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*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
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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.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 28, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Wednesday, 4th April next, on every week day, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

Admiralty, March 28, 1900.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir Robert H. Harris, K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa, reporting proceedings of Naval Brigade from the time of reaching Lord Methuen's Headquarters to the Battle of Graspan:—

H.M.S. "Doris," Simon's Bay,

SIR, 4th December, 1899.

IN accordance with your orders I left Simon's Bay on Sunday the 19th November, and arrived with the Naval Brigade at Lord Methuen's Headquarters at about 1 o'clock on the 22nd. On reporting myself to Lord Methuen I received orders to accompany him that afternoon to Belmont. Having to wait for transport from Orange River, which arrived very late in the evening, I could not manage to leave until the brigade had already marched some hours. Having packed waggons and harnessed mules I marched at 8.30 to Belmont. Being a long column it was necessarily a very slow march, and the mules were troublesome.

2. On arriving within one mile of Belmont I received orders through a staff officer to go back along the road, and to be in Belmont by 3 o'clock next morning to report myself to the General. On arriving at headquarters at 3 A.M., I received orders to communicate with Colonel Hall, commanding Royal Artillery; having met him, I marched out of Belmont by road in company with Colonel Hall's battery of field artillery. After clearing Belmont kopjes we turned off the road on the open veldt; day was just dawning, and we could see the top of the line of kopjes held by the enemy. We were then advancing towards the centre of his position, over very rough ground intersected with dykes. This tried our gun-mountings very severely.

Unfortunately one gun capsized, but was soon righted, and I was relieved to find that there was no damage done, and that the dockyard work stood the test so well.

On proceeding to higher ground a view of the Boers' position was then obtained. A long line of kopjes, which looked very much higher at dawn of day than they really were, the light being very bad indeed, and the sun coming up behind the kopjes cast dark shadows, which made it very hard to distinguish any objects. In addition to this there was a mist round the lower part of the kopjes.