

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.

HOPETOUN,
Lord Chamberlain.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 18, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Friday next, the 25th instant, on every week day, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 15th day of May, 1900.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is hereby ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the prohibition now subsisting under Her Majesty's Proclamation of the eleventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred, on the exportation out of the United Kingdom or the carrying coastwise of—

Picric Acid (Trinitro-phenol),
Trinitro-Cresol,
Carbolic Acid (Phenol),
Cresylic Acid (Cresol),

be, and the said prohibition is hereby, taken off.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners of Customs are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 15th day of May, 1900.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and four of "The Explosives Act, 1875," it is enacted that Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, declare that any substance which appears to Her Majesty to be specially dangerous to life or property by reason either of its explosive properties, or of any process in the manufacture thereof being liable to explosion, shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act, and the provisions of the said Act (subject to such exceptions, limitations, and restrictions as may be specified in the Order) shall accordingly extend to any such substance in like manner as if it were included in the term explosive in the said Act:

And whereas acetylene when in admixture with air or oxygen is specially dangerous to life or property by reason of its explosive properties:

And whereas the provisions of section one of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," have been complied with:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to order and declare and be it ordered and declared as follows:—

Acetylene when in admixture with atmospheric air or with oxygen gas in whatever proportion and at whatever pressure and whether or not in

admixture with other substances shall be deemed to be an explosive within the meaning of the said Act.

And whereas by section forty-three of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is provided that Her Majesty, from time to time by Order in Council, may prohibit, either absolutely or except in pursuance of a license of the Secretary of State under the said Act, or may subject to conditions or restrictions the manufacture, keeping, importation from any place out of the United Kingdom, conveyance, and sale, or any of them, of any explosive which is of so dangerous a character that in the judgment of Her Majesty it is expedient for the public safety to make such Order.

And whereas it is in the judgment of Her Majesty expedient for the public safety that acetylene in admixture with air or oxygen, when an explosive within the meaning of this Order, shall be prohibited.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and prescribe that acetylene in admixture with air or oxygen, declared to be an explosive by this Order shall be prohibited from being manufactured, imported, kept, conveyed or sold.

Provided that nothing in this Order shall apply to acetylene in admixture with air when such admixture takes place only in a burner or contrivance in which the mixture is intended to be burnt.

Provided also that nothing in this Order shall be held to apply to an admixture of acetylene and air which may unavoidably occur in the first use or re-charging of an apparatus, properly designed and constructed with a view to the production of pure acetylene.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Downing Street, May 16, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Frederick Driver, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Presidency of Montserrat.

Downing Street, May 17, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of John Joseph Camacho, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Island of Antigua.

Whitehall, May 16, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Alfred James Newton, of "The Wood," Sydenham Hill, in the parish of Lewisham, in the county of Kent, and of Kottingham House, Burton-on-Trent, in the county of Stafford, Lord Mayor of the City of London, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Crown Office, May 17, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to grant unto the Right Honourable Michael, Lord Morris, late a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, an annuity of £3,750, for life, commencing from the 10th day of May instant, inclusive, and payable quarterly.