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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,

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NOTICE is Hereby Given, that Her Majesty will hold a Levee at St. James's-Palace, on Friday, the 9th June next, at Two o'Clock.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S
LEVEE AT ST. JAMES'S-PALACE.

The Noblemen and Gentlemen who purpose to attend Her Majesty's Levee at St. James's Palace 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 Ante-Room, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to Her Majesty.

Those Gentlemen who are to be presented at the Levee on the 9th of June next, are hereby informed it is absolutely necessary that their names, with the name of the Nobleman or Gentleman who is to present them, should be delivered at the Lord Chamberlain's Office before Wednesday the 7th of June next, by twelve o'clock, in order that they may be submitted for The Queen's approbation; it being Her Majesty's command that no presentation shall be made at the Levee but in conformity with the above Regulations.

It is particularly requested that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

The State Apartments will not be open for the reception of Company coming to Court until half-past one o'clock.

Noticé is hereby given, that all persons having Petitions or Addresses to present to Her Majesty at the Levee on the 9th of June next, are to deliver a card (having on it their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come,) to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, before twelve o'clock, on Wednesday the 7th of June next, and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee; one to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamber-

lain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and on these occasions, no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

ADMIRALTY, June 2, 1854.

DESPATCHES have been received at this Office from Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels in the Baltic, of which the following are copies:—

No. 96.

Her Majesty's Ship Duke of Wellington,
SIR, *off Hango Head, May 20, 1854.*

I BEG to enclose a letter from Captain Yelverton, of the *Arrogant*, giving an account of a smart operation he performed at Ekness, 12 miles in the interior of the country. Great credit is due to him for his perseverance in threading up so narrow and intricate a navigation; and it will show the enemy they are not safe even in their country towns.

Captain Yelverton very properly abstained from damaging the town.

He speaks very highly of the gallantry of Captain Hall, of the *Hecla* (who I am sorry to say is slightly wounded), as also of Lieutenant Haggard, first of the *Arrogant*, and Lieutenant Crew Read, the senior Lieutenant of the *Hecla*, which gallant officer has received a severe wound, which I fear has endangered the sight of his eye. All the officers and men behaved as British seamen and marines were wont to.

I enclose a list of killed and wounded on this service.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) CHAS. NAPIER,
Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

I also enclose a sketch of Ekness, and one of the *Hecla's* funnel.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

Her Majesty's Ship Arrogant,
SIR, *Skagaedslenden, May 20, 1854.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I came into the inner passage yesterday, in company with the *Hecla*, for the purpose of examining the channel.

At three in the afternoon, just as I was about to anchor a little beyond Teverminne, a strong force of the enemy's troops opened their fire upon both ships from behind an extensive sand-bank; the effect, however, of a few broadsides from the Hecla and this ship soon dispersed them.

No one, I am glad to be able to say, was hurt in either vessel.

I did nothing to provoke this attack on the part of the enemy.

I ascertained from a pilot who lives here, that three large Russian loaded merchant-ships were at Ekness, eight miles to the northward. I lost no time in proceeding there early this morning; but did not expect to find the enemy so well prepared to receive me. Owing to the Hecla's light draught of water she led the way; a task not easy to perform in a narrow and intricate passage, exposed as she was to the first of the enemy's fire.

In addition to a field battery of five guns (two of which I dismounted) and one mortar, they had erected a strong battery which they supplied very efficiently; Captain Hall succeeded in dismounting and bringing off three of the guns. The engagement lasted longer than I expected, as they returned to their guns twice in the midst of our fire, and were only compelled to leave them when their guns were destroyed by our shot.

On reaching the anchorage of Ekness, I found that two of the merchantmen were aground, but Captain Hall brought out one under the fire of a battery, which my draught of water would not allow me to near sufficiently to completely destroy. I most carefully avoided firing one shot in or near the town of Ekness, directing the whole of the fire of the guns exclusively to the batteries and troops attacking us, which consisted, in addition to the brigade of Horse Artillery, of a considerable body of cavalry and infantry, moving abreast of the ship as she advanced.

I cannot give sufficient credit to Captain Hall for the assistance he rendered me on this, as on all occasions, since he has been under my orders; the admirable way in which he went in and brought out his prize, under a galling fire from the enemy, deserves the greatest praise.

I beg also to call to your favourable notice Lieut. H. V. Haggard, Senior Lieutenant of this ship, whose most zealous services at all times were particularly displayed on this occasion, and also that of the whole of the officers, seamen, and marines, of Her Majesty's ship under my command.

I regret to say that I had one man killed, and five wounded. I must not omit to mention how very highly Captain Hall speaks of Lieutenant Crewe Read, First Lieutenant of the Hecla, for the support he had from him throughout the engagement (until he was unfortunately wounded and carried below), as also from the officers, seamen, and marines, of Her Majesty's ship under his command.

I beg leave to enclose herewith a list of casualties on board the Hecla and Arrogant, in the engagement.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. R. YELVERTON,
Captain.

A List of Casualties on board Her Majesty's ship Arrogant, on the 20th May 1854, when engaged with the Enemy.

William Dingle, A.B., killed instantaneously; shot through the heart.
William Vincent, Stoker, mortally wounded; since shot through the abdomen.

William Glover, Captain Mizen-top, slightly wounded; contusion of back.

Fergus Thomas, Private R.M.; severe contusion of foot.

Joseph Brown, A.B.; slight contusion of loins.

Thomas Brunner, Ordinary; contusion of hand.

(Signed) J. GALLAGHER, M.D.,
Surgeon.

(Signed) H. R. YELVERTON,
Captain.

List of Wounded on board Her Majesty's ship Hecla, 20th May 1854.

Captain W. H. Hall, Captain, slightly wounded; bruise of right leg from a spent rifle ball.

O. Crewe Read, First Lieutenant; a severe but not dangerous wound of left eye and cheek, from a spent rifle ball.

T. Brock, Pilot, slightly wounded; bruise of right thigh from a splinter.

T. Lamborne, Boy, 2d class; a severe but not dangerous flesh wound of left arm, from rifle ball.

John McCarthy, Ordinary; hit by round shot and afterwards drowned.

(Signed) ROBERT POTTINGER,
Surgeon.

WHITEHALL, May 31, 1854.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the Queen; which Addresses Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE have received with lively gratitude the gracious letter in which your Majesty has been pleased to express hearty satisfaction on the occasion of our present Meeting, and to renew the assurance of the royal sanction to the annual sitting of the General Assemblies of this National Church.

It cannot fail to afford us unmingled pleasure to learn that your Majesty regards the constant proofs which former Assemblies have given of loyalty and attachment to your person and Government, and the wisdom and prudence that distinguished their Councils, as affording an earnest of the continued efficacy of our deliberations under the divine guidance and blessing, in conducting to the welfare and true interests of the Established Church, to the advancement of pure religion among its members, and to the promotion of the prosperity and happiness of your Majesty's subjects in Scotland.

We derive great encouragement from the expression of your Majesty's confidence in the spirit of discretion and forbearance with which it is our earnest purpose to fulfil the solemn and important duties entrusted to us, and from your Majesty's declared determination to extend undiminished protection to the Church of Scotland, and to uphold it in the enjoyment of its ancient rights and privileges.

The re-appointment of Lord Belhaven as the representative of your royal person in the General Assembly, is welcomed by us with cordial and unfeigned congratulation, as he has in time past distinguished himself by his zeal and fidelity, his dis-

