

Journal of Two Goseys
by
Ladies Charlotte & Mary Hill

Volume 2:
22nd February – 8th April 1814

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Introduction to Volume 2

(See Volume 1 for a background note, and who's who in the immediate family.)

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Whereas Volume 1 of the Hill Journal covers a period of nine months (with gaps) in some 8,400 words, the manuscript of Volume 2 (in a paperback notebook) spans hardly more than six weeks of London life in as many or more words – and without gaps. This reflects a change of gear: the Journalists are beginning to enjoy themselves, describing not merely who was there, but what they thought of some of them.

They resent being obliged to be civil to Old Twaddles. Woe betide you if you are “enormously fat” or have “a red face”. And there are more or less detailed descriptions – of the Duchesse d’Oldenburg accompanied by her “two old furies”; the painter, Cosway (“perfectly mad”), and their first London Assembly, “the old Duchesse de Coigny with her white Satin Shoes wading thro’ the mud” – to cite but three.

Mock seriously, the arrangements existing within the mini court that is the Journalists’ mother, the Dowager Marchioness of Downshire and Baroness Sandys (MDS)’s household, are set out – “we having the Management of her Establishment”. Besides various weekly lessons, more than every third day there are guests to dine, as well as numerous callers. The Journalists not only attend church services, but even a Lent talk or two (“very beautiful indeed”). They weep at the news of the death of their great-aunt (“the dear old Duchess”). They tremble (“very much frightened indeed”) before going to meet French royalty. They tease Lord Stawell, a sort of favourite uncle, and rejoice at the coming of Spring – more so, at the news of victories, which flows regularly from the Continent.

Yes, the repetition and enthusiasm can be tiresome, but the Journal is becoming somewhat more interesting now, and – for both writers and readers – a worthwhile project.

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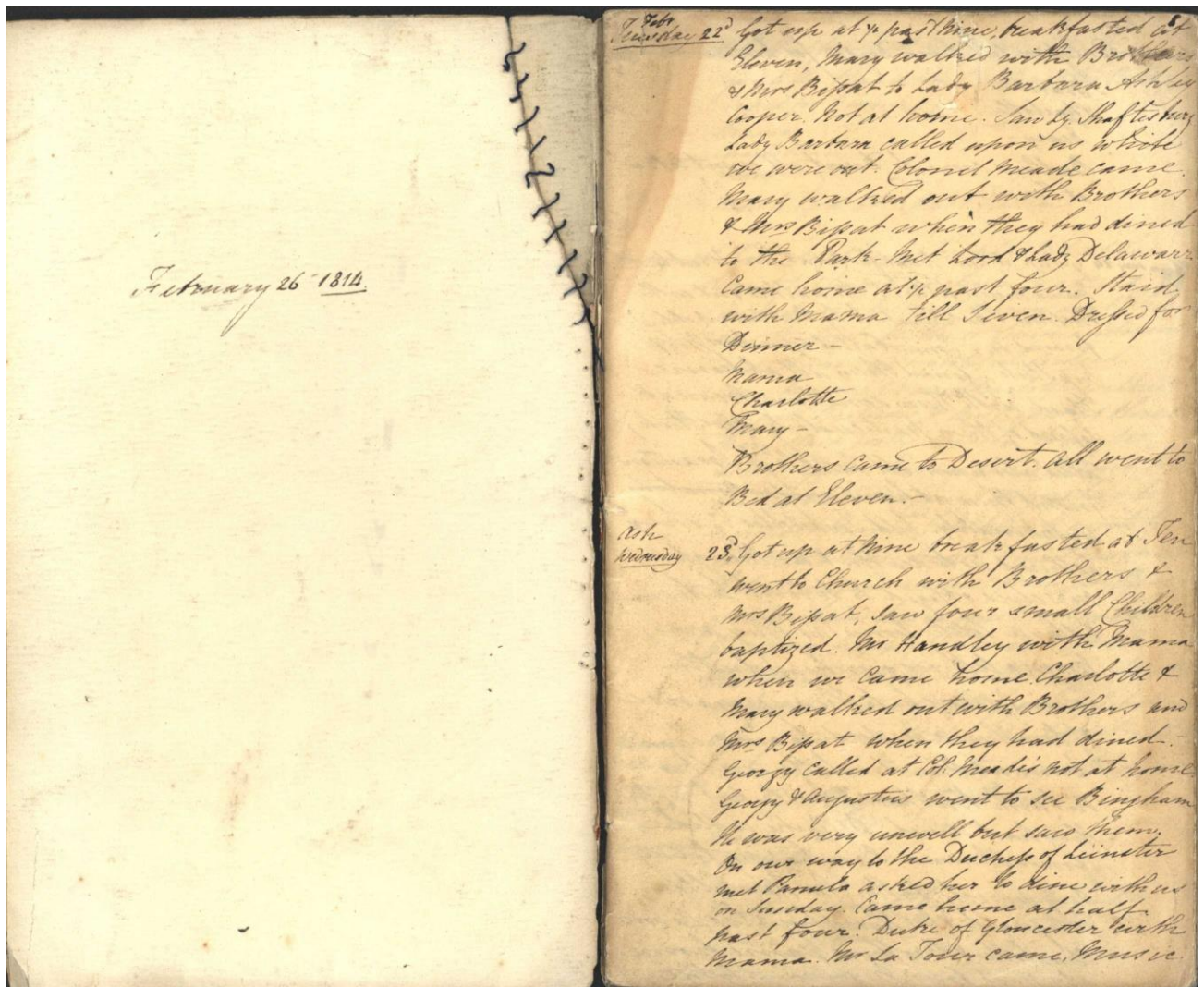
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Vol. 2

22nd February to 8th April 1814: written from 21 Hanover Square, London

Feb 22 Tuesday 22d

Got up at 1/2 past Nine, breakfasted at Eleven. Mary walked with Brothers & Mrs Bissat to Lady Barbara Ashley Cooper. Not at home. Saw Ly. Shaftesbury¹. Lady Barbara called upon us while we were out. Colonel Meade came. Mary walked out with Brothers & Mrs Bissat when they had dined to the Park. Met Lord & Lady Delawarr. Came home at 1/2 past four. Staid with Mama till Seven. Dressed for Dinner –

¹ (Lady Barbara's mother) NB An index of names is at the end.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Brothers came to Desert. All went to Bed at Eleven.

Ash Wednesday 23d [February 1814]

Got up at Nine breakfasted at Ten. Went to Church with Brothers & Mrs Bissat, saw four small Children baptized. Mr Handley² with Mama when we came home. Charlotte & Mary walked out with Brothers and Mrs Bissat when they had dined. Georgy called at Col. Meade's. Not at home. Georgy & Augustus went to see Bingham. He was very unwell but saw them. On our way to the Duchess of Leinster met Pamela, asked her to dine with us on Sunday. Came home at half past four. Duke of Gloucester with Mama. Mr La Tour came. Music Lesson till Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Brothers came to Desert, all went to Bed at Ten

Thursday 24

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama, much better. C. & M. walked out with Brothers & Mrs Bissat to Ly Barbara Ashley, found her gone. Called upon Mrs Mr & Miss Steele, found them all at home. Staid with them some time (we are all so fond of them, particularly of Mr Steele).

Called also upon old Mrs & Miss Swanton, found them at home unfortunately. Old Twaddles!! They bothered us to death & we thought ourselves obliged to be Civil to them & stay a little time (as they are, Mama tells us, our kindredth Cousins³) much to the annoyance of Brothers & indeed to our's.

Came home at One. Charlotte walked out with Brothers & Mrs Bissat after they had dined. Dr Clarke called (found Mama I am happy to say very much better). Mr Hamilton Fitzgerald & Mr Handley also came. Charlotte & Brothers came home at 1/2 past four. Mary went to the

² MDS' solicitor and indispensable man of affairs

³ The exact relationship is not apparent.

Bath at five with Edwards, as Mrs Bissat was going to the Play with Brothers & Mr Bettans.

Dressed for Dinner

Mama

Charlotte

Mary

Went to Bed at ½ past Eleven.

Friday, 25th [February 1814]

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten. All went to Church at eleven to attend Mr Hodgson's Lectures during Lent. This was the first. On the 10th Commandment⁴ and it was very beautiful indeed. Came home at one.

Charlotte walked out with Brothers & Mrs Bissat at three. Mary staid with Mama, to write Letters (Georgy having asked Mama to let him go with Marcus & Augustus to Eversholt. Mama had told him to write to Mr Reed⁵ which he did & that Morning he had received an ansr. from Mr Reed granting him his request, wch made him very happy. Mama settled that they should all three go back on Monday next.)

Mr Gyles, Ly Salisbury & Georgiana called. Charlotte & Brothers came home. Gerald Wellesley came, asked him to Dine here tomorrow. Finished writing for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama

Charlotte

Mary

Brothers came to Desert. All went to Bed at Eleven.

Saturday 26th

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten; Marcus, Augustus & Georgy went to Mr Waite⁶. Mr Jennings called. Received Letters from Arthur. Mrs Thellusson, Colonel Robarts's eldest Sister very dangerously Ill, at Brighton. Brothers went to Carlton House. Came home at Two. Dined, Charlotte walked with them & Mrs Bissat to the Park. Mary staid at home. Mr Hamilton FitzGerald called. Mama received a letter from Colonel Robarts, announcing the death of his Sister, & of the continued and alarming indisposition of his youngest Sister.

⁴ *You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.* — Exodus 20:17

⁵ Tutor to MDS' younger sons, and Rector of Eversholt, Bedfordshire, some 40 miles North of London

⁶ The dentist

C. & Brothers came home. Mr La Tour came. Music Lesson till half past Six. Wrote the Journal which we had left off for some Days, having finished our Book⁷. Dressed for Dinner.

Lady Mornington
Lady Downshire
Lady Charlotte
Lady Mary
Gerald Wellesley

At ½ past Ten Lady Mornington went away. Mama went in her Chair to Lady Salisbury. Mary & Charlotte went in the Coach with Gerald and Mrs Bissat. The first assembly we ever were at.⁸ Did not like it one quarter as much as our delightful Evenings at Brighton. Came home at Twelve. Mama went to the Bath.

Sunday 27 [February 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama, found her I am happy to say not at all the worse for going out last night. Charlotte, Marcus, Augustus & Georgy went to Church. Mary staid at home with Mama, read prayers. Charlotte & Brothers came home at ½ past one. All four went out walking with Mrs Bissat at three. Called upon Lady Cunningham, & the Lady Bingham, found them all at home. Mr Charles Grenfell came. Sr Philip Francis, & Lord Glenbervie and Mr North. C. & Brothers came home at five. Mary wrote a Letter for Mama.

Dressed for Dinner

Pamela FitzGerald
Ly Downshire
Ly Charlotte
Ly Mary
Lord William FitzGerald
Colonel Meade
Mr Hamilton FitzGerald
Mr Lawrence

Kept Brothers up till half past Twelve, tho' they were to go off to Eversholt the next Morning at Six o'clock. Went to Bed a little before One.

⁷ That is, the paperback notebook in which volume 1 was originally drafted. See the Introduction to that volume.

⁸ *The Ladies, I see, made their Debut at Hatfield*, wrote Sir Philip Francis to MDS on 3rd November the previous year, so maybe this was their London "Debut".

Sunday 28th [February 1814]

Brothers came to us at Six o'clock this Morning to kiss us & wish us good bye. They went off in pretty good Spirits.⁹ Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten. A very dull breakfast without our three dear Brothers. Went to Mama. Found her pretty well.

Mary wrote to Mrs Handley to ask her whether she would come here tomorrow by Eleven to go with Charlotte to Church, it being St David's Day & Arthur is a Vice President. Mr Edmunds called, Treasurer of the Welsh Charity School. Mama gave him Arthur's subscription, & promised to send her Carriage with the State Liveries, & that we should all go to Church.

Mr Jennings called, & the Dowr. Lady de Clifford. Charlotte & Mary went out in the Coach with Mrs Bissat after she had dined. Called upon Lady Anne C. Smith, found her at home. Went afterwards to the Duchess of Leinster. Saw Pamela, & asked her to come with us to Church tomorrow. Came home at four. Ly Salisbury & Georgiana called. Mr Latour came. Music Lesson till Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Went to Bed at Eleven.

March

Tuesday 1st

Got up at Nine. A very wet rainy Morning. Breakfasted at Ten. Pamela came to breakfast with us, but could not go to Church the Duchess being afraid of the Damp for her. At eleven Mrs Handley came, and went with Mrs Bissat, & Charlotte & Mary in the Carriage to join the Procession. The Day being so wet the Servants had not their State Liveries. Arrived at Grays Inn Lane¹⁰ just as the Procession was going to begin. The Children were put in Hackney Coaches.

⁹ This was evidently not Georgy's first departure from the nest: Downshire had written to MDS on 23rd October 1813, *You will miss George Augusta, but I am glad he is gone to Mr Reed. Next year the Sea will be talked of.* (He eventually made his career in the army, before becoming an improving landowner in co. Donegal.)

¹⁰ The Welsh Charity School (for girls) was established in 1716, moving to Gray's Inn Lane in 1772, and then to Ashford, Kent in 1857: it closed in 2009.

We arrived at St Martin's Church¹¹ at about Ten Minutes before one. The Prayers were read in Welsh & a very good Sermon preached in English by the Bishop of Chester¹². The Church a fine old one, very Cold; a very beautiful organ given by the King. Considering the badness of the Day it was tolerably full; at ½ past Two, we left the Church, & the Children in Nine Hackney Coaches, stopped before Northumberland House (Lord Percy was president, & very civilly had ordered the Duke's Pew to be got ready for Mama) & gave three Cheers, they did the same before Carlton House, the Duke of Norfolk's (& Sr W.W. Wynne). They passed thro' Hanover Sqre & we came home at half past Three. Very Cold & hungry.

Cranborne called. Colonel Meade came. Wrote letters for the Post. Sat working with Mrs Handley till half past Six. Dressed for Dinner

Mrs Handley
Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Cranborne

Waltzed¹³ & played the whole Evening. Mama's Carriage took Mrs H. home at eleven.

Cranborne went away at half past. Went to Bed at Twelve.

Wednesday 2 [March 1814]

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama, worked. Went out at four to see Lady Mary* a Mare of Lord Stawell's¹⁴. Came home at five. Mr G. Ponsonby called. Mr La Tour till half past Six. Company to Dinner

Pamela
Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Colonel Meade
Mr C. Grenfell

Went to Bed at One.

*NB So named after me (Mary). He has another named Ly Charlotte after me (Charlotte).

¹¹ St Martin's in the Fields: the building of which was begun less than a century before this Journal entry. George I donated £1,500 for the organ.

¹² Bishop Law, consecrated 1812, served till 1824.

¹³ This had recently been a controversial activity within the family: see Appendix.

¹⁴ The Journalists' favourite "uncle" (in fact, their grandfather's step-son)

Thursday 3d [March 1814]

Got up at ½ past Nine. Breakfasted at half past Ten. Went to Mama, found her quite well. Mr Handley came & staid with Mama as usual two or three hours upon business. Charlotte and Mary busied themselves in the next room. Col. Bloomfield came to us and we made out some French Letters for him¹⁵. Sr Gilbert Blane called. At half past three Colonel Meade (Hotspur) came. Mama ordered out the little Grey Ponies & Phaeton for him to see. Ld Ossulston came. Mama asked Hotspur to drive the Ponies round the Square, he likes them of all things. Lord Ossulston went & Capt. Codrington came. A Cold March day, did not go out. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Knit & talked till Eleven. Went to Bed.

Friday 4th

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Nasty, Cold, Snowy, Sloppy, March, Day. Could not go to Church to attend Mr Hodgson's Lecture. Mr Hamilton FitzGerald called, & Mr Ogilvie. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us in the Evening. Went to Bed at eleven.

Saturday 5th

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama. Better than she was yesterday. A worse day if possible than yesterday. Charlotte got a Cold in her Head. No Letters from Eversholt!! Can't think why. (Very bad news, A report of an armistice between the Austrians & Buonaparte¹⁶). Wrote Letters for the Post. Nobody called. Mr La Tour came, Music Lesson till Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Knit & talked & wrote the Journal till Eleven.

¹⁵ The Colonel being the Prince Regent's secretary, and MDS' lover.

¹⁶ Following upon Napoleonic victories at Montmirail and Vauchamps.

Sunday 6th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. A very Bad Day. Did not go to Church. Charlotte a very bad Cold. Sr Philip Francis called, Lord Bruce. Mary went out in the Carriage. Mr Francis called. Mary came home. Pamela came with Mr Ogilvie. Neither of them could dine with us.

Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Lord William FitzGerald
Colonel Meade
Mr Hamilton FitzGerald

Mrs Crosbie came in the Evening. Went to Bed at Twelve.

Monday 7th

Got up at Nine. Mary a very bad Cold & Head Ache. Breakfasted at Ten. Letters from Brothers from Eversholt at last. All well & Georgy likes it very much. Lord Stawell came. Mama asked him to dinner. Mr Michael Angelo Taylor came, also Mr Charles Moore. Wrote Letters for the Post. Mr La Tour till Six. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Lord Stawell

Mary staid up stairs. Went to bed at half past eleven.

Tuesday 8th

Got up at Ten. Breakfasted at Eleven. Mr Handley came to Mama. Miss C. Cooper called. Dr Burton came. Had read in the Papers of the death of his Son Cecil in India. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Lord Stawell

Went to Bed at eleven.

Wednesday 9th

Got up at Eleven. A dismal foggy day. Nobody called. Knit & read the whole day. Mr La Tour from five till seven. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Ld Clifden¹⁷
Ld Stawell

Went to Bed at eleven.

Thursday 10th [March 1814]

Got up at Ten. A Snowy day. Read & knit all day. Wrote no letters for the Post. Colonel Bloomfield called. Practised on the Piano Forte. Dressed for Dinner.

Miss Wellesley Pole
Mrs Crosbie
Lady Downshire
Lady Charlotte Hill
Lady Mary Hill
Mr Wellesley Pole
Colonel Meade
Mr Charles Moore

Went to Bed at ½ past Eleven.

Friday 11th

Got up at Ten. A very bad Morning as usual. Wrote the Journal. Knit read & practised. Lord Robert FitzGerald & Genl. Bligh called. Good News arrived from France. Prince Schwartzenberg retaken Troyes¹⁸ & marching to Paris. Monsieur¹⁹ an Army of 8,000 men. Reported that Lord Wellington has crossed the Adour without interruption. Wrote letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Could not go to Devonshire House. Colds & weather so bad. Mama read to us “Mémoires d’un Voyageur qui se repose”²⁰. Went to Bed at eleven.

¹⁷ A neighbour – 22 Hanover Square

¹⁸ Following the Battle of Bar-sur-Aube on 27th February

¹⁹ Brother to the late King Louis XVI

²⁰ By Louis Dutens, published 1806 – a 3-volume autobiography in the form of a novel

Saturday 12th [March 1814]

Got up at Ten. A fine Sunny Morning. Quite Cheering. Mama read to us a Chapter of our Book. Lord Winchelsea & Gerald Wellesley came. Ld W. told us that all the Orange Family are to come over²¹ in the Spring. Mr Warre came. Wrote the Journal. Mr La Tour came. Music Lesson till Seven. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us in the Evening. Went to Bed at ½ past eleven.

Sunday 13th

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at ½ past Ten. Such a damp thawing Morning, cd not go to Church with Colds. Read prayers at home. Colonel Robarts came. Cranborne came & sat an hour with us. Asked him to dine here on Tuesday. Lord Glerawley Colonel Bloomfield & Sr Claudius Hunter called. Wrote the Journal. Mama read to us. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us. Went to Bed at eleven.

Monday 14

Got up at Nine. A Cold Damp day. Received Letters from Eversholt. Mr Handley came. Mr Jennings called. Wrote letters for the Post. Very bad news from Holland, failure of Sr Thomas Graham at Bergen op Zoom²². Colonel Meade called. Good news from the Allies in France. Finished our Letters. Col. Robarts came. Mr La Tour till Seven. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us in the Evening. Went to Bed at ½ past Eleven.

²¹ From Amsterdam

²² This was as long ago as 3rd February: *Night attacks on good troops are seldom successful*, was Wellington's comment, when given the news.

Tuesday 15th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Did a Lesson with Mr Bettans. Went to Mama. News that Lord Wellington had entered Bordeaux[sic] without a shot having been fired.²³ Mde de Mansigny came, Lord Bruce, Mrs Stuart (Wife of the Primate of Ireland) & Mr Robarts.

Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Lady Glerawley
Lady Downshire
Pamela FitzGerald
Charlotte
Mary
Lord Glerawley
Cranborne
Colonel Meade
Colonel Robarts
Mr Robarts

Waltzed & played. Went to Bed at Twelve.

Wednesday 16th

Got up at Ten. Breakfasted at Eleven, went to Mama. Read & wrote with Mr Bettans. Went out in the Carriage with Mama. Heard that Marshal Blücher had defeated Buonaparte.²⁴ Came home at five. Mr La Tour till seven. Cranborne came to know Mr Polidori's direction, being very impatient to learn Italian. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us. Finished the 1st Vol. of the "Voyageur". Went to Bed at 1/2 past eleven.

Thursday 17th

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama. Read & wrote with Mr Bettans. Col. Meade, Mrs & Miss Bathurst, & Lord Glenbervie came. Went out in the Carriage with Mama. Came home at five. Wrote Letters for the Post & the journal. Dressed for Dinner

Lady Charlotte Wynn Belasyse
Miss Byng
Miss Francis
Lady Downshire
Lady Charlotte Hill

²³ General Beresford entered Bordeaux on 12th March with two Divisions, and then rushed back to rejoin Wellington.

²⁴ The Allies claimed Laon (9th/10th March) as a victory, though Napoleon in fact disengaged, recognising he was heavily outnumbered.

Lady Mary Hill
Sr Philip Francis
Mr Wynn Belasyse
Mr Francis
Colonel Robarts
Captain Mills
Mr J.A. Warre (facey[?]²⁵)

Went to Bed at Twelve.

Friday 18th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at 1/2 past Ten. Went to Mama. Read & wrote with Mr Bettans.
Went to Mama. Mr Arden came to cut our Hair.



“Lady Mary’s Hair, cut first time July 13 1797” (a carefully preserved packet in the Sandys Ombersley Collection)

Letters from Brothers from Eversholt, all well. Lord Bulkeley, Miss Palks, & Dr Clarke came.
Wrote the Journal. Wrote letters for the Post. Mr Robarts came. Mr Polidori from five till six.
Dressed for Dinner.

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

A Report that the Preliminaries of Peace had been signed & that Paris was in flames. Mama read to us. Went to Bed at 1/2 past Eleven.

²⁵ Just occasionally the handwriting of the Journalists (normally very legible) is impossible to make out.

Saturday 19th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. A dreadful yellow foggy Day. Went to Mama. A Report that the Duke of Sussex was dead!!! Found out afterwards that it was not true. Went in the Carriage at two o'clock to Kensington Palace to enquire after His R.H., heard he was much better. Colonel Meade called. Mr La Tour from five till seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us while we were knitting. Went to bed at eleven.

Sunday 20th

A beautiful Spring Day wch made us very happy. Went to Mama. Charlotte went to Church with Mrs Bissat. Georgiana Fane dined here. Great News arrived. The Guns fired; Lord Wellington had crossed the Adour, after a great deal of fighting & Ld. Wellington himself was slightly wounded.²⁶ Capt Harding of the 10th Hussars severely²⁷. Lord March dangerously. Capt H. was the only one of your[sic] friends that was wounded, & is doing well.

Went out in the Carriage & saw Major Freemantle, who brought the dispatches; saw Colonel Meade, his Regt. had been there, we are very happy he was not there.

Came home at five. Colonel Robarts came. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Mama read to us in the Evening, went to Bed at eleven.

Monday 21st

Got up at Nine; a wet Day and a delightful thaw. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama. Did a lesson with Mr Bettans. Saw nobody. Got some letters from Eversholt. Sat writing letters with Mama all day. Mr La Tour came. Col Robarts called. Music lesson till Seven.

²⁶ This was at the Battle of Orthez, fought on 27th February. Wellington was knocked off his horse when a bullet-sized canister shot struck his sword hilt. Though in pain from a badly bruised hip, he remounted and continued to direct the battle.

²⁷ Writing to a friend on 8th March, Arthur said: *We were obliged to pass several [of the French] and leave them in our rear, and it was thro' this that Harding was wounded by being stabbed in the back.*

Dined in a hurry, as we are going to Lady Salisbury's assembly in the Evening. Charles had poked out an old Chair which he brushed up for the present and in which we both went²⁸, and Mama in hers. Went at ten. Saw the three dear Steele's, The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel Dalton, Colonel Robarts, Seffy, Lord Worcester, Mr Pole, & Emily, Georgiana FitzRoy, Lord Lucan, & Ly Mary Bingham, Lord & Lady Glerawley[sic], Colonel Bloomfield, Ben King, & Governor Gyles, & a great many more people we did and did not know – thought we should have been stifled in the Crowd. The Duke and Duchesse de Coigny spied us out & tormented Mama to death with their French jabbering. We were also much bothered with Miss Swanton, who was such a figure²⁹!! – one of the old Twaddles we have already mentioned. – C. & M. laughed a great deal.



Emily Marchioness of Salisbury, a copy (Sandys Ombersley Collection) by George Healey of the original by Reynolds (1789), said by Carola Oman (in *The Gascoyne Heiress*) to be a *permanent record of Irish elegance*

Told Colonel Robarts that he was one of Mama's Aid de Camps[sic]. Her other Aid de Camp Hotspur did not come, at wch we were much disappointed, upon the whole we had a great deal of fun, as we are always sure to find something to laugh at. Came home in our Chairs at one. C. & M. laughed heartily at seeing as we passed, the old Duchesse de Coigny with her

²⁸ (Pity the poor chairmen!)

²⁹ The expression "figure" was evidently much used to express disapprobation within the family: Arthur wrote to one of his brothers on 18th February 1813, *You can have no idea of the dirt and filth of Lisbon and its inhabitants, "What figures" you would say a hundred times a day.*

white Satin Shoes wading thro' the mud, with the old Duc, to their Carriage. When we got home, we laughed again, & went to Bed...

We forgot to say that poor Cranborne, after hunting at Hatfield, in the Morning, rode up to town, attended at the House of Commons, & intended to go to the Play & afterwards to come to the Assembly, instead of which however he went to Bed with a Sore throat & Cold. We also saw Mde de Gerebtzoff, who has a red face, also Mlle de Pienne who is enormously fat, & a Miss Wynne who is monstrous.

Tuesday 22d [March 1814]

Got up at Nine; a very fine Sunny Spring Day. Went to Mama, none of us the worse for last night's raking. Charlotte walked out with Mrs Bissat. Mr Jennings came.

Dispatches arrived from Ld. Wellington; Marshal Beresford entered Bourdeaux on the 12th where the White Cockade has been worn ever since. Mama told us she has got Arthur appointed Aid de Camp, to General Ferguson, to go to Holland.

Went out in the Carriage. Came home at five. Colonel Robarts called. Mr Polidori from five till Six. Went to Mama, who is going to dine at Sr Huw Dalrymple Hamilton's. Mama went at Seven, we played, & wrote the Journal till half past nine. Went to Bed.

Wednesday 23d

Charlotte got up at half past Seven! had my head washed, wch is a tremendous long job, & took up the time till past Ten. Mary got up at Nine, & attended Mama in her Dressing Room, & did her errands all the Morning, this being my Waiting Week.

N.B. Mama has got three Aid de Camps, Hotspur (Colonel Meade), Parasol (Col. Palmer), & Colonel Robarts for whom we have not yet found a Name. Charlotte & Mary are her two Dames d'Atours or Ladies in Waiting, and our attendance is weekly. Mr Stewart is her gentleman in Waiting. She used to have two, but we having the Management of her Establishment have thought proper to dismiss the second Gent. for neglect of his Duty & are now looking out for a proper & dutiful attendant.

Mr Brown, a person about Pictures came.³⁰ Waited in vain till Twelve from[sic] Mr Sappio who is to come to us on Wednesday's & Saturday's at Eleven. Mama & Charlotte went out in the Carriage, Mary staid at home. Colonel Meade came, to ask forgiveness for not having attended Mama at Lady Salisbury's on Monday night, having a very bad Cold and cough.



Some of the Sandys Ombersley Collection of portrait miniatures, in one of the two cases provided by Mr Brown – see footnote

Mama & Charlotte came home.

Colonel Robarts came. Obligated to return to the Depot at Brighton tomorrow, & as we could not do otherwise, we gave him a Months leave of absence, enjoining him to return to Duty on the 24th of April.

Mr La Tour from five till Seven. Mama went to the Bath. Dressed for Dinner. Very sleepy. Meant to go to Bed at ½ past Ten. Obligated to sit up copying Letters, till ½ past eleven.

³⁰ *Friday 6th [May 1814] ... Mr Brown came to fix the miniature Cases in the Pillared Rom, they are very pretty indeed... Mary wrote at the back of all the Pictures. (Journal, volume 4)*

Thursday 24th [March 1814]

A Dull wet Day. Ch. got up early & took a walk before it rained. Breakfasted at ½ past Ten. Mary attended as usual.

Mama recd a Letter from Arthur, begging her not to send him to Holland, as he had hopes of going out to Ld Wellington soon, wch he wishes very much to do. Mama sent to Colonel Robarts who came here, to advise how they should get off the appointment, as the D. of York's leave had been obtained. Col. Robarts set off for Brighton, expected to meet A. upon the road.

Mr Brown came at twelve about the Pictures. Ch. read with Mr Bettans. Sr Hew Dalrymple Hamilton came, Lord Worcester & the Duke of Gloucester.

Heard that two Deputies from the South of France had arrived to ask protection for the Bourbons, in favour of whom the whole of that part of France had risen.

Charlotte went out in the Carriage at four with Mrs Bissat, to Miss Jones, & to Pamela, the Dss.³¹ a great deal better.

Came home at five. Wrote letters for the Post. Wrote the Journal. We expect A. for Dinner. Dined – Mama, Charlotte, Mary – Arthur did not come. Went to Bed at eleven.

Friday 25th

Got up at Nine. A fine Sunny Morning. A letter from Arthur saying that he could not get away yesterday, but would be in town to day.

Mama received a letter from the Comte de Gramont, dated March 14th from Bordeaux with a fine account of the Duc d'Angoulème's reception in that town.³² Charlotte & Mary very busy the whole of the day copying it & writing various Letters. Mr Handley came in the Morning to Mama. Colonel Dalton called & Mr Wynn Belasyse. Mr Polidori from five till Six. Arthur arrived.

³¹ of Leinster

³² *It is impossible I can let the courier leave this place for England, without acquainting my generous and tender hearted Friend of the glorious events of the 12th. I arrived in this town announcing the Due D'Angoulème and I was received with acclamations of joy and enthusiasme unequalled... A Te Deum was sung in the Cathedral by the Arch Bishop. Had I not the wish to see it end as well as it begun, and likewise that of seeing my dearest friends again I should say I have now lived enough. Receive from your ever devoted friend the pledge of his most affectionate Love, Gramont*

Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Arthur

Played in the Evening. Went to Bed at half past eleven.

Saturday 26th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. A fine Morning. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama. Mr Brown came about the Pictures. Waited in vain for Mr Sappio. Mr D'Egville at two. Charlotte took her Lesson. Mde de Mansigny came, Colonel Meade & Mr J. Roberts, The Duke of Sussex, Mde de Polignac & Mr Wynn Belasyse. Mr La Tour from five till Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mrs Clarke
Lady Downshire
Ly Charlotte Hill
Ly Mary Hill
Colonel Meade
Dr Clarke
Mr Jennings
Lord Arthur Hill

Went to Bed at ½ past eleven. (Note. Mama wrote to Mr Ogilvie to enquire after the Duchess of Leinster & to recommend Dr Hooper of whom the Duke of Sussex had spoken to her. Mr O. wrote word that the poor Duchess was not so well & that he wd speak of Dr H.)



Emilia, Duchess of Leinster, by Joshua Reynolds (1753) – public domain

Sunday 27th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Charlotte's week's attendance begins to day. A very fine Morning. C. went to Mama. Breakfasted at Ten, both went to Church with Mrs Bissat. Mr Douglas & Lord Nugent called. Neither of them could dine here. Quite a Summer's day. Went out in the Carriage with Mama at three. Went to Ly Mornington, found her better; told her the Dss. was ill which frightened her very much.

Called upon Mrs Bathurst & Dr³³ Ly Donegall. Went afterwards to Lady Salisbury who told us that Mr Ogilvie had sent her word that the dear old Duchess of Leinster died at One o'clock this Morning at which we were most exceedingly grieved!

Came home at half past five. Mama sent us to take a little walk to recover our Spirits. Met Mr J. Robarts & the Miss Robarts's. Came home at half past Six. Dined

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Arthur

Mama wrote in the Evening to Mr Ogilvie to ask him to let Pamela come here for a short time, he sent word he wd write an Ansr in the Morning. Cried & were very unhappy all the Evening. Went to Bed with dreadful Head Aches. (Arthur wrote Letters for the Army.)

Monday 28th

Got up at Nine. Ch. went to Mama, found her with a Cold. Breakfasted at Ten. A very beautiful Day. Recd Letters from the three dears at Eversholt, all well. Mercer came to help Mr Bettans to arrange the Books in the Library.

Mama is trying to lodge Downshire & Ly D. in this House, wch would be better than their going to Lord Plymouth's³⁴. If they come here she will give them all the lower floor.

Ch. & Mary walked to Lady Mornington with Mrs Bissat to enquire after her, as we feared that the News of the death of the Dss. would have very much affected her. Found her dressing & much better. Sat a long time with her in her dressing room, talking over that most excellent Creature. She told us she had known her all her Life & had always been her

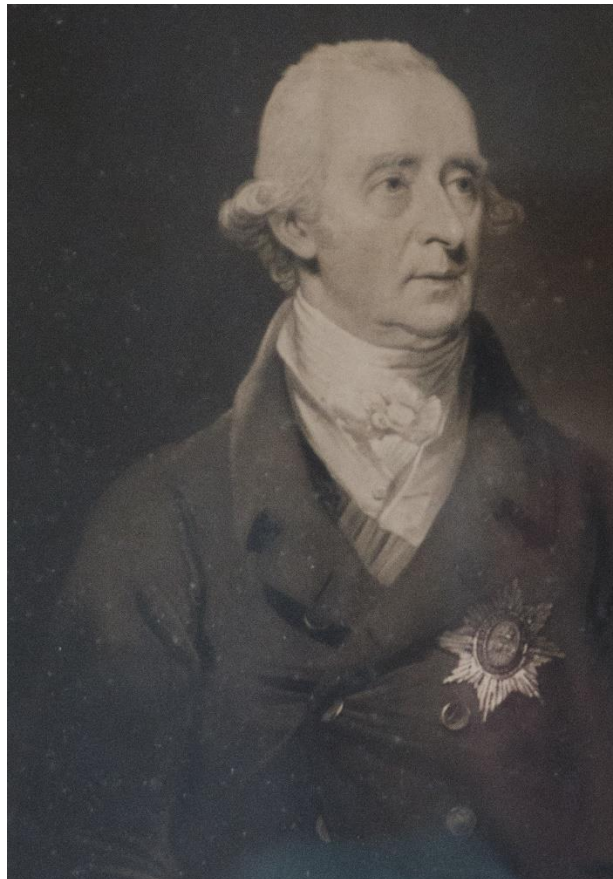
³³ Dowager

³⁴ Lady Downshire was his sister.

particular & most intimate friend. She was a most wonderful & beautiful person of her Age, beloved, & revered by all who knew her; & it was impossible to see her without the deepest feeling of love, respect, & admiration; She was quite adored in Ireland as indeed every where else.....

Walked afterwards to Munn's in Bond St³⁵, bought some maps. Came home at half past one. Mama had received a letter from Mr Ogilvie to thank her for her kindness, but Pamela did not like to leave her Aunts³⁶ Ly. Lucy Foley & Mrs Locke who were in the House.

Ld Stawell came. The Duc de Gramont came at Two, he was just come to Town to prepare to go off to join the Royalists in the South of France. Sr Philip Francis came at three & tormented us more than ever. He is so very rude & disagreeable! Went out in the Carriage with Mama at four. Came home at five.



Sir Philip Francis, after the portrait by James Lonsdale (Sandys Ombersley Collection)

³⁵ 107 Bond Street, the home and shop of the brothers William and James Munn, who conducted a stationers' and printsellers' business

³⁶ A misprint for "Aunt": Mrs Locke was a friend of the Duchess.

Wrote to Brothers at Eversholt. C. wrote to D. to tell him of the death of the Duchess. Mr La Tour till Seven. Dined

Mama
Charlotte
Mary
Arthur

Arthur went in the Evening to Lady Salisbury's & to Mrs Pole's. We went to Bed at eleven.

Tuesday 29th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. A Damp Morning. Wrote the journal all the Morning. We had not had time to write it for several days.

The following Paragraph concerning the death of the Duchess of Leinster is in the British Press of to day –

“The Duchess of Leinster

Died on Sunday at her house in Grosvenor Place, Emilia, Duchess of Leinster. Her Grace was the Sister of the late Duke of Richmond³⁷, was born, the 6th of October 1731, & married Feby 7th, 1747 to James, the first Duke of Leinster, grandfather of the present Duke, the only nobleman of that rank in Ireland. Her Grace was also the Mother of the late Lord Lecale, & Ld Henry FitzGerald. By her death the Noble Houses of Richmond, Downshire, Bathurst, Holland, Kinnaird, Foley, & the many others immediately connected with the Houses of Leinster & Richmond, will be thrown into mourning.”

Wrote letters for Mama. Rained. Mercer came & settled the books with Mr Bettans, Mama very busy with Mrs Groom, routing out things & settling Rooms for Downshire's reception.

This day a grand Levee. Came, Mr Wynn Belasyse, Richard Wellesley, Colonel Meade (as Aid de Camp & very anxious to do his duty for which we give him all due credit), Mr James Robarts (for orders for China), Lord Glenbervie, Cranborne & Governor Gyles; and the Duc de Gramont who promised to send us three white cockades from Bordeaux, where he is going immediately.

³⁷ The 3rd Duke had one brother and five sisters who lived into adulthood. Emilia Duchess of Leinster had at least 20 children, four (probably more) with her children's tutor, William Ogilvie, whom she married a year after her husband's death. The Duke's other sisters were: Caroline, who eloped with Henry Fox; Louisa, who married Thomas Conolly of co. Kildare; Sarah, who, like Emilia, married twice, having eight children by her 2nd husband, the Hon. George Napier as well as an illegitimate daughter by Lord William Gordon; and finally Cecilia, who died aged 19. Their lives were chronicled by Stella Tillyard in "Aristocrats" (Chatto & Windus, 1994).

Mama sent Mrs Bissat to Grosvenor Place to enquire after them all. Learnt that the Duchess was aware of her approaching end, on Saturday; & that her two Sisters, Lady Louisa Conolly, and Lady Sarah Napier, were present when she died; & that she did not appear to suffer latterly. Nobody in the House now but Mr Ogilvie, Pamela, & Mrs Locke. All as well as can be expected. Pamela had supported it with great resignation.

Mr Polidori from five till Six. Arthur dined at Ly. Salisbury's. Went afterwards to the Play, with Cranborne who goes to Hatfield to hunt tomorrow. Dressed for Dinner, Mama – Charlotte – Mary – Lord Stawell. Wrote the Journal in the Evening. Went to Bed at 1/2 past eleven.

Wednesday 30th [March 1814]

Got up at Nine. Charlotte & Mary went out walking with Mrs Bissat before breakfast. C. attended Mama in her dressing Room, sorry to say her Cold & Sore Throat not better. Mr Sapio at eleven till one. Mr Handley came. Charlotte & Mary walked to the Park with Mrs Bissat. The Sun quite burning. (The Thermometer 5 degrees above Temperate.) Met Mrs Pole & C. Fitzroy, Mr Douglas, – forgot to congratulate him on his Speech.³⁸ Saw Princess Charlotte in her Carriage. Met Lord Ossulston & Mr M.A. Taylor. Came home at half past four. The Bishop of Norwich called upon Mama. Mr La Tour came at five, staid till Seven. Company to Dinner –

Mrs Crosbie
Lady Downshire
Lady Charlotte
Lady Mary
Lord Glenbervie
Duc de Gramont
Lord Stawell
Mr Richard Wellesley
Lord Arthur

Will Crosbie came in the Evening. Ld Stawell called him a poor Scraggy 2 year Old. Went to Bed at 1/2 past eleven. Arthur went to Mrs Ross's.

³⁸ The History of Parliament records that “Douglas... introduced on 29 Mar. 1814 an elections expense bill to prevent candidates having to defray non-resident voters' expenses, but ‘in a tone of voice scarcely audible in the gallery’. He denied that he was an advocate of parliamentary reform: he merely wanted an improvement.”

Thursday 31st [1814]

Got up at Nine. A rainy Morning. C. attended Mama. Throat no better. Put on mourning for the Duchess of Leinster. Read & wrote. Charlotte received a Letter from one of the poor Duchess's women, enquiring after us by Pamela's desire, & saying she was pretty well. C. wrote to Pamela. The day continued so bad that we could not go out. Mr Wynn Belasyse came, Lord Stawell, & Dowr Ly Donegall. Ld Stawell gave Mama a beautiful Bronze figure. Dined at Six. Charlotte – Mary – Arthur. Arthur went at Seven by the Mail to Ingestrie to Lord Talbot. Played Sung & Read. Went to Bed at eleven. Forgot to say that Dr Clarke called before dinner & that Mama dined upstairs.

April 1st

Got up at Nine. Ch. went to Mama. Found her rather better. Mrs Bissat & Mr Bettans went to the City. Breakfasted alone. A beautiful Morning. Ch. & M. went with Mrs Groom to Church to hear one of Mr Hodgson's Lectures. Found Lady Darnley, her two Daughters, & Lady Jersey, in our Pew! Cramped in though. (forgot to say that on Thursday (yesterday) Catherine Grande Duchesse de toutes les Russies, Duchess of Oldenburgh arrived at the Pulteney Hotel, in great state. The P.R.³⁹ sent his Carriage & Horses for her. They say she is very beautiful & is to marry the Duke of Clarence who arrived with her.⁴⁰)

Mama received a Letter from Downshire saying they shall not come before Easter, & begging her to send Arthur over to them as soon as possible. C. received a Letter from Emily Delvin from Ireland. Charlotte & Mary went out in the Carriage with Mrs Bissat.

Visited Lady Salisbury. She told us that Dispatches had been received from Lord Wellington, who had had three affairs with Soult, who had retreated to Tarbes without making any stand. Our loss so inconsiderable, Ld. W. sends no returns.

Walked afterwards in the Park. Passed the Pulteney Hotel but did not see the Grand Dss. The Queen & Princesses there, besides lots of other Carriages. Came home at five. Very sorry to leave the Sun in the Park. Mr Polidori till half past Six. Dressed for Dinner

Charlotte
Mary
Lord Stawell

³⁹ Prince Regent

⁴⁰ He eventually (four years later) married Princess Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen. A 20-year relationship with Mrs Jordan had been brought to an end by him in 1811. (The couple had ten children, the eldest two, George and Henry FitzClarence, being friends of MDS' family.)

Mama dined again upstairs. Played & laughed at Ld. Stawell. Wrote the Journal. Went to Bed at half past eleven.

Saturday 2d [April 1814]

Got up at Nine. A beautiful Sunny morning. Charlotte went to Mama. Her Throat much better. Breakfasted at Ten. Mr Sapio from eleven till one. (Such a figure, with only one Eye, and a cauliflower Wig which perfumes the whole room for hours.) Colonel Meade came (sorry to say) to take a final leave; he is going off tomorrow. Such a bore! We are now left without Aide[sic] de Camps!

Lord Stawell came. Mr D'Egville arrived. So tiresome! prevented our seeing the last of Hotspur. Were obliged to go down to the figure. Very much vexed that he should take us from Hotspur, & afraid that hearing the fiddle, he, and Ld. S. should peep in as they come down. Tired to death, particularly Mary; Lord Stawell would have said it was a good trial.

When Cooled, went to Mama. Lady Salisbury and Georgiana came. Going to Hatfield tomorrow. Told us that dispatches had been received from Ld Castlereagh. Buonaparte, not being allowed to appoint a Sovereign over Italy, had broken off the Negotiations for Peace on the 18th ultimo. Attacked Schwartzberg who defeated and pursued him to Donlevent, and was still engaged in the pursuit.

Wrote Letters for Mama, for the Post. The Duc de Gramont came. Mr La Tour from five till Seven. Dined, Mama – Charlotte – Mary
So tired, went to Bed at Ten.

Sunday 3d

Charlotte got up at Eight. Went out walking with Mrs Bissat. Mary got up at Nine. Began my Waiting Week. Charlotte came home at Ten; Breakfasted. A most beautiful Morning. C. went to Church with Mrs Bissat. The Fitzroys came into our pew. Mary staid with Mama. Mr Wynn Belasyse came; Ld Stawell, took him in the Carriage with us. Called upon Lady Mornington, who is better; afterwards took him to Mr Cosway. Mama wants him to sit for his Picture⁴¹ for her. Settled that he is to go to Mr C. tomorrow at Twelve. Mr Cosway who is perfectly mad, was dressed in a Brown

⁴¹ Cosway had portrayed Lord Stawell's late wife, Mary, née Curzon.

Silk deshabillé, lined with Crimson Sattin, Black Stockings, & yellow Slippers, & has covered his grey Hairs with an Auburn Wig! He really is not Human; & I am sure we should have been frightened, had we been alone.

He was wond'rous wise, & prophecied many things which he verily believes will happen as he foretells. He shewed us Queen Elizabeth's Speech to her last Parliament⁴² which he lent to Mama saying that it ought to be "printed in letters of Gold". Little fool!! It really is very Curious though. Ld. Stawell (no wonder) tired to death of him, & said that he only wanted "a good Horsewhipping to set him to rights".

Came home at five. (Ld S. rode back to Grosr Place.)

Found a Second Edition of the Observer; Blücher's Advanced Guard within Ten Miles of Paris.

Charlotte & Mary walked in the Square till Six. Saw Mrs Leach. Wrote the journal. Dined

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Wrote the Journal again.....Went to bed at Ten.

Monday 4th [April 1814]

Charlotte got up at Eight, walked out with Mrs Bissat. Mary attended Mama. Breakfasted at Ten. White Washing begun in the Library. Letters from Brother, Ch. & Mary walked with Mrs Bissat. Called upon Miss Jones, about the Pictures⁴³. Went to the Park. A most beautiful Day. Came home at one, Ld. Stawell came. The Duc de Sérent, Mr Handley came and staid till four with Mama during which time we had Lord Stawell to ourselves, and teased him. He is so good natured that we do every thing we like with him.

⁴² The Golden Speech was delivered by Elizabeth I in the Palace Council Chamber to 141 Members of the Commons (including the Speaker), on 30th November 1601. It was a speech that was expected to be addressing some pricing concerns, based on the recent economic issues facing the country. Surprisingly, she revealed that it would be her final Parliament and turned the mode of the speech to addressing the love and respect she had for the country, her position, and the Members themselves. The 'Golden' label was first coined in "a version of the speech printed near the end of the Puritan interregnum" which bore a header beginning "This speech ought to be set in letters of gold". It was to be reprinted time and time again up to the eighteenth century, whenever England was in danger, as the Golden Speech of Queen Elizabeth. Several versions survive, including a printed pamphlet which is thought to have been checked and corrected by Elizabeth herself.

⁴³ In the Sandys Ombersley miniatures collection there are at least four items which are said to be copies by Miss Jones of other pictures.

Went out in the Carriage with Mama; passing thro' Piccadilly, saw the Grand Duchess getting out of her Carriage at Oldenburgh House. Only saw her Back. A High Black Velvet Cap on, with Feathers at the top of it. She was handed out of her Carriage by General Turner, who is appointed her Chamberlain, & followed by the two old furies Princess Volachowsky & Madame Aladensky, who always go about with her. She keeps them all in very good order, & there are two Gentlemen who are in waiting in full Court dress from ten o'clock in the Morning till she goes to Bed at Night.



The Oldenburg procession through Oxford, May 1814, etched (1816) by J. Hughes of Oriel College. The names of the four Russians who advance from the right in profile are etched below the design. A hugely broad and fat don at the head of a procession of senior, and very ugly, members of the University takes with his left hand the left hand of the Duchess of Oldenburgh, who is straight and thin, her head entirely concealed in a huge 'Oldenburgh bonnet', and wearing long hanging sleeves resembling those of the dons' gowns. The Duchess is followed by 'Mesds Aladensky & Volochousky'. Behind them walks 'Prince Gagarin', hat in hand, very broad and tall, and heavily whiskered. In the middle distance is a crowd of slim undergraduates, some of whom throw their caps into the air, with a few ladies. Behind is the dome of the Radcliffe Camera with the towers and spires of Oxford. Creative Commons (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0) license. ©Trustees of the British Museum.

Came home at five. Mr La Tour till Seven. Company to Dinner, Ly Downshire – C. – M. - D. de Gramont – Ld Stawell – Sr Lawrence Palk. Mama went to the Bath at 11. Went to bed at half past.

Tuesday 6th[sic – in fact 5th][April 1814]

Got up at Eight, walked out with Mrs Bissat. Mary attended Mama. Breakfasted at Ten. Mama had a Letter from Downshire of the 1st – saying he was going to leave Hillsborough that day on their way for England. Went to Church with Mrs Groom. Came home at half past 12. The Duke de Gramont came to tell us that Madame would see us between three & four. Dr Clarke came.

Wrote to Brothers; at ½ past three the Duc de Gramont called to accompany us to the Duchess d'Angoulème. We had all three White Cockades. Very much frightened indeed. The Duke[sic] de Gramont presented us, we sat down. Her Royal Highness was extremely gracious & thanked Mama in the most grateful manner for the trouble she had taken about the Duc D'Angoulème's horses.



Marie Thérèse of France (1778-1851), duchess d'Angoulême and dauphine of France, by Antoine-Jean Gros (public domain)

(Note – When the D. D'Angoulême went over to France, the Government refused to let any Horses go for him, which was applied for several times in vain. The Duc de Gramont wrote to beg Mama would try and get them over, as if for some officer in Ld Wellington's Army.

Mama immediately wrote for an order from the Duke of York for three horses to be embarked in the Transports then at Portsmouth for the Comte de Gramont wch order she obtained. The Horses went from Hartwell⁴⁴ to Portsmouth & Mama wrote there to an unknown friend to get them taken care of, & embarked by the first opportunity. The 3 Horses sailed on the 17th of March.)

She is very pretty, pleasing, & interesting, with the most agreeable manners, & a very Royal appearance. There was nobody with her but Mde de Choisy. Elle nous congédie⁴⁵ and we took the Duc de Gramont to set him down where he wished.

Colonel Eustace stopped the Carriage & told us that Capt. Harris Aid de Camp to Sr C. Stewart was just arrived⁴⁶ at the Foreign Office (he had seen him) with the News that the Allies had taken Paris wch put us all in a fuss. Met Lady Ossulston who was going to Brooks's in St James's Street; followed her there, with the Duc de Gramont, made room for her in our Carriage, & took her in, in St James's St to go to the Foreign Office, & try to see Capt. Harris; in our way stopped at Carlton House, & sent to beg Colonel Bloomfield to come out to us, he came & told us that Capt. Harris was then at Carlton House but he had not yet seen him.



The Great Subscription Rooms at Brooks's, Thomas Rowlandson 1808
(an Ackerman print in the Sandys Ombersley Collection)

⁴⁴ Hartwell House, Buckinghamshire was the home of the French Court in exile.

⁴⁵ She dismissed us.

⁴⁶ After a 400-mile ride without rest, while fending off attacks by supposedly friendly troops

The news Col. Eustace had told us was perfectly true. He congratulated the Duc de Gramont & Ly Ossulston⁴⁷ upon it, who were more happy & delighted, of course, than we can say. He promised to call when he had seen Capt. H.

Did not go to the Foreign Office of Course. The Park & Tower Guns fired at half past four. Set down the Duc de Gramont & Ly Ossulston in her Carriage in St James's St. Came home. Wrote letters to all our numerous Correspondents to spread the News. Ly Ossulston came. A few minutes after Colonel Bloomfield arrived.

Told us; that for nine successive days, desperate battles had been gained by the Allies over the French, that on the 30th the battle began at four o'clock in the Morning (the Emperor of Russia, & King of Prussia were present the whole day) and lasted till four o'clock in the afternoon, when Marmont, who defended Paris on the heights of Mont Martre, being defeated in every direction, sent a flag of Truce to capitulate. The Allies permitted him and his Army to march out of Paris, upon condition that, "before he joined Buonaparte at Mont Mirail he should pursue the route to Brittany, in the first instance, for forty Miles." The Allied Sovereigns entered Paris on the Morning of the 31st.

The Duc de Gramont & Lord Ossulston came. Heard the story over again from Colonel Bloomfield, & all went away. Finished writing Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Wrote the Journal. Went to Bed at Ten.

Wednesday 6th [April 1814]

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Mary went to Mama as usual. Went to Church⁴⁸ at Eleven, came home at half past Twelve. Mr Jennings called. Went out in the Carriage at half past three. No News today. Came home at five; went out walking with Mrs Bissat; came home at Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

(The Duc de Gramont came while we were out walking & told Mama he was going to dine with the Deputies of Bordeaux). Went to Bed at 1/2 past ten.

⁴⁷ The Duc's daughter

⁴⁸ A Holy Week duty, or thanksgiving?

Thursday 7th [April 1814]

Got up at Nine; Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Church⁴⁹ with Mrs Bissat. Came home at 1/2 past 12. Wrote Letters for the Post. Ly Charlotte Wynn Belasyse called. Went out in the Carriage with Mama at four. Heard nasty reports that the French people have refused the Bourbons, & that there is a fuss, or something, somewhere in Ireland. Don't believe a word of them & wish people would not amuse themselves at the expence[sic] of other people's happiness.

Came home at 1/2 past five; finished writing for the Post. Sent White Cockades to Ly Salisbury & Georgiana; Ly Shaftesbury & Ly Barbara. Walked out at Six with Mrs Bissat.

Came home at Seven. Dressed for Dinner

Mama

Charlotte

Mary

Duc de Gramont. - Went to Bed at Eleven.

Friday 8th

Got up before Nine. Breakfasted at half past Ten. Mary went to Mama, who was very unwell. This is good Friday. Went to Church with Mrs Bissat. A very good Sermon by Mr Hodgson. Came home at One. Mama read to us – is better – heard that The Senate has declared Buonaparte & his family for ever incapable of reigning, & has called upon the Army to bear no longer Allegiance to him. Tallyrand at the head - Dispatched it off to the D. de Gramont who came in a moment after, having heard it already. Wrote this to all our numerous correspondents. The D. de Gramont came again, he had heard nothing further.

Walked out with Mrs Bissat at 1/2 past five. Met Ld Delawarr, who asked when D. was coming over. (forgot to say Mama recd a Letter from D. yesterday, dated Whitehaven, landed safe. The dear little Boy⁵⁰, quite well.) Told us Ld Plymouth had no House in Town. Knew that before.

Came home at Seven. Three Editions of the Sun! Buonaparte dethroned. Declared an outlaw & the Bourbons desired & soon to be sent for. All this very great & glorious.

A little after Seven, to our amazement Downshire's Carriage & four drive up. A Letter from Ly D. was brought saying she had sent a coachfull of Servants & all Trunks & Luggage in the

⁴⁹ (Maundy Thursday)

⁵⁰ Lord Hillsborough, later 4th Marquess of Downshire was 20 months old.

bargain. Of course none of the Servants except Tagg can be lodged here. All this adds greatly to the fuss & bustle already prevalent in the House. They arrived at Sysonby, Lord Plymouth's Hunting Box⁵¹, yesterday. Dressed for Dinner

Mama
Charlotte
Mary

Duc de Gramont came in the Evening, going off to Hartwell tomorrow Morning; Doctor Clarke came. Wrote the Journal. So tired & sleepy. Must go to Bed.



Copy by unknown French miniaturist of c1810 portrait of Napoleon Bonaparte by Andre-Leon Larue (called Mansion) on a snuff box presented to Captn. Usher, Elba 1814 (possibly derived from a miniature by Jean-Baptiste Isabey) – watercolour on ivory in gilt-metal frame

Sandys Ombersley Collection

⁵¹ Sysonby Lodge, Melton Mowbray, some 200 miles SE of Whitehaven and just over 100 miles North of London

Appendix: Waltzing

On 4th October 1813, Downshire had written to his sisters from his home, Hillsborough Castle, Ireland:

“This admonition is intended, with very little Hopes of success, to work a reform in two young Ladies who have assumed a custom of showing off their fine shapes, to the great detriment of their health & youthful bloom as the Event proves unfortunately, in a far greater degree than their Brother’s improper plagiarism which shall be corrected.

You are both, I am told, coming out next year & instead of appearing blooming like roses, & justement sorties de vos Ecailles, vous serez comme les Miss Montagues⁵², maigres, pales, & not healthy, lively & fresh as the Morning Dew, all because of that fashionable, elegant, Ladylike dance, the c. & d. Walsh⁵³. Vous riez, but I have heard many men of birth, rank & figure, say “Well, my wife shd not dance in that way with le premier venu⁵⁴, & your Ladyships will find that. I have given you my mind which is the same it always was, tho’ characterised, by Gothic, vulgar, Cynic, & maussade⁵⁵.

Be it so, but Truth will obtain. I am really sorry for Mary, but less so than had she sprained her ancle[sic] in an English country dance, or overtired herself in a fine healthy walk before breakfast over Oldfield Common⁵⁶, or Richmond Park. Young Ladies of rank & some means, need not dance themselves into notice, as Angiolini or others are obliged to do. “They need only,” as poor Mrs Jacob used to say in her way, “show themselves to be admired”. Modest retiring quiet bodies make better Wives.

From your affectionate Brother, Downshire.”

-X-X-X-

On the same date, he wrote to MDS:

“My dear Mama,

I have just now recd your letter of the 26th & am very sorry to hear Mary is so weak, she was always inclined that way, & that nasty Walzing tires very much. I really think they dance that too much, & hope when they come out you will not allow them often to do so, they will I am

⁵² The Earl of M’s nieces in Richardson’s *Clarissa*: Charlotte “keeps her chamber with a violent cold and sore throat”, while Patty “is a low-spirited, timorous girl”.

⁵³ “barely out of your shells... the Waltz” (rhyming slang!)

⁵⁴ “just anyone”

⁵⁵ “maussade” = peevish

⁵⁶ On MDS’ Ombersley Estate

sure be admired enough without that addition, & the constant observation amongst the Men who waltz most is, their wives shd. not do so. I know it is the Fashion, I know the Ladies who set it agoing, not very worthy of Imitation. It does not suit the English Nation & its continuance in public is forced in a great measure. I only tell you my feeling which I know is right, & I am sure you will believe it to be such.”

-X-X-X-

A draft survives of MDS' reply from London dated 5th October[!]:

“My dear D,

Both your Letters of yesterday have seriously grieved & wounded me; from the tenor of yours to me I judged it proper to open that you enclosed for your dear Sisters, & happy it was that I did so in this instance.

Of one (dear Mary) I am Convinced it would have been most fatal in her present weak State. I can truly say it is applicable to neither & I believe I may also venture to say that a mother does not exist more devotedly alive to her Children's Welfare, or more anxious to fulfil every duty towards them, than myself, & I certainly had lived in the Confident hope that you my dear D. Considered me as such.

I must believe that you were not aware of the force of the expressions you made use of in both Letters. I have spared no pains to render your Sisters deserving of the happiness I trust I shall live to see them enjoy in Situations their birth enables them to look forward to. Dear Mary's indisposition has not arisen from what you suppose. More susceptible, noble minded little creatures do not exist. If they have any fault it is the contrary of wishing to display their Talents, had what you suspected been the Case Their Mother would have deserved the reproach, not them, as they neither are of an age, or have they the disposition to act, or judge for themselves. I have always found them grateful & willing to follow advice kindly administered.

Having said this much I will only repeat that your Severe reproaches could never deservedly fall upon Them, but upon your affectionate Mother.”

-X-X-X-

On 14th October, Downshire replied as follows:

“My dear Mama,

I am indeed most truly sorry that what my feelings at the Moment on hearing of poor Mary's illness induced me to write to you & them has produced such bitter sensations as those

contained in your Letter, & had I read over the letters more attentively I should probably have saved you & myself what we both feel from different causes, you from having such letters addressed to you, & me for allowing myself to express my Mind in such a Manner.

Although from living here I have not such opportunity of knowing so fully what my dear Sisters are, yet I can sufficiently appreciate their excellent Qualities, & above all the excellent Manner you have brought them up in, & when I wrote those hated letters should not allude to the want of them, but to the joining in a Fashion of dancing which always appears to me foreign to the English Character.

If I could in any way repair the breach I have made in your affection towards me it would be by cancelling those letters, but that is impossible, & therefore I can not expect this letter will ease your Mind at all unless it comforts me at the same time, for one feeling alone occupies our minds, that of sorrow that I could write such letters, even tho' the principle I acted upon was a good one. Anger I am sure you did not feel towards me, only sorrow at my want of proper behaviour towards you & appreciation of your merits & management of my Sisters.

If I have said enough, I am happy, & I shall be the more so if you say my principle tho' roughly sized is not one improper to be held by an Inhabitant of these Kingdoms. Do not think by this I have any wish to justify my letters. I cannot, but you will not have a worse opinion of me for retaining what has always been my notion of the practice. You will deeply oblige me by one line, & I am always

yr affectionate Son D”

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A draft of MDS' letter in response dated 19th October reads as follows:

“Dearest D.

The Letter I have received from you this morning could not fail to make the impression its tenor is entitled to. Rest assured the strong affection I have borne you from your birth remains unaltered. I believe in my ansr to yr letter, I said that I was fully persuaded you were not aware of the strong expressions you used in writing to me & your dear little Sensitive Sisters. As I am alive to every affectionate attention from a very dearly loved child

So dearest D. am I trebly so to any the most trifling unmerited reproach from that quarter but your most affectionate kind Letter of today has rendered me happy & Comfortable & I am sure you will by the return of the post send me the promise that will render this feeling of happiness permanent by promising me that this little untoward Circumstance shall be obliterated from your memory, as I promise you it shall be from mine.

One word more & I quit it forever. At the Ball at Hatfield⁵⁷ where your Sisters made their first debut there was no Waltzing. I have quite as great a dislike to it as yourself indeed to exhibiting [sic] except before any particular friends the Talents of young Creatures of their exalted rank.”

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Downshire replied on 23rd, writing inter alia:

“My Dearest Mama,

I cannot describe to you how happy your most kind letter of the 19th which has just now arrived has made me. I gladly accept of your offer of making our happiness permanent by obliterating from our memory the past wretched transaction so that, if possible, no other [illegible] will remain than gratitude for your goodness.”

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“A Sketch of the Downshire Hills”, published 1834
Downshire (centre) arm in arm with his brothers Arthur (on his right) and Marcus (Sandys
Ombersley Collection)

⁵⁷ The home of the Journalists’ aunt, Lady Salisbury

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name as mentioned	
Ailesbury, Earl of	(1773-1856) Charles Brudenell-Bruce, Lord Bruce until 19th April 1814, when his father died and he became 2nd Earl of Ailesbury: subsequently, seven years later, he was created 1st Marquess of Ailesbury.
Aladensky, Mme	one of "the two old furies" attendant upon the Duchesse d'Oldenburg qv
Arden, Mr	hairdresser
Arthur (see Hill, Lord Arthur)	
Ashley-Cooper, Lady Barbara	(1788-1844) only child of the 5th Earl of Shaftesbury and Barbara, Dowager Countess of Shaftesbury qv, married (8th August 1814) to The Hon. William Ponsonby (younger son of the 3rd Earl of Bessborough), later created Baron de Mauley
Augustus (see Hill, Lord Augustus)	
B(u)onaparte	(1769-1821) Emperor of the French from 1804
Barbara, Lady (see Ashley-Cooper)	
Bathurst, Mrs & Miss	(probably the wife and one of the daughters of the Bishop of Norwich qv)
Belasyse, Wynn and Lady Charlotte	Charlotte (1767-1825) known as Pop was the eldest daughter by his 1st wife of the 2nd Earl of Fauconberg (d. 1802), a favourite of George III and uncle to Lord Melbourne. She married "our good friend" Thomas Edward Wynn, third son of Colonel Glynn Wynn of Caernarfon, brother of Sir Thomas Wynn of Glynllifon, 1st Baron Newborough. Thomas Edward Wynn ("the gossip", also known as "Seffy") took the name Belasyse.
Beresford, Marshal	(1768-1854) William Carr Beresford, 1st Viscount Beresford, a General in the British Army and a Marshal in the Portuguese
Bettans, Mr.	The family's resident French-speaking tutor, still employed in 1825, Samuel Christopher Bettans, possibly of Swiss origin (married to Mary, a dressmaker of 90 Jermyn Street): he died in 1843.
Bingham	friend of Georgy and Augustus
Bingham, Lady Mary	
Binghams, The Lady	daughters of the 2nd Earl of Lucan and his wife Lady Elizabeth, née Belasyse, and nieces of Lady Charlotte Wynn Belasyse qv: Lady Elizabeth (c1795-1838) married George Granville Harcourt in March 1815.
Bissat, Mrs./Mme. (servant)	Long-standing lady's maid to MDS, in reply to whose request (in 1802) for a reference, she received a glowing letter from the Marchioness of Sligo: it commended "Bissat", who had been in service with her for two years, saying she was "the best nurse about a Sick Person I ever saw" and "possesses one of the best Hearts I almost ever met with". Still employed in Nov. 1825
Blane, Sir Gilbert	(1749-1834) 1st Baronet, Scot, personal physician to Admiral Rodney, later physician to the Fleet, introduced limes as a preventative for scurvy (hence the British were known as "Limeys").
Bligh, General	(1769-1840) The Hon. Edward Bligh, younger brother of the 4th Earl of Darnley. ("Perfectly mad")
Bloomfield, Col.	(1768-1846) secretary to the Prince Regent & lover of MDS

Blücher, Marshal	(1742-1819) Prussian Field Marshal, victorious in particular with Wellington at Waterloo, having been wounded two days earlier at the Battle of Ligny
Brian (or Brien), Charles (servant)	footman/porter in the Marchioness of Downshire's household at Hanover Square ("33 years the faithful and excellent porter and confidential servant of the Dowager Mss. of Downshire" - the wording on a picture of him). "He doesn't speak French."
Brougham Mr.	
Brown, Mr	"a person about pictures"
Bruce, Lord (see Ailesbury)	
Bulkeley, Lord	(1752-1822) 7th Viscount Bulkeley, formerly an MP
Burton, Dr	"Dirty little man - we always put on our gloves to shake hands with him."
Byng, Miss	
Castlereagh, Lord	(1769-1822) Foreign Secretary from 1812
Cecil, Lady Georgiana	(1786-1860) the Journalists' beloved cousin Zina, eldest surviving daughter of the 1st Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury qv, married to Henry Wellesley on 27th February 1816 (his 2nd wife: in 1828 he became Lord Cowley qv). They had one child, Georgiana, b. 11th June 1817.
Charles (see Brian)	
Charlotte (see Hill, Lady Charlotte)	
Charlotte, HRH Princess	(1796-1817) Only child of the Prince Regent and his wife Caroline of Brunswick
Chester, Bishop of	(1761-1845) The Rt. Rev. George Henry Law
Clarence, Duke of	(1765-1837) HRH William Henry, later King William IV
Clarke, Dr.	(1758-1815) John Clarke, well-known obstetrician and personal friend of MDS; brother of the celebrated surgeon, Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke
Clifden, Lord	(1761-1836) Henry, 2nd Viscount Clifden, married Lady Caroline Spencer (who died in 1813), and had one child surviving, George Agar-Ellis: resided at 22 Hanover Square. According to the Journal (14th October 1815), Lord Clifden's cousin Lord Callan died and "left him 20,000£ a year!! Is now one of the richest men in England and only one Son!!"
Codrington, Capt.	(1770-1851) Edward, later Sir Edward Codrington, Admiral of the Blue, grandson of Sir William Codrington, 1st Bart., MDS' late aunt's father-in-law
Conolly, Lady Louisa	(c1743-1821) one of the celebrated Lennox sisters, who married Thomas Conolly: they lived at Castletown, co. Kildare (no children)
Cooper, The two Misses	One, presumably the younger, was "Miss C. Cooper".
Cosway, Mr.	(1742-1821) Richard Cosway RA, portrait painter
Cranborne, Lord	(1791-1868) youngest child and only son of the 1st Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury (and thus the Journalists' 1st cousin, much beloved), MP for Weymouth, 1813-17, and Hertford, 1817-23; and from 1823 the 2nd Marquess. Friend of Col. Robarts qv.
Crosbie, Mrs.	Elizabeth née Falkiner was married to William Arthur Crosbie qv

Crosbie, Will	A first cousin of Wellington, he and his wife qv had a son and two daughters, of whom the Journalists preferred Maria to Fanny.
Culling Smith, Charles and Lady Anne	He (d. 1853) was an equerry to the Duke of York, married to Lady Anne, Wellington's sister (their daughter was Emily): Lady Anne (d. 1844) was formerly married to the Hon. Henry Fitzroy (who had died in 1794) - they were the parents of Georgiana (later Worcester) and Caroline Fitzroy ("very grand", musical)
Cunningham, Lady	
D. (see Downshire)	
D., Maria (or Lady D.) (see Downshire)	
D'Egville, Mr. James Harvey	(c1770-c1836) dancer and choreographer, or the entries could refer to his brother George, being a dancer too
Dalrymple-Hamilton, Sir Huw	(1774-1834) 4th Bart. of Bargany, MP, married to Jane née Duncan
Dalton, Col.	(known as "Clog") one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to the Duke of Gloucester
d'Angoulème, Duc	Louis Antoine of France (1775-1844), nephew to Louis XVI: he had been living in exile at Hartwell House, Buckinghamshire since 1807.
d'Angoulème, Duchesse	(1778-1851) Marie-Therese Charlotte of France, eldest child of Louis XVI, husband of the Duc qv, and known as "Madame"
Darnley, Lady	(died 1831) Elizabeth née Brownlow, married to the 4th Earl of Darnley: they had seven children, including three Bligh daughters
de Choisy, Mde	attendant upon the Duchesse d'Angoulème
de Clifford, Lady	(1743-1828) known as "La Décrepitude", mother of Lady Albemarle (wife of 4th Earl), and Governess to Princess Charlotte of Wales
de Coigny, Duc	(1737-1821) François-Henri de Franquetot de Coigny, 1er duc de Coigny, a Marshal of France, who emigrated at the outbreak of the Revolution; married in 1783 (after his first wife died) Jeanne Françoise Aglaé d'Andlau ("the old Duchess")
de Gerebtzoff, Mde.	"Has a red face"
de Guiche	(1789-1855) Héraclius-Agénor, Comte de Gramont, but known as Duc de Guiche from 1813; son of the Duc de Gramont (qv): the Journalists' and their brother Arthur's friend Agénor served bravely in the 10th Hussars during the Peninsular War
De La Warr, Earl and Countess	5th Earl De La Warr (1791-1869) married in 1813 Elizabeth Sackville-West (the sister of the unfortunate 4th Duke of Dorset, who died returning from hunting in 1815).
de Mansigny, Mme.	(1759-1837) Marie Renée née de Secillon married Joseph Augustin Grandin de Mansigny on 23rd January 1781 in Guérande: they had two sons, and a daughter, Fanny. Her husband died on 28th October 1814 in Kingston, Jamaica, having been a Captain in the Bourbon infantry. The Ombersley archive contains a number of letters (in French) from her to Lady Charlotte Hill, from which it is apparent that she considered herself a friend to all the family.
de Pienne, Mlle	"is enormously fat"
de Polignac, Mde	

de Sérent, Duc and Duchesse de	(1736-1822) Armand-Louis de Sérent, a distinguished lieutenant-general in the French Army before the Revolution, married to Bonne Marie Félicité de Montmorency-Luxembourg (1739-1833), a long-time royal servant, imprisoned in The Temple for 15 months during the Revolution
Delvin, Emily	(1789-1858) Emily Anne Bennet Elizabeth Cecil, younger daughter of Lady Salisbury qv, and thus the Journalists' cousin; married Lord Delvin (afterwards First Marquess of Westmeath) in 1812. A protracted lawsuit ended in their divorce in 1827.
Donegall, The Dowager Lady	Barbara (died 1829) née Godfrey was the third wife of the 1st Marquess of Donegall.
Douglas, Mr	(1791-1819) The Hon. Frederick, an MP, brilliant only son of Lord Glenbervie qv; a Francophile, liked by Buonaparte best "of the English he had seen"; one of MDS' gentlemen in waiting: "he enlivened every society by his presence" (Gentlemen's Magazine)
Downshire	(1788-1845) the Journalists' somewhat feared eldest brother, Arthur, 3rd Marquess of Downshire, married, 1811, to Maria (née Lady Maria Windsor)
Downshire, Dowager Marchioness of	(1764-1836) the Journalists' beloved mother Mary, née Sandys ("MDS"), married to the 2nd Marquess in 1786
Downshire, Lady	Sometimes referring to the Journalists' mother, but more particularly to her daughter-in-law, Maria (1790-1855) née Windsor, married to the 3rd Marquess
Edmunds, Mr	Treasurer of the Welsh Charity School
Edwards	Marchioness's maid - always out on Sundays (sometimes referred to as "Etterts")
Eustace, Col.	(1783-1855) William Cornwallis Eustace, later a Lt.-General and knighted, thrice married
Fane, Georgiana	(died 1864) 2nd daughter of John Fane and Lady Elizabeth née Parker
Ferguson, General	(1773-1841) Ronald Crauford Ferguson, knighted in 1815
FitzGerald, Hamilton	a naval man, married a first cousin of MDS' late husband, Lady Charlotte Adelaide Constantia Rawdon (1769-1834, daughter of John Rawdon, 1st Earl of Moira and Elizabeth Hastings, Baroness Hastings) in 1814.
FitzGerald, Lord Henry	(1761-1829) a younger son of the 1st Duke of Leinster, married Charlotte Boyle, Baroness de Ros, and lived at Boyle Farm, Thames Ditton: they had six children,
FitzGerald, Lord Robert	(1765-1833) a younger son of the 1st Duke of Leinster and "the dear old Duchess"
FitzGerald, Lord William	(1793-1864) Youngest child of the 2nd Duke of Leinster and Emilia née St George: 2nd cousin of the Journalists
FitzGerald, Pamela	Pamela (c1795-1869) was the daughter of the rebel Lord Edward FitzGerald (1st cousin of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire), and of La Belle Pamela, the subject of Emma Tennant's "The Harp Lesson". Following the death of Lord Edward, his widow married the American Consul in Hamburg, but they parted, and she went to live with her former mother-in-law, the Dowager Duchess of Leinster qv. Pamela jr. and her brother Edward Fox FitzGerald qv were brought up by her aunt Baroness de Ros in Thames Ditton

Fitzherbert, Mrs. Maria	(1756-1837) former lover of George Prince of Wales, and long-standing friend of MDS
FitzRoy, Caroline (see Culling Smith)	
FitzRoy, Georgiana (see Worcester and Culling Smith)	
Foley, Lady Lucy	(died 1851) Lady Lucy Anne née FitzGerald, daughter of the 1st Duke of Leinster) married Admiral Sir Thomas Foley.
Francis, Miss	daughter of Sir Philip qv
Francis, Philip	son of Sir Philip qv
Francis, Sir Philip	(1740-1818) politician and pamphleteer, copious correspondent of MDS. Lady Holland wrote: "His temper is irritable to madness; indeed, he is more or less always in a passion, for if he begins temperately, the ardour of his imagination works him to rage before the sentence closes."
Freemantle, Captain, later Major	(d. 1845) John Freemantle, Wellington's ADC and private secretary from 1813
Georgiana (see Cecil)	
Georgy (see Hill, Lord George)	
Gerald (see Wellesley, Gerald)	
Glenbervie, Lord	(1743-1823) Sylvester Douglas, FRS: 1st Baron, lawyer, politician and diarist
Glerawley, Lord & Lady	Richard, 2nd Earl Annesley (1745-1824), who was also known as Viscount Glerawley: he married Anne Lambert (1752-1822)
Gloucester, HRH the Duke of	(1776-1834) Prince William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh KG, GCB GCH, PC, FRS, great-grandson of King George II and nephew and ultimately son-in-law of George III, marrying Princess Mary in 1816: he was Chancellor of Cambridge University.
Graham, Sir Thomas	(1748-1843) After playing a leading role at Vittoria, General Sir Thomas Graham became ill and handed over his command in the Peninsula to Sir John Hope in October 1813. Returning to the fray the following year in the Low Countries, he defeated the enemy at Merxem, but failed in a desperate attempt to carry Bergen-op-Zoom by assault on the night of 3rd February.
Gramont, Comte de (see Guiche)	
Gramont, Duc de	(1755-1836) Antoine-Louis-Marie de Gramont, aristocratic French general, diplomat and parliamentarian, married (1780) Aglaé de Polignac (died, 1803), served as a captain in the Royal Garde du Corps before fleeing to Britain at the outset of the French Revolution, remained loyal to the House of Bourbon, becoming a military commander under Louis Antoine, Duc d'Angoulême qv and later serving briefly as French ambassador to the Court of St James upon the Bourbon Restoration; father of the Duc de Guiche

Grenfell, Charles	(1790-1867) MP and teller of tall stories
Groom, Mrs. (servant)	member of the Dowager Marchioness of Downshire's household, often called into action as chaperone
Guiche, Duc de (see de Guiche)	
Gyles, Governor	
Handley, Mr	Thomas, solicitor, practised in Gray's Inn Square and lived in Pentonville, MDS' indispensable man of affairs ("came & staid with Mama as usual two or three hours upon business"); married with six children, the youngest being Edwin, another being Charlotte ("like a fat dwarf")
Handley, Mrs	wife of the above
Harding, Captain Benjamin	of the 10th, severely wounded towards the end of the Peninsula Campaign
Harris, Captain	(1785-1860) Thomas Noel Harris served in the Peninsula before being sent to Germany as ADC to Sir Charles Stewart; at the Battle of Waterloo, he fought wearing the red, swallow-tailed court dress coat he had been wearing at the the Duchess of Richmond's ball, had two horses shot from under him and lost an arm, shattered by a musket ball. He was much later knighted for his services.
Hill, Lady Charlotte	(1794-1821) co-Journalist, elder daughter of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary, named after her aunt Charlotte Lady Talbot
Hill, Lady Mary	(1796-1830) co-Journalist, younger daughter of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary
Hill, Lord Arthur	(1792-1860) 2nd son of 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary, later 2nd Lord Sandys
Hill, Lord Augustus	(1800-31) 4th son of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary
Hill, Lord George Augusta	(1801-79) posthumous 5th son of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary
Hill, Lord Marcus	(1798-1863) 3rd son of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire and his wife Mary, later 3rd Lord Sandys
Hodgson, Mr	The Rev. Robert Hodgson, Rector of St George's, Hanover Square, from 1803: he was later Dean of first Chester and then Carlisle
Hooper, Dr	
Hotspur (see Meade, Col.)	

Hunter, Sir Claudius	(1775-1851) lawyer and Lord Mayor of London in 1811, after which he was made a baronet
Jennings, Mr	
Jersey, Lady	(1753-1821) Frances Villiers, wife of the 4th Earl of Jersey: she became mistress of George Prince of Wales, after having dislodged Mrs Fitzherbert
Jones, Miss	(1768-1847) Charlotte, artist, pupil of Cosway qv and protégée of Lawrence, worked in Mount Street, appointed Miniature Painter to Princess Charlotte of Wales qv
Journalists, the (see Hill, Ladies C. & M.)	
King, Ben	"a complete newsmonger"
King, The	George III, for whom since 1811 his eldest son had been acting as Regent
Latour, Jean (Francis Tatton)	(1766-1845) the Journalists' music teacher, who first won renown in Paris as a piano virtuoso and composer: when he left Paris for London during the early days of the French Revolution, it is probable that he decided to call himself Francis Tatton Latour instead of Jean, for he is listed under both names in English and European dictionaries of musicians.
Leach, Mrs	
Leinster, the Duchess of	(1731-1814) Emilia Mary née Lennox, widow of the 1st Duke of Leinster (uncle of MDS' late husband): she had remarried following the Duke's death (see Ogilvie, William), but was still known by her former name
Locke, Mrs	A friend of the "dear old Duchess of Leinster"
Londonderry, 3rd Marquess	(1778-1854) born Charles William Stewart, later Vane, Castlereagh's half-brother; KB (1813); Baron Stewart (1814), Ambassador to Vienna (1814-23), 3rd Marquess from 1822
Lucan, Lord	(1764-1839) Richard Bingham, 2nd Earl of Lucan, married to Lady Elizabeth, née Belasyse, but separated from her in 1804, the couple having had six children (one subsequently cavalry commander in the Crimean War)
Madame (see d'Angoulême, Duchesse)	
Mama (see Downshire, Dowager Marchioness of)	
Mansigny (see de Mansigny)	
March, Lord	(1791-1860) Charles Lennox, later 5th Duke of Richmond, ADC to Wellington, 1810-14 (when he was wounded at the Battle of Orthez)

Marcus (see Hill, Lord Marcus)	
Marmont	(1774-1852) Auguste de Marmont, formerly Napoleon's ADC, later Marshal of France and the last of Napoleon's Marshals to die
MDS (see Downshire, Dowager Marchioness of)	
Meade, Col. John	(c1775-1849) later Lt. General - The Hon. John Meade was a younger son of the 1st Earl Clanwilliam; an electoral ally of MDS, he later gave up his seat in the Commons so that the Journalists' brother Arthur could take it instead: he was known as Hotspur, and as one of MDS's ADCs. He married Urania Ward, granddaughter of 1st V. Bangor on 2nd October 1816, and they went to Madrid together, upon Meade's appointment as Consul General there.
Mercer, Mr	"came to help Mr Bettans to arrange the Books in the Library"
Mills, Captain	
Monsieur	(1757-1836) Charles Philippe, younger brother of (the executed) Louis XVI, and later himself King Charles X of France
Moore, Mr Charles	
Mornington, Lady	(1742-1831), Anne née Hill, widowed mother of inter alia the Duke of Wellington; 1st cousin of MDS' father-in-law, the 1st Marquess of Downshire
Napier, Lady Sarah	(c1745-1826) one of the younger Lennox sisters; had various relationships, ending up as the second wife of Colonel The Hon. George Napier, whom she outlived by 22 years.
Norfolk, Duke of	(1746-1815) the 11th Duke, who eventually died having had some eight children, none of whom were legitimate
North, Mr	(1766-1827) The Hon. Frederick North, youngest son of the 2nd Earl of Guilford; succeeded his brother as 5th Earl in 1817; brother-in-law to Lord Glenbervie qv
Norwich, Bishop of	(1744-1837) Henry Bathurst, ordained bishop in 1805, the only "liberal" bishop in the House of Lords
Nugent, Lord	(1789-1850) George Grenville, 2nd Baron Nugent of Carlanstown, married Anne Poulett
Ogilvie, Mr	(1740-1832) William, tutor to the children of the 1st Duke of Leinster, whose widow (qv) he married (and had by her at least three children)
Oldenburg, Grand Duchess of	(1788-1819) born Catherine Pavlovna of Russia, daughter of Tsar Paul, she was married to the Duc d'Oldenburg in 1809 in order to escape the clutches of Napoleon. Four years after the

	Duc's death in 1812 from typhoid, she fell in love with and married the future William 1st of Wurtemberg, he having disposed of his former wife for this purpose.
Ossulston, Lady	(died 1865) Armandine Sophie Leonie Corisande de Gramont, sister of the Duc de Guiche qv; a ward of Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire, married to Ld. Ossulston, qv
Ossulston, Lord	(1776-1859) Charles Augustus Bennet, Ld. Ossulston, Whig MP for Knaresborough (1806-18), later (1822) succeeding as 5th Earl of Tankerville: an opponent of the slave trade. A small man.
P.R., the (see Wales, Prince of)	
Palk, Sir Lawrence	(1793-1860) 3rd Bart., son of 2nd Bart. and of MDS' friend Lady Elizabeth née Vaughan
Palks, The Miss	Elizabeth (1797-1827) and Mary (1799-1851), daughters of Sir Lawrence Palk 2nd Bart. and his widow Lady Elizabeth qv
Pamela (See FitzGerald, Pamela)	
Parasol (see Palmer)	
Percy, Lord	(1785-1847) Hugh, eldest son of the 2nd Duke of Northumberland, who became the 3rd Duke in 1817
Plymouth, Lord	(1789-1833) 6th Earl of Plymouth, sottish brother-in-law of 3rd Marquess of Downshire, married in 1811 Lady Mary Sackville: the marriage was childless.
Pole Mr. & Mrs (see Wellesley-Pole)	
Polidori, Mr.	(1764-1853) Gaetano Polidori, Italian writer and scholar living in London and working as an Italian teacher, grandfather of Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti
Ponsonby, G.	(1774-1863) The Hon. George, 5th son of 1st Baron Ponsonby of Imokilly
Prussia, King of	(1770-1840) Frederick William III, who reigned from 1797
Queen, the	(1744-1818) (Sophie) Charlotte Herzogin von Mecklenburg-Strelitz, married to George III and mother of his 15 children
Reed, The Rev. James	(1768-1843) Chaplain-in-ordinary to the King (1804-37, and to the Queen from then till his death), from 1810 Rector of Eversholt and tutor to MDS' younger sons
Regent, the Prince (see Wales, Prince of)	
Robarts, James Thomas	(1784-1825) younger brother to George James qv; a supercargo with the East India Company in Canton
Robarts, Major, subsequently Col.	(c1782-1829) George James, C.B.; one of MDS's ADCs (as described by her daughters); in temporary command of the 10 th Hussars from April 1813, including at the Battle of Vittoria (21 st June), until the month following when "Old Quentin" (as Arthur called him) arrived; a particular friend of Lord Cranborne: he later became an MP.

Russia, Emperor of	(1777-1825) Tsar Alexander I, who reigned from 1801, the son of Paul I and Sophie Dorothea of Württemberg, brother of the Duchesse d'Oldenburg qv
Salisbury, Lady	(1750-1835) Emily Mary née Hill, MDS' sister-in-law: married to the 1st Marquess of Salisbury of Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, their London home was in Arlington Street: "That female Nestor in the fashionable circles" (as she was described by The Court Journal: Court Circular & Fashionable Gazette, Volume 5, after an accident on the dance floor at a Hatfield Tuesday Soirée, 10th December 1833); "As good as she was great" - Mme Lieven's verdict on her post-death (according to Carola Oman, in <i>The Gascoyne Heiress</i>).
Schwartzenberg, Prince	(1771-1820) Austrian Field Marshal
Seffy and Pop (see Belasyse)	
Shaftesbury, Lady	(c1762-1819) born Barbara Webb, widow of the 5th Earl (he died in 1811), mother of Lady Barbara Ponsonby (née Ashley-Cooper qv)
Smith, Lady Anne (see Culling Smith)	
Soult	(1769-1851) French Marshal, later statesman (and erstwhile art plunderer)
Stawell, Lord	(1757-1820) Henry 2nd Baron Stawell, the son of the 2nd wife of MDS' father-in-law; revered as a favourite quasi-uncle by the Journalists; known – because of his tendency to gout – as Le Podagre; breeder of the 1814 Derby winner, Blucher; a widower since 1804
Steele, Mr, Mrs and Miss	"We are all so fond of them, particularly of Mr Steele."
Stewart, Mr.	(1788-1836) Michael, of Ardgowan, Renfrewshire; described by the Journalists as MDS' Gentleman in Waiting; an artist; a contemporary of Downshire qv at Christ Church; Lincoln's Inn, 1810; Grand Tour, 1814-5; married Eliza Mary Farquhar on 16th September 1819; succeeded his father as 6th Bart., 1825.
Stewart, Sir Charles (see Londonderry, 3rd Marquess)	
Stuart, Mrs	Sophia née Penn, wife of The Hon. William Stuart, Archbishop of Armagh from 1800 until his death in 1822
Sussex, HRH the Duke of	(1773-1843) HRH Augustus Frederick, 6th son of George III: in 1807, he visited Ombersley with his brother, then Prince of Wales, but unlike him, he remained on terms of close friendship with MDS and family. From January 1817, he held Downshire's

	proxy to vote in the House of Lords, later standing as Godfather at Marcus' eldest son's christening.
Swanton, Mrs & Miss	"Old Twaddles"
Tagg	Downshire's cook
Talbot, Lord	(1777-1849) 2nd Earl of Hensol, son of 1st Earl and Lady Charlotte Hill, and accordingly the Journalists' 1st cousin - a very tall, large man; subsequently Lord Lieutenant of Ireland
Tallyrand	(1754-1838) Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord: Simone Weil observed that Talleyrand served, not every regime, but "France behind every regime". From 1830, he was Ambassador in London, residing in MDS' house in Hanover Square as tenant.
Tauentzien, Count	(1760-1824) Bogislav Friedrich Emanuel Graf Tauentzien von Wittenberg, a general in the Prussian army against Napoleon
Taylor, Michael Angelo	(1757-1834) of Whitehall, Whig MP, son of the architect, after whom the Tylorian was named
Thellusson, Mrs	Sabine, née Robarts, died 1814, wife of Charles Thellusson (1770-1815) of Brodsworth, Yorkshire, a beneficiary of his father's celebrated will
Turner, General	(1764-1843) General Sir Tomkyns Hilgrove Turner, an antiquarian, is best known for his claim to have seized the Rosetta Stone from the French, bringing it from Egypt to England. In the spring of 1814, he was appointed by the Prince Regent to attend on the Grand Duchess of Oldenburg qv. He was present at many of the state and social functions given to the Allied Sovereigns, and has left some interesting memoranda and correspondence illustrating the intrigues of the representatives of the various nations, the characters of the actors, and the open antipathy between the Prince Regent and the Duchess of Oldenburg (source: Dix Noonan Webb's particulars of the auction of the General's medals).
Volachowsky, Princess	one of "the two old furies" attendant upon the Grand Duchess of Oldenburg; the wife of Prince Nikita Volkonsky, ADC to the Tsar of Russia
Waite, Mr.	"that barbarian" - the family's dentist
Wales, HRH the Prince of	later Prince Regent, and from 1820 King George IV
Warre, Mr J.A.	
Wellesley Pole, Emily	(1792-1881) the Journalists' 2nd cousin, youngest daughter of William Wellesley Pole and Katherine Elizabeth Forbes qv: on 6th August 1814, she married Lord Fitzroy Somerset (see Raglan, 1st Baron).
Wellesley Pole, Mr, Mrs & Miss	He (1763-1845) was the 3rd child of Lady Mornington qv and the 1st Earl of Mornington: he married Katherine Elizabeth Forbes, by whom he had three daughters (the youngest, Emily qv) and a son, William Long-Wellesley qv. Late in life, he succeeded his brother as 3rd Earl of Mornington.
Wellesley, Gerald	(1770-1848) The Hon. Gerald Valerian Wellesley DD, 4th son of Lady Mornington qv and the 1st Earl of Mornington; Rector of St Luke's, Chelsea ("Chelsea Old Church"), 1805-32: he instigated and oversaw the building of it. He was also Chaplain to the Royal Household.

Wellesley, Richard	(died, 1842) the youngest child of Richard, 1st Marquess Wellesley and his wife Hyacinthe, née Roland; called by the journalists a Gentleman in Waiting on Mama
Wellington, Lord	(1769-1852) son of Lady Mornington qv and the 1st Earl of Mornington, and thus the Journalists' 2nd cousin once removed
Williams-Wynn, Sir Watkin	(1772-1840) 5th Bart.
Winchelsea, Lord	(1752-1826) George Finch, 9th Earl of Winchelsea, a keen cricketer (and one of the early leading lights of the MCC)
Worcester, Lord	(1792-1853) Henry, Marquess of Worcester between 1803 and 1835, later 7th Duke of Beaufort; Wellington's ADC, 1812-14; "Not a better creature possible", in Arthur's estimation: married first Georgiana Fitzroy (see Culling Smith above), and then, the year after her death in 1821, Emily Frances Smith, his first wife's half-sister.
Wynne, Miss	"monstrous"
York, Duke of	(1763-1827) HRH Frederick Augustus, 2nd son of George III, Commander in Chief

