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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
April 16, 1900.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated in London alone on Wednesday, the 23rd May next, and at all other Stations, Naval and Military, on Thursday, the 24th May next.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
April 24, 1900.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, the 11th, and on Monday, the 14th of May next, 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.

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Lord Chamberlain.

*Privy Council Office, April 24, 1900.*

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

NOTICE is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council approving certain Pilot Signals in substitution for the Signals authorized by Order in Council of 12th December, 1894.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

*Whitehall, April 24, 1900.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to grant the dignities of Earl and Duke of the said United Kingdom unto Alexander William George, Duke of Fife, K.T., by the names, styles, and titles of Earl of Macduff, in the county of Banff, and Duke of Fife: With remainder to the heirs male of his body by his marriage with Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar of Wales.

With remainder in default of such issue to their elder daughter, Alexandra Victoria Alberta Edwina Louise Duff, commonly called Lady Alexandra Victoria Alberta Edwina Louise Duff, by the names, styles, and titles of Countess of Macduff, in the county of Banff, and Duchess of Fife: and after her decease with remainder to her heirs male by the names, styles, and titles of Earl of Macduff and Duke of Fife.