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FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1900.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 13, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given, that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Monday, the 2nd of April next, at two o'clock.

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

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S LEVÉES TO BE HELD AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Gentlemen who propose to attend Her Majesty's Levées 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 Levée, 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 Levée, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

HOPETOUN,
Lord Chamberlain.

War Office, March 16, 1900.

THE following Despatch has been received from Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., G.C.B., &c., Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa:—

From Field-Marshal Lord Roberts to the Secretary of State for War.

*Army Head-Quarters, South Africa,
Camp, Jacobsdal,*

MY LORD, February 17, 1900.

1. I HAVE the honour to forward a Despatch, which Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen has prepared on the action at Magersfontein, on the 10th and 11th December, 1899.

2. Lord Methuen has been requested to expedite the submission of the complete list of the Officers and men belonging to the Black Watch, whom he considers worthy of special mention.

I have, &c.,

ROBERTS, Field-Marshal,
Commanding-in-Chief, South Africa.

Modder River Camp,

SIR, February 15, 1900.

1. I HAVE the honour to inform you that any further advance by the railway was out of the question, owing to the large kopjes on either side which had been strongly entrenched. Besides, there was not sufficient water by that route to Kimberley.

2. Anticipating my possible advance along the Modder River, the enemy had entrenched a very strong position running north-west.

3. The northern portion of the position consists of a kopje about 3 miles long, the southern end terminating in a high hill which is the key of the position. From the south end of this kopje, an underfeature, covered with low bush, extends about 5 miles to the Modder River. This portion of the position was also entrenched.

4. So long as this kopje, named Majesfontein, remained in possession of the enemy, I did not feel justified with my small force in marching up the Modder River, for my line of communication would have been in danger, and my transport could only carry five days' provisions. Had I marched round by Jacobsdal to Brown's Drift, I should have had to fight my way across the river in the face of a mobile force consisting of 16,000 men.

5. Had I elected to fight my way through the bushy ground with small slope between Majesfontein and the Modder River, I should have incurred