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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
May 20, 1898.*

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that a Drawing Room will be held at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday, the 8th of June next (instead of on the 6th of June as previously announced), at three o'clock.

**REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED.**

*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 Ladies 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 at each Drawing Room is limited to 200.

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 Levées.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

LATHOM,  
Lord Chamberlain.

*War Office, May 24, 1898.*

**A** DESPATCH and its enclosure, of which the following are copies, have been received by the Secretary of State for War from the General Officer Commanding the Force in Egypt:—

**NILE EXPEDITION, 1898.**

From the General Officer Commanding the Force in Egypt to the Under Secretary of State for War, War Office, London, S.W.

*Head-Quarters, Cairo,*

*April 22, 1898.*

SIR,

1. I HAVE the honour to forward for the information of the Secretary of State for War the accompanying Despatch from Major-General Sir Herbert Kitchener, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Sirdar, describing the operations of the Force under his command from 16th March to the 8th April, including the expedition to Shendy, the cavalry reconnaissance of March 30th and 4th April, and the battle of the Atbara.

The result of those skilfully conducted operations has been the entire destruction of Mahmud's Army, which left Shendy on the 12th March 18,900 strong.

2. The attack on the Dervish position at Shendy, well conceived by the Sirdar and ably carried out by Brevet Major Hickman, D.S.O., in command of the Infantry, and Commander Keppel, D.S.O., in charge of gunboats, resulted in the destruction of Mahmud's Base, and the evacuation of that position by the Dervishes.

3. The cavalry reconnaissances of the 30th March and 4th April were skilfully and ably carried out by Major-General Hunter, D.S.O. The gallant charge of the Egyptian cavalry is worthy of notice.

4. In the attack on Mahmud's Camp on the 8th April the British Brigade displayed that discipline and those fighting qualities for which Her Majesty's Army has ever been distinguished.

5. The attack, which took place over open ground, against a strongly entrenched position, was conducted with the greatest steadiness and excellent fire discipline, and the assault was delivered with vigour and dash.