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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1896.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 19, 1896.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 20th of May next, at all Naval and Military Stations, as well as in London.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 10, 1896.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Thursday, the 23rd April next, at three o'clock.

N.R.—The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars, it being a Collar-Day.

**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 the 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.

LATHOM,
Lord Chamberlain.

War Office, March 31, 1896.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer in the recent expedition to Ashanti:

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

Honorary Major-General Sir Francis Cunningham Scott, K.C.M.G., C.B.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in the Army in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during the recent Expedition to Ashanti. Dated 25th March, 1896:—

Honorary Colonel Sir Francis Cunningham Scott, K.C.M.G., C.B., is specially granted the honorary rank of Major-General.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Francis James Kempster, D.S.O., the Royal Munster Fusiliers, to be (extra) Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, with the rank of Brevet Colonel.

BREVET.

To be Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable Frederick William Stopford, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Aldershot.