady has the privilege of presenting one Lady only at a Drawing Room in addition to her Daughters or Daughters-in-law.

This restriction does not apply to Ladies who, from official position or other circumstances, are specially privileged to make presentations to Her Majesty.

The Lady who proposes to present another must send in writing the name of such Lady to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, not later than *two days* previous to the Drawing Room, in order that the Lord Chamberlain may submit the name to Her Majesty, when, if it be approved, presentation cards will be forwarded.

Printed Forms for this purpose can be obtained at the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

It is particularly requested that the names of the Lady to be presented be *very distinctly written* on the presentation cards to be delivered

to the Lord Chamberlain at the Drawing Room, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

The number of Presentations is limited to 200 at each Drawing Room.

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

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

CARRINGTON,
Lord Chamberlain.

Foreign Office, March 1, 1895.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint George Norman Douglass, Esq., to be a Third Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, April 8, 1895.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Sam Ryan as Consul of the United States of America at St. John's, Newfoundland.

Downing Street, April 6, 1895.

THE Right Honourable Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Bart., G.C.M.G., who has been appointed by Her Majesty to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope with its Territories and Dependencies, becomes Her Majesty's High Commissioner for South Africa, and Governor of British Bechuanaland, in virtue of Commissions under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, dated respectively the 20th of August, 1889, and 1st of July, 1891, which provide in general terms that the Officer for the time being administering the Government of the Cape Colony shall hold and discharge those offices.

As High Commissioner for South Africa, Sir Hercules Robinson will, under an Order of the Queen in Council, dated the 2nd of February, 1884, be charged with the duty of exercising all legislative and executive authority in Her Majesty's name in Basutoland.