

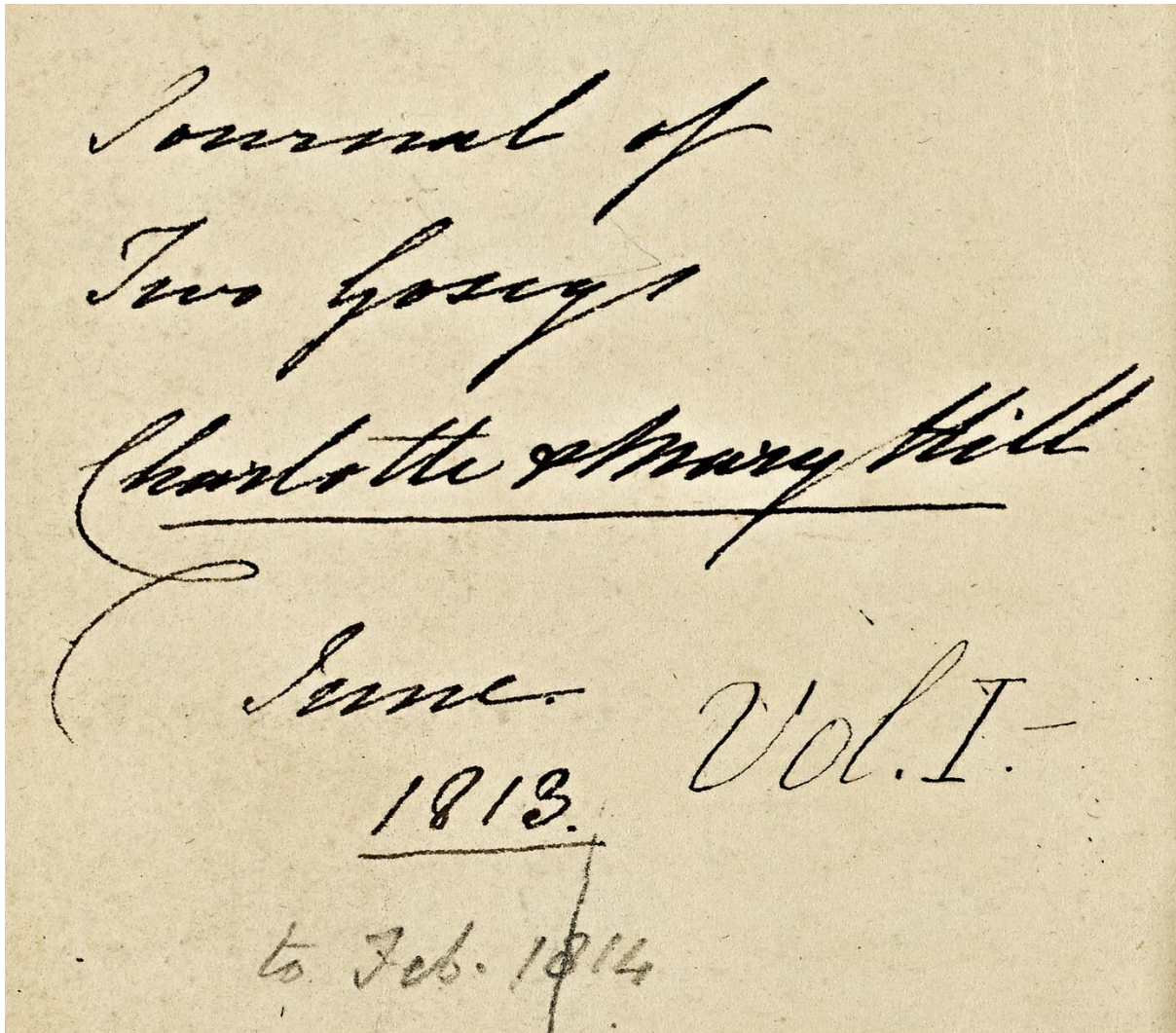


Journal of Two Goseys  
by  
Ladies Charlotte & Mary Hill

Volume 1:  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 1813 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 1814

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### Background note

For most of eight years (1813-21), the sisters Charlotte and Mary Hill kept up a jointly-written Journal. At the outset, Charlotte was nearly 19, Mary nearly 17. The enterprise came to an abrupt end a few months before Charlotte's death from tuberculosis.

The Journal charts life at three family homes, time spent in Brighton, and visits to relations and friends in different parts of England. There are travels abroad, covered in separate volumes.

### Who were "the Journalists"?

Charlotte and Mary were the third- and fourth-born children of an Irish father, Arthur Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Downshire, and his English wife Mary, née Sandys, heiress of Ombersley Court, Worcestershire and estates elsewhere.

The girls were only seven and five when their father died suddenly, leaving his widow, Mary with six children and a seventh yet unborn: the year following, 1802, she was created

Baroness Sandys in her own right, and began referring to herself as “MDS”, Mary Downshire Sandys.

Although home was principally the large London house on the South-West corner of Hanover Square (no. 21), MDS also owned Downshire House, Roehampton, Surrey, an hour or so’s journey away: the girls always looked forward to retreating to “dear Roe” from “beastly London”.

Visits to Ombersley Court were rare occasions, partly because it was a two-day journey to get there, and partly because the house was undergoing extensive remodelling, which took place during virtually all of the period covered by the Journal.

We know that Charlotte was known as “the poetess” from an inscription (whether serious or mocking is unclear) in a volume of poetry given to her in December 1810 by her younger brother Marcus. One of her poems, dedicated to MDS, survives, dated 1812 – but a later one, penned by her sister, also survives (see below).

We also know from a draft letter in Charlotte’s hand that from 6<sup>th</sup> August that same year, 1812, her eyesight had become so poor that she needed to wear spectacles. (The same letter includes reference to her sister Mary as “Gosey”.)

Underlying the narrative are: a love of books, plays, music, dancing and the social whirl; an explosive (if often tiresome) sense of fun; a devotion to brothers; a warm affinity with Talbot and Cecil cousins, and a wariness of royalty, with whom MDS was in principle on familiar terms. But above all we find a deep respect and affectionate concern for MDS’ wellbeing at every stage.

This is nowhere better illustrated than by Mary’s poem to her mother written following the break-in and burglary at Hanover Square on the night of 29<sup>th</sup> March 1813, referred to at the beginning of this first volume of the Journal. MDS, the only member of the family whose bedroom was on the floor entered by the intruder, slept through the burglary.

The girls were educated at home: the *Who’s who* (below) lists household servants including Mr S.C. Bettans, the girls’ French-speaking tutor. Many phrases (sometimes whole sentences) of the Journal are written in French, in which language MDS and most of her children were clearly fluent. Often the use of French indicates a certain sensitivity about the matter described.<sup>1</sup>

Besides a resident tutor, a number of teachers visited regularly to give lessons in singing, playing the piano, guitar and harp, dancing, and later German.

We can imagine the anxiety that must have been felt amongst family and friends for all those near and dear to them whose lives were in peril during the war with France.<sup>2</sup> On a more mundane level, one wonders at the logistics of so much toing and froing, not to mention the

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<sup>1</sup> Beryl Bainbridge (in “According to Queeney”, Little, Brown 2001) imagines an exchange between Queeney Thrale and Dr Johnson about a letter he had written to her mother in French. “*Why French?*” she asked. “*The sentiments in it*”, he said, “*are best conveyed in another language.*”

MDS would have concurred with what the 2nd Marquess of Salisbury, her late husband’s nephew, told his son’s tutor: “*Having derived throughout life the greatest advantage from considering French as my native tongue, I have in consequence made my children speak it even before they could speak English.*” Cecil Papers, XII, 338, quoted by Carola Oman in “The Gascoyne Heiress” (Hodder & Stoughton, 1968, page 46, footnote) (“Oman”)

<sup>2</sup> “*Thank God he [Arthur] is perfectly safe and well,*” wrote MDS to her friend Sir Philip Francis on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1813.

entertaining: from reading the Journal, the machinery enabling a noble house to function smoothly can for the most part only be guessed at.

### **The Journal sequence in outline:**

- Volumes 1 to 4 of the Journal are written in paperback notebooks (the greater part of Volume 1 being subsequently transcribed into hardback), and cover 12 months in total.
- From June 1814, Volume 5, a run of red morocco-bound volumes begins and continues, apart from when the Journalists go abroad.
- Volume 12 (a larger format, green morocco-bound book) describes a six-week journey to Paris, beginning in July 1815, a month after the battle of Waterloo.
- Volumes 13 to 21 then take us to August 1818, when another larger format book is used for an expedition principally to Brussels (and the battlefield of Waterloo).
- The final four red moroccos lead up to four months before Charlotte's death.

Several Journal entries mention "les feuilles volantes", loose leaves of paper (all now lost), on which events were initially recorded. Subsequently – at times, many days later – these were written up in the moroccos.

A note by the 7<sup>th</sup> Lord Sandys, MDS' great-great-grandson, asserts that Charlotte and Mary wrote Journal entries on alternate days. A graphologist would be able to confirm this (or, more likely, otherwise). Generally, I find it hard to tell the sisters' handwriting apart: the pens used were no doubt of variable quality.

In 1823-4, Mary accompanied her mother on a lengthy continental tour (reaching as far as Naples). Apart from her diary of that journey and a handful of letters, we have no first-hand record of events during the remainder of Mary's life, which ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1830.

"Daughters who are inseparable companions of widowed mothers tend not to marry."<sup>3</sup> Here is a case in point, representing an unspoken sadness. Despite the family's wealth, with five brothers, Charlotte and Mary would never be heiresses, and neither may have had the looks to attract a suitor with the pedigree sufficient to satisfy MDS.

Following Charlotte's death, MDS gave up the Hanover Square house and made Roehampton her base: she died there on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1836. 35 years a widow, she had outlived not only her daughters, but also her fourth son, Augustus.

Reading the initial volumes, the Journal may seem to amount to little more than the factual record of the lives of two pampered girls from the higher echelons of English society. The preoccupation with social events, names and titles never flags, but the Journalists (who might be two persons in one, such is their mutual empathy) become gradually more detailed and less inhibited observers. Moreover, they gain awareness that they are writing for an audience, albeit a limited one. The Journal becomes both a game and an obsession.

If the early volumes are of any general interest, it is possibly on account of their reflection upon the progress of the armed struggle with Napoleon, leading eventually to his defeat, exile, and then escape from Elba; the 100 days to Waterloo, and that battle's repercussions – in particular (for the family) the reopening of Paris as a place they could at last visit.

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<sup>3</sup> Oman, page 24

## Introduction to Volume 1

Nine months prior to the first joint Journal entry in June 1813, mother and daughters had travelled to Ireland for the christening of MDS's first grandchild, a journey chronicled briefly by Charlotte.

12 years after her husband's death, MDS is in residence at her Mayfair home. Of the seven children, her daughters serve as ladies in waiting to "Mama". Their two elder brothers are overseas, "Downshire" (the third Marquess), already married and living at what was his father's family home, Hillsborough Castle, near Belfast; and Arthur, a cavalry officer serving in the Peninsula under Wellington. Younger brothers Marcus and Augustus (15 and 12) reside with their tutor, the Rev. James Reed in Bedfordshire. Georgy, aged 11 (for the present at least) studies at home under Mr Bettans.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July 1813 there is a record for all but four days. Daily routine is listed, letters received and sent noted, visitors and visits logged, concern for "Mama" shown throughout. Nothing indicates why the project has been undertaken, but perhaps the sense of living in interesting times (victories against the Napoleonic armies) grows upon the Journalists as they slowly hit their stride.

Then, no entry is made for five months, apart from on 9<sup>th</sup> November, when it is recorded that Arthur returns home from the Peninsula with dispatches bringing "delightful news".<sup>4</sup>

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, the family decamps to Brighton for two months. Only on 23<sup>rd</sup> December (after a couple of brief, isolated entries in the previous fortnight or so) does a regular record resume: Brighton no doubt afforded more time for writing, and the Journalists were reluctant returnees to London ("the streets in such a dreadful state").

London was, however, home and the focus of life for MDS, an intensely social animal: among the 150 or more names "dropped" in this volume alone are those of Mrs Fitzherbert, Mrs Siddons, the painter Lawrence and a clutch of royal dukes.

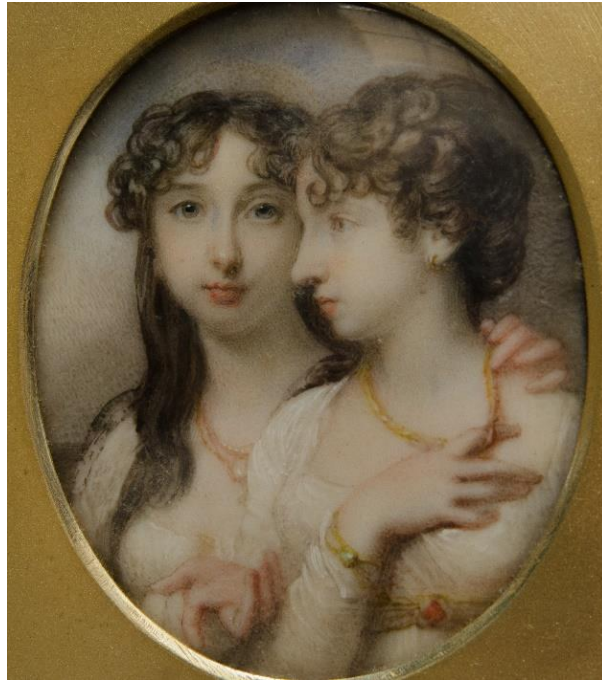
Volume 1 continues by and large daily until 21<sup>st</sup> February. The original softback notebook was found by Harry Baylis of Sytchampton, Worcestershire when carrying out repairs at Ombersley Court – his family had a long association with the Ombersley estate. It was deposited by him with Worcestershire County Council archives on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1955. The entries up to the end of January 1814 were transcribed subsequently into a more permanent red morocco-bound book, without however the paperback's charming title, "Journal of Two Goseys"<sup>5</sup> being repeated. For whatever reason, the February 1814 entries were not copied into the red morocco fair copy volume, which was found in The Court itself along with the other volumes of the Journal.

Martin Davis, Ombersley Court Archivist – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (revised February 2020)

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<sup>4</sup> During the interval, the letter dated 20th August (see note 2 above) is headed "Ombersley Court", indicating a visit to Worcestershire. A letter back from Sir Philip Francis dated 7th September mentions *The Chronicle* as recording MDS' arrival in Hanover Square. Downshire writes to his mother on 4<sup>th</sup> October, saying he was "very sorry to hear Mary is so weak, she was always inclined that way." However, by 22<sup>nd</sup> October Charlotte is writing to Sir Philip with no mention of her sister being particularly ill: "The two brace of hands [as Sir Philip refers to the Journalists in a letter to MDS] can find no better employment than writing to you... We have so much cold Damp, & rain, that I believe there is scarcely any body free from Cold. We have no News to tell you, so I hope you will excuse this stupid letter..." Finally, a letter from Sir Philip to MDS dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November mentions a newspaper report of the Journalists' coming out at a ball at Hatfield House.

<sup>5</sup> It is hard to know what might be meant by a "Gosey".



Richard Cosway's miniature of the Journalists (1812), highlighting their intimate relationship

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*Not keep a journal!... How are the civilities and compliments of every day to be related as they ought to be, unless noted down every evening in a journal? ...Nature may have done something, but I am sure it must be essentially assisted by the practice of keeping a journal.*

(Henry Tilney in Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*)



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I am indebted above all to the executors of the late Lord and Lady Sandys for granting me unrestricted access to Ombersley Court, and in particular its library and archive – amongst the jewels of which are the 26 volumes that make up the Journal.

Unless indicated, all illustrations are from the Sandys Ombersley Collection: I accept responsibility for the photographs.

Though complete, this does not purport to be a scholarly edition: unless otherwise stated, the information in the footnotes is likely to have come from Wikipedia. (How did we ever manage without it?)

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An illustration taken from John Roque's Map of London (1746) showing (bottom left) Hanover Square in relation to Piccadilly, Bond Street and some other central London landmarks.

The top of the map points E.S.E.

## Who's who

### **The immediate family (in the order of appearance in this volume of the Journal)**

**Marcus:** Lord Marcus Hill, the Journalists' younger brother, born 1798; being tutored privately at Eversholt, Bedfordshire (along with his younger brothers) until Autumn 1814, when he went to Edinburgh University; subsequently served both overseas and at home in the diplomatic service and then as MP; succeeded as 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Sandys in 1860. Died, 1863, leaving a widow and nine children, one further child having died in his lifetime.

**Augustus:** Lord Augustus Hill, younger brother of Marcus, born 1800; being tutored at Eversholt also; subsequently living many years abroad for his health. Died, unmarried, 1831.

**Mama:** Mary née Sandys, Dowager Marchioness of Downshire and (from 1802) Baroness Sandys of Ombersley, who signed herself (and is here referred to as) "MDS"; born 1764; brought up in Court circles by her great-aunt and Godmother Lady Robert Bertie; married, 1786, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess of Downshire, who died in 1801 prior to the birth of their seventh child. Died, 1836.

**Charlotte (or C):** Lady Charlotte Hill, MDS' elder daughter, born 1794; tutored at home; wrote a brief travel diary in 1812; began writing the Journal jointly with her sister, June 1813, continued until shortly before her death (unmarried) in September 1821. (The Journal refers to her as "Lolotte" from January 1815.)

**Downshire:** MDS' eldest child, Arthur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquess of Downshire, born 1788; educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford; married, 1811, to Lady Maria Windsor, by whom he had five children. Died, 1845.

**Georgy:** Lord George Augusta Hill, MDS' youngest child, born 1801, three months after his father's death; tutored at home and subsequently at Eversholt; served in the Army and as MP; became a substantial landowner in co. Donegal; married twice (two nieces of Jane Austen, in succession). Died 1879, leaving a widow and five children. (He was named after his Godparents, King George III and Princess Augusta.)

**Arthur:** Lord Arthur Hill, MDS' 2<sup>nd</sup> son, born 1792; educated at Eton; entered the Army and was in 1813 serving as a cavalry officer in the Peninsular War (10<sup>th</sup> Hussars); one of Wellington's ADCs at the battle of Waterloo; rose to the rank of Lieutenant-General; an MP; latterly Colonel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons (Scots Greys); succeeded MDS as 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Sandys, 1836. Died, 1860, unmarried.



**M** or **Mary**: Lady Mary Hill, MDS' younger daughter, born 1796; tutored at home; began writing the joint Journal, June 1813, continuing until 1821; wrote her own travel journal, 1823-4. Died, 1830, unmarried. (The Journal refers to her as "Omphale" from January 1815.)



MDS, by Richard Cosway

**The household servants** (NB Their precise roles are sometimes hard to discern from the Journal.)

**Mr Bettans**: Samuel Christopher Bettans, French-speaking, possibly of Swiss origin, resident tutor (later married to Mary, a dressmaker of 90 Jermyn Street): he died in 1843.

**Mrs Groom**: nicknamed "Grim", formerly the children's nurse, but now acting as housekeeper: often called into action as chaperone for the Journalists

**Mrs (or Madame) Bissat**: She seems to be the Journalists' (French) Governess, certainly a long-standing servant of 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 November 1825.

**Mr John Hassart**: groom of the chamber at Hanover Square since 1807, and also served occasionally as cook, driver and general factotum, not always satisfactorily ("Poor little Hassart", with his "extraordinary accent" – because French)

**M. Dominick Blaze Le Bocq**: cook, having entered MDS' service in February 1813

**Mrs Edwards**: known as "Edwards" or "Etterts", MDS' personal maid – when in London, always out on Sundays

**Lydia Stevens**: the Journalists' maid

**John Fordham** and **William Cupit**: footmen in MDS' household since February 1813 and August 1811 respectively

**William Begbie** (b. 1795): also a footman

**John Clements**: chair man

**Charles Saunders**: coachman since 1797, with two postillions under him, **John** and **Thomas**

## Hanover Square Journal – June 1813

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Got up at half past five. Saw Marcus<sup>6</sup> & Augustus off for Eversholt<sup>7</sup> at Six. Went out with Mrs Groom at ¼ past. Came home at eight. Breakfasted at Nine. Went to Mama at ten. Charlotte got a Letter from Downshire from Ireland. Did our Lesson till 12. Went to Mama. Wrote and practised till ½ past one. Dined. Played with Georgy till past three. Went up to Mama. Out in the Carriage at 5. Walked a little in the Park<sup>8</sup>. Came home at 6. Supped; read and dressed. Company to dinner - Mr Stewart & Capt Palmer. Played; went to bed at 12.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Got up at ½ past eight. Breakfasted at ½ past Nine. Went to Mama. Walked to Miss Jones & Grey's<sup>9</sup> with Georgy. Came home at 12. Recd a Letter from Downshire from Ireland. Read till one. Went to Mama. Dined at ½ past one; played with Georgy till past 3. Went to Mama. Out in the Coach at 4 to see Bones Enamel Pictures of the great Personages in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth<sup>10</sup>. Very beautiful indeed. Saw the Mail Coaches in St James's St. Came home at 6. too late for Mr Polidori. Supped & walked to the Park. Came home at 8. Sat with Mama till half past 10. Went to bed.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Got up at ½ past 6. Went to Mama at eight. She was dressed, it being the day appointed for the trial of the Robbers<sup>11</sup>, in a Straw Coloured Sattin pelisse<sup>12</sup>, a Cap & a White Veil. Were in a great fuss till Nine.

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<sup>6</sup> An index of names together with brief biographical details, where known, appears at the end.

<sup>7</sup> Bedfordshire – the home of The Rev. James Reed, Rector of that parish, who tutored the boys

<sup>8</sup> Hyde Park

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Gray, 41 Sackville Street, jeweller to the Royal family

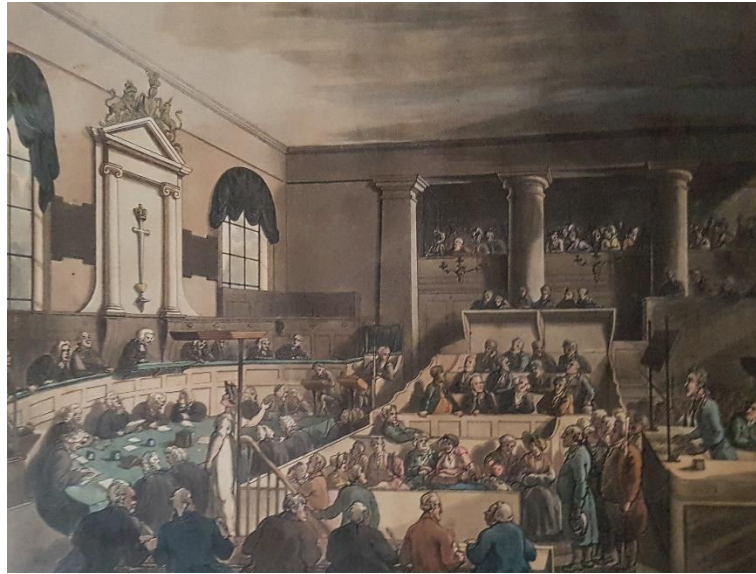
<sup>10</sup> Henry Bone RA (1755-1834) was an enamel painter, officially employed in that capacity by three successive monarchs. The Elizabethan series did not prove a financial success; they were exhibited at his house at 15 Berners Street.

<sup>11</sup> Upon hearing of the robbery at 21 Hanover Square, Arthur had written from Spain to his mother on 19th April, *"I cannot say how delighted I am at your escape, and am very much astonished at your not hearing the robbers, in which case I am sure you wou'd have got up, which thank God you did not. The papers, I understand said you had lost £14,000 of jewels and afterwards £5,000, neither of which I hope are true."*

<sup>12</sup> A woman's long, fitted coat with set-in sleeves and Empire waist. Although initially these Regency-era pelisses copied the Hussars' fur and braid, they soon lost these initial associations, and in fact were often made without fur at all. They did, however, tend to retain traces of their military inspiration with frog fastenings and braid trim.



Made breakfast for the Duc de Gramont, who came with Mr Stewart to be conveyed in Mama's Chariot to the Old Bailey.



The Old Bailey, by Rowlandson, c1818 (an Ackerman print in the Sandys Ombersley Collection)

Ld & Ly Amherst went in their Carriage. The Duke of Sussex at a quarter before Nine called & took Mama & Colonel Palmer in his Carriage. Ld Plymouth went in Mama's Coach. Breakfasted at 1/2 past 9. Waited in vain for Mr D'Egville, went out & dined at 1/2 past One. Wrote the Journal. Mama not yet returned. Half past 4 - - - Mr Latour came. Played a little but were uneasy for Mama's return. She came home between Seven & eight, very cold & very much fatigued. Received a Letter from Arthur from Portugal who was on his March to join the Army<sup>13</sup>. Mama very ill all the evening. Mr Stewart came at 10 to tell us the verdict wch Mama did not wait to hear. Sent for Dr Clarke at 12. Mama fainted from exhaustion having been 12 hours without eating. She got better & went to bed at one. Staid with her till she had taken a composing Draught & saw her comfortable in bed. Went upstairs at 1/2 past one.

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Got up at Nine, went to Mama, much better but a violent Headache. Came down to breakfast; found Mr Stewart. Went afterwards to Mama. Staid with her till 1/2 past one.

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<sup>13</sup> "My dearest Mama, Here we are for a day after a very tedious march of six days..." wrote Arthur on 16<sup>th</sup> May from Oliveira do Hospital. His letters in this period are preserved in the Sandys Ombersley Collection.

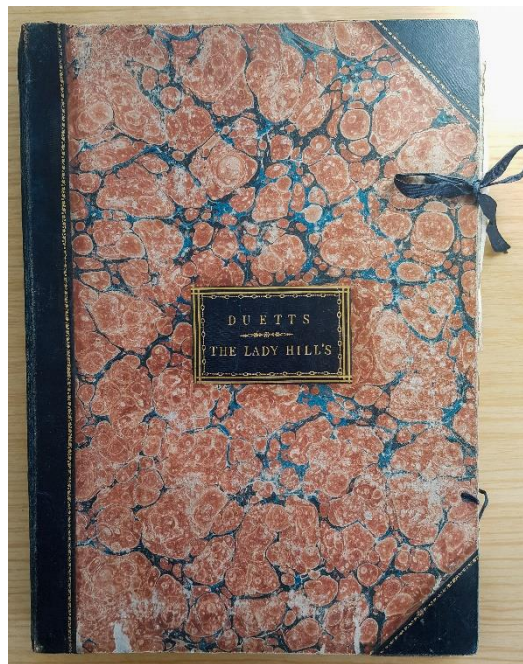
Dined. Went to Mama. Saw the Duc de Gramont. The Duke of Gloucester called. Went out at four. Called at Mr Handley's<sup>14</sup>. Came back at five. Saw Colonel Dalton. Went out in the Square. Walked with Ly Charlemont. Sent Georgy to see his friend Caulfield<sup>15</sup>. Came home & wrote the Journal. Supped. Went to Mama while she dined. Went to bed at 10.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**-----

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**-----

**Wedy 9<sup>th</sup>**

Walked out at eight. Breakfasted at ½ past 9. Went to Mama and staid with her till eleven; practised Duetts on the Piano Forte till ½ past.



The Journalists' duetts folder (Sandys Ombersley Collection): see Appendix.

Walked to Grey's about the eye-bracelet. Met Miss Jones. Walked home with her. Came home at 12. Sent Georgy to her. Wrote Letters to Arthur for Portugal at one. Col. Dalton came. Played Duetts for him till ½ past 2. Dined.

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<sup>14</sup> in Pentonville

<sup>15</sup> James William Viscount Caulfeild (1803-23), eldest child of the Countess of Charlemont and her unfaithful husband, the Earl.

Finished our Letter for Portugal & Charlotte wrote to Mr Reed. Went out at four. Came home at 5. Mr La Tour<sup>16</sup>. Supped. Staid with Mama while she dined. Went to bed at 10.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**-----

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Got up early & walked out; breakfasted at 10; did our Lesson; went to Mama; wrote an account of the Catholic Dinner<sup>17</sup> for Downshire. Capt Palmer came. Walked to Warwick House<sup>18</sup> with Mama, Georgy & Mr Bettans. Met Colonel Palmer. Marcus and Augustus just arrived. Dined. Mr Stewart came. Went to Mama & finished writing about the Catholic Dinner. Took great care all day that Mama should not know brothers were arrived, wishing to surprise her. She dined at Ly Smith Burgess to meet the Dukes of Cambridge & Gloucester; walked in the Square<sup>19</sup> with brothers. Went to bed at Ten.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Got up early; it rained. Disappointed of the bracelet. Sent Georgy twice after it. Very much afraid Mr Bettans should see him. The bracelet arrived at 1/2 past Nine. Went all up to Mama. Charlotte put it upon her Arm in the name of all the Family,\* & we introduced brothers (Marcus and Augustus) to her. She was very much delighted. Mr D'Egville came. Went to Mama. Wrote to Downshire. Saw Lord Sandwich & Sir Philip<sup>20</sup>. Dined. Mr Stewart came afterwards; all went out in the Barouche<sup>21</sup> to the King's Road (Mama, us two, Marcus & Augustus & George Augusta).

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<sup>16</sup> See "Latour" in the biographical index.

<sup>17</sup> This took place on 10<sup>th</sup> June in London, given by "The Friends of Religious Liberty": the chairman was the Duke of Bedford, supported by the Dukes of Kent and Sussex. Nearly 500 attended. "The Duke of Sussex and Lord Holland denounced the Orange system with great violence." (John O'Connell, "The life and speeches of Daniel O'Connell", vol. 1, 1846)

<sup>18</sup> "Nothing could more perfectly resemble a convent than this residence, but it was a seat of happiness to Princess Charlotte," so wrote her one-time governess Miss Cornelia Knight, a friend of MDS.

<sup>19</sup> Hanover

<sup>20</sup> Francis – a long-standing correspondent of MDS and frequent visitor in London, much ridiculed by the Journalists

<sup>21</sup> The illustration (next page) is of "a fashionable barouche with Ackermann's patent moveable axles", from The Repository of Arts, Literature, Fashions, Manufactures etc., 2<sup>nd</sup> series, January 1820 ("The Repository").





Mama received a Letter from Arthur. Came home at five, wrote to Mr Reed to thank him for having sent Brothers. Music. I (M) walked to the Bath<sup>22</sup> with Mama. Both of us staid with her while she dined; brothers came to desert; went to bed at Ten.

*\*Mama's idea of having our Eyes as a Bracelet, but among other valuable articles it was taken away the night of the Robbery. We all resolved to present her with another. The Eyes were painted by Miss Jones & set by Grey, in Sackville St.<sup>23</sup>*

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Breakfasted at Nine. Went to Church, all of us. Dined at half past one. Went out at four in the Coach. Came home at Six. Supped. Walked out at Seven with Mama. Came home at eight. Sat with her till ten. Went to bed.

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<sup>22</sup> Mary Nerot ran a profitable business providing bathing facilities to the well-to-do in her Clifford Street establishment.

<sup>23</sup> Miss Jones was later (1817) to make a celebrated "eye" painting of Princess Charlotte of Wales, in the Royal Collection.

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]

Got up early; went out in the Square. Had a glass of Milk; breakfast at Nine; went to Roehampton<sup>24</sup> at Ten in the Barouche (Mama, us two, Marcus & Augustus, & George Augusta). Came home at 5.

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Mama sent for us to her Dressing-room early. She had received a long Letter from Arthur, dated Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, his first engagement with the French; all safe and well. Lt Cotton killed!! Capt Lloyd taken prisoner.<sup>25</sup> I (C.) went in the Coach to carry the good News to Lady Ossulston, Duchess of Leinster & Lady Salisbury<sup>26</sup>. I (M) staid at home to write Letters. Charlotte came home at one. (Mr Handley, Mr Stewart & Capt. Palmer were here). Went to Lady Talbot & Miss Johnstone. Dined at two; went up to Mama. Mr Stewart went to Saunders and brought home Arthur's picture<sup>27</sup> unfinished. Ch. went & fetched Miss Jones to paint his Eye from it. Note: Sent away Mr Polidori. At five Ch. went with Mama to the Duchess of Leinster & took A's Letter to read to her. Also returned the Picture to Saunders. I (M) staid at home to finish Letters for the Post. Mr Stewart dined here. We all five went to desert. Went to Bed at Twelve.

## Wedy 16<sup>th</sup>

Got up earliest. Charlotte, Augustus & Georgy had some new Milk. Breakfasted. Went to Mama. Waited in vain for Mr D'Egville. Wrote to Arthur; dined at two; brothers went to the Duchess of Leinster. Ld Stawell & the Duc de Gramont came. Shewed them Arthur's Letter; the Duc de G. had just received one from the Comte who said that nothing could be more gallant than Arthur was in the late Engagement. Mama & I went in the Barouche at 4 o'clock to fetch brothers home. M. staid at home for Mr Latour. Col. Palmer called at 7. Mama,

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<sup>24</sup> Downshire House, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 was owned by MDS' great-aunt Lady Robert Bertie, who bequeathed it to MDS: a red brick, three-storey house, it was substantially altered, if not rebuilt, c1795 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquess.

<sup>25</sup> "Huzza Huzza – We have this day engaged [at Morales] with the French and given them a good drubbing... Lloyd was taken prisoner being short sighted and on a hot horse... The French were very fine men and fought better than ever they have... One of my men told me just now that a fellow was in the act of cutting me down when he chopped his arm off... I'm sorry to say I was weak enough to shed tears at seeing poor Cottin brought in..." (On 6<sup>th</sup> June, Arthur wrote again, saying, "I was sent to the enemies camp yesterday with a flag of truce, to exchange a French Captain for Lloyd.")

<sup>26</sup> The first was sister to the Comte de Gramont ("Gramont is very well, I was close to him"), and the second grandmother of the Journalists' cousin Edward Fox FitzGerald ("Tell the Duchess of Leinster Ed. is quite safe and well" and "did wonders".)

<sup>27</sup> A miniature

Charlotte & 3 brothers walked out with him till 8. Mama dined at ½ past. Brothers came to Desert. Col. Bloomfield called at 11<sup>28</sup>. Went to bed at 12.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Brothers set off for Eversholt<sup>29</sup> at 6. C. got up at ½ past 5 to see them off. She & Georgy had a Walk. Breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. C. received a Letter from Lady Downshire; did our Lesson till 12. Went to Mama. Walked to Lady Barbara A. Cooper; not at home. Came home again; found she had also visited us. Dined at ½ past one. Lord Stawell came, likewise Col. & Lady Maria Meade<sup>30</sup> & the Miss Robartes came to tell us that they had also heard from their brother, the Major<sup>31</sup>. Went out in the Coach at 4 till 6. Walked in the Square with Georgy. Staid with Mama while she dressed. Company to Dinner. (Mrs Crosbie, Sir Philip Francis, Mr Williamson). Wrote the journal, dressed, went down at ½ past 9. Mama went to the bath at ½ past 11. Went to bed.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Got up late. Breakfasted at 10. Went to Mama. Staid with her till 12 arranging and settling Papers. Walked in the park. Dined at ½ past one. Went out at ½ past 3. Walked in the Park. Came home at 5. Mr Polidori till 6. Walked to the Albany with Mama. Saw Capt Palmer. Came home at 8. Sat with Mama till ½ past 10. Went to bed.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Went to Roehampton with Mama in the Barouche. Came home at 5. Very Cold & dreary, & not at all like the month of June. Met Mr Grenfell. Mr Latour had been here & was gone when we arrived. Supped at 6 & walked with Mama to the bath at 9. Came home at 8. Wrote the Journal. Went to Mama. Sat with her till ½ past 10.

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<sup>28</sup> Note the hour.

<sup>29</sup> Their tutor, The Rev. James Reed, was Rector there.

<sup>30</sup> Brother and sister

<sup>31</sup> "*Robarts was near killed but was saved by one of our men*", Arthur had written to MDS. The Major was the one who gave the order to charge, even though Colonel Grant was in command.



## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Breakfasted a little after Nine. Went to Mama. Read Prayers & Blair's Sermon on "Tranquillity of Mind" which is beautiful<sup>32</sup>. Dined at ½ past one. Saw Mr Stewart & went out at ½ past 3. Came home at 5 & walked in the Sqre. till 6. Went to Mama's Dressing-Room. Company to Dinner.

Lord & Ly Donegall  
Lord & Ly Charlemont  
Lady Mornington  
Lord Stawell  
Duc de Gramont  
Mr Chichester  
Mr Stewart  
Col Meade  
Col Palmer  
Mr Grenfell  
Mr Mills  
Mr Philip Francis

Went to bed at ½ past 12.

## **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Breakfasted at ½ past 10. Went to Mama; found her in the Drawing Room. Stayed with her till near 12. Charlotte staid at home & Mary walked to Miss Jones & Grey's to whom we have given the Eye bracelet to alter. An officer of the Clare Militia fell in a fit from his horse before our stables & was carried to the Watch Maker. Sir Gilbert Blane was with Mama. Sent him to him. He got better & was carried home. Dined at ½ past one. Saw Mr Stewart. Went out with Mama at ½ past 3. Called in Sloane St to enquire after Lt Blood after his accident. Came home at 5. Col FitzGerald called to thank Mama for her attention to Lt Blood. Mama dined at the Duke Gloucester's to meet The Princess Sophia of Gloucester. Mr Latour till 7. C. staid at home. M. went out till 9; went to bed at 10.

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<sup>32</sup> Hugh Blair (1718-1800) was a Scottish minister of religion, author and rhetorician. He published the first of his five-volume series, *Sermons* in 1777. His success is credited to the ease with which the audience could follow his polite, organised style; a style that was translated easily into print. In many respects, Blair was socially conservative. He also had liberal tendencies demonstrated in his rejection of Calvinistic doctrines such as original sin, total corruption, and damnation. The *Sermons* focus on questions of morality, rather than theology, emphasising patriotism, action in the public sphere, and moral virtue. Blair encourages people to improve their natural talents through hard work, but also to be content with their appointed stations in society. He urges people to play an active role in society, to enjoy the pleasures of life, to do good works, and to maintain faith in God. Though Blair's *Sermons* eventually fell out of favour for lacking doctrinal definiteness — "*a bucket of warm water*", as one opinion puts it—they were undoubtedly influential during Blair's lifetime and for several decades after his death.

## **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>[June 1813]**

Got up at 8. Went out at 9. Breakfasted at 10. Went to Mama. Came down to Lesson, went back to Mama at ½ past 12. Dined at ½ past one. Returned to Mama after dinner. Saw Mr Stewart & Col Meade. Wrote long letters to Marcus & Augustus. Saw Capt Codrington. Went out at 4. Came home at 5. Mr Polidori till Six. Went out at 7. Came home at 8. Wrote the Journal. Dressed. Mr Stewart to dinner. Went to bed at ½ past eleven.

## **Wedy 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Got up at eight. Walked out. Breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. Mr D'Egville wrote word he could not come. Did our Lesson till 12. Walked to Mr Rheberg to see some Drawings. Dined at ½ past one. Mr Stewart came at three. Went out in the Coach with Mama at 4. Mr Latour did not come till ½ past 5. M. walked at 7 with Mama to the bath. Sat with Mama till ten. Went to bed.

## **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at ½ past 7. Took a long walk till past 10. Breakfasted. Went to Mama. Walked to Lady Barbara. Did not see her. Dined at ½ past one. Saw Mr Stewart & Col Dalton. Went out at 4. Came home at ½ past 5. Mr Polidori till ½ past 6. Went to Mama and sat with her till Eleven. Mr Culling Smith & Mr Stewart called. Went to bed.

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at eight. Went out. Breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. Did our Lesson till 12. Returned to Mama. Dined at ½ past 1. Saw Mr Stewart & Ld Donoughmore & the D. de Gramont. Went out at 5. Came home at 6. Supped. Went out walking with Mama till 8. Sat with her till ten. Col Palmer called. Went to bed.

## **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at eight. Breakfasted at ½ past 9. Went to Roehampton at 11 in the Landaulet<sup>33</sup>.

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<sup>33</sup> The illustration (next page) shows a landaulet with Birch's patent roof and Ackermann's patent moveable axles, from The Repository.



Came home  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 5. Mr Latour till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7. M. walked with Mama to the bath. Sat with her till ten. Went to bed.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Breakfasted at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9. Went to Mama in her Dressing-Room till ten. Went to Church. Dined at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one. Went to Mama. Saw Mr Stewart & Lord Thanet. Went out in the Coach at 4. Came home at 6. Supped. Sat with Mama while she dined; went to bed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10.

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at eight. Went to see Fanny Talbot; breakfasted at ten; went to Mama at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past; staid with her till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one. Mme de Mansigny, Mr Stewart & Capt Palmer called. A very busy day. Dined. Wrote to Downshire. Mme de Mansigny called again. Went out in the Barouche at five. Came home at Six. Supped. Walked till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 with Mama. Sat with her till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past eleven. Went to bed.

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Went out in the Morning. Breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. Did our Lesson. I (M) went to Ly Mornington. Dined at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one. Saw Capt Palmer & Mr Stewart. Went out in the Coach. Came home at Six. Both Headaches. Walked out with Mama till near eight. Col Palmer came. Sat with her till  $\frac{1}{2}$  past eleven.



### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> [June 1813]**

Got up at Nine. Rained hard. Breakfasted. Went to Mama. Wrote to Georgiana FitzRoy about a box for the Play. Did our Lesson. Went up to Mama. Wrote to Arthur. Col Dalton came. Dined at two. Went afterwards to Mama & I (M) wrote to Ly Downshire. Mr Stewart came & brought us the News that Lord Wellington had captured Burgos. Saw Lord Stawell & the Duke of Gloucester. I (M) went out with Mama in the Coach. Got the Duke of Yorks box; went there at 1/2 past eight. Called & fetched Ly Mornington to go with us. Came home at 1/2 past 12. Went to bed at one.

### **July**

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted. Went to Mama. Staid with her till 12. Saw Capt Palmer. Did our Lesson till one. Dined. Went out in the Barouche. Saw Col Dalton. A heavy shower came on while we were in the Park & met Col Dalton who laughed at us. Came home at 5. Mr Polidori till 6. Went to Mama. Company to dinner.

Lord Hutchinson  
Sir Philip Francis  
Mr Hutchinson

Went to bed at 12.

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> -----**

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. Went to Mama. Mr Stewart brought us letters from Spain. A great Victory gained by Lord Wellington at Vittoria, June 21<sup>st</sup>. a few Minutes after, received a Letter from Arthur all friends well.<sup>34</sup> I (C) went in the Coach to Lady Ossulston & the Dss of Leinster to tell them. I (M) wrote to Ly Barbara & walked with Mrs Groom to Ly Anne C. Smith & to Ly Mornington, who gave me the list of killed & wounded. No Friends. Came home at One. Saw Col Palmer. Wrote to Downshire. Went to Miss Johnstone & to Ly Charlemont. The Duc de

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<sup>34</sup> "The battle began at 11 in the morning and was not over till 8 in the evening... They say it was the most complete defeat the French ever have had. Ld. W. will certainly be made a Duke, and deservedly... The cannon balls came whistling about us much quicker than pleasant... I write this in a ploughed field, in my tent, very wet."

Coigny called to enquire after the Comte de Gramont. Wrote to the Duc de Gramont. Dined at two. Wrote afterwards to Mr Reed. Saw Ly Mornington & Mr Stewart. Also Lord Donoughmore. I (M) went out with Mama in the Coach. Saw Capt Fremantle who had brought the dispatches from Lord Wellington. I (C) wrote to Ld Talbot & to Ly C. Rawdon. Mr Latour till ½ past 7. Company to dinner. Mr Palmer & Mr Stewart. Went to bed at eleven.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> [July 1813]**

Breakfasted at ten. Went to Church at 11. Dined at two. Mr Stewart came. Went out at 4. Came home at 6. Walked with Mama till 7. Ly Mornington to dinner. Went to bed at 11.



“Went to Church” – at St George’s, Hanover Square: the journalists’ Grandfather had been a churchwarden

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. Wrote to the Duc de Gramont. Ly C. Belasyse, Mr. Reed, Downshire & Arthur. John Talbot called. Dined. Mama and I (C) went out in the Barouche. I (M) staid at home for Mr Latour. Got some old Letters from Arthur. Company to dinner. The Duke of Gloucester, Lord & Ly Ossulston, Lord & Lady Amherst, Lord Donoughmore, Lord

Hutchinson, Col Palmer, Mr Hutchinson, Col Dalton, Mr Warrender, Mr Stewart, John Talbot. Went to bed at two.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> [July 1813]**

Got up late. Breakfasted at ½ past 10. Went to Mama. Charlotte went walking. M. staid at home. Writing to Ly D. Dined at ½ past one. Walked to Ly Barbara. Mama called for us in the Barouche. Came home at ½ past 5. Went out walking with Mama at 6. Came home at 7. Sat with her while she dined. At ten walked out to see the Illuminations; very fine at the Spanish Ambassador's in Grafton St. We had a W & a Star in Coloured Lamps. Went to bed at 11.

### **Weddy 7<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote to Arthur; breakfasted at ½ past 9. Went to Mama; took Georgy to Roehampton at 11 in the Barouche. Came home at 5. Mr Latour till 7. Sat with Mama till 11. Went to bed.

### **Thursy 8<sup>th</sup>**

I (M) got up at eight; went to Mortlockes. Came home & breakfasted at 10. Went to Mama. Mr Handley came. Staid with them till 2. Dined. Went to Mama. Saw Mr Stewart. Wrote to Marcus & Augustus; Went out in the Barouche. Came home at 5. Mr Polidori till 6. At 7 walked out with Mama till 8. Sat with her till 11. Went to bed.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

I (C) had my head washed; breakfasted at ten. Went to Mama. Staid with her till two. Dined. Saw Mr Stewart. Went out in the Coach at ½ past 4. Mr Polidori till 6. (The Duke of Sussex called while we were out). Walked out with Mama till near 8. Sat with her till 10. Went to bed.

### **Satury 10<sup>th</sup>**

I (M) went to Roehampton in the Landalet with Mrs Bissat; Mama & Charlotte came in the Barouche at 5. Staid here till Tuesday -----

## November

9<sup>th</sup>

Arthur arrived in London from Spain on Tuesday Morning, the 9<sup>th</sup> at five o'clock. Went to Lord Bathurst's House in Mansfield St with dispatches from the Marquis of Wellington, of the fall of Pamplona<sup>35</sup>. From there went to Carlton House<sup>36</sup> & woke Colonel Bloomfield; came to Hanover Sq at 6. We were woke soon after with this delightful News. I (C) got up & went to him directly. (He had been Nine Months away from us) Woke Mama at 9. I (M) got up then. He sailed from Passajes<sup>37</sup> in the Little Catherine Packet on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov. Landed at Falmouth on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Arrived Post in London in 35 hours. Breakfasted at 1/2 past 10. Mama took Arthur in the little Poney Phaeton. I (C) had a Lesson of Mr Sapio.<sup>38</sup> I (M) wrote to Ly Barbara. Mama & Ch came home at one; had something to eat. Arthur found an Invitation for the Lord Mayor's dinner, which he accepted. Ld & Ly Ossulston & the Duc & Duchesse de Coigny. I (C) & Mama went out in the Barouche. I (M) staid at home & wrote to Lady Salisbury, Downshire, Lord Talbot, & Mr Stewart. Mama & I (C) came home. Wrote to Mr Reed, & to Miss Montgomerie<sup>39</sup>; Mr Polidori at 5. Sir Gilbert Blane called to congratulate us on Arthur's return. Company to dinner

Lady Ossulston  
Lord Stawell  
Mr Montgomerie  
Mr Wellesley  
Col Bloomfield

Arthur went to the Lord Mayor's Dinner with Lord Ossulston. Came home at 9. Went to bed at 12.



21 Hanover Square, the Brook Street frontage: the house was rebuilt but with the same footprint in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

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<sup>35</sup> Being sent by Wellington was "a mark of great distinction as he is not his Aid de Camp," Mary wrote on this date to Sir Philip Francis.

<sup>36</sup> Residence of the Prince Regent

<sup>37</sup> Pasajes – a short distance East of San Sebastian

<sup>38</sup> Singing teacher: Arthur had written on 20<sup>th</sup> October to say, "I really must compliment you on your singing, tho' I have never heard it, and beg you will continue it, as it is a very great ornament to any young woman".

<sup>39</sup> Possibly upon her engagement



## **December**

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Set off for Brighton, Mama & us two in the Landalet, Arthur & Edwards on the box at one o'clock. Arrived at the New Steyne Hotel Brighton at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Got into our New House, No 36 Bedford Sqre

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Georgy arrived in the Barouche with Mrs Bissat & Mr Hassart.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Lord Stawell arrived.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mama & I ( C ) went out in the Poney Phaeton. I (M) walked out with Mrs Bissat, met Mrs Wynn Belasyse who walked with me. Mama & I ( C ) met Col Robarts & Arthur & Wynn Belasyse on the Steyne. Came home at ½ past 2. Dined. I ( C ) walked out with Mama. Came home at 5. Wrote Letters for the Post. Company to Dinner

Lady Hawarden  
Colonel & Mrs Murray  
Col Robarts  
Mr Crawford  
Mr Askew  
Mr Douglas  
Lord Stawell  
Mama  
Arthur

Went to bed at 11.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Gave Georgy his Lesson. Both went out with Mama in the Poney Phaeton. Saw Mr Crawford. Georgy went with Arthur & Lord Stawell to the Barack

Riding School. We came home at ½ past 2. Visited Mrs Long Wellesley. Dined. Wrote Letters for the Post. Company to Dinner

Ly Charlotte & Mr W. Belasyse  
General & Mrs Knollys  
Mr Knollys  
Capt Smyth  
Mr Carr  
Lord Stawell  
Mama  
Arthur

Went to bed at One.

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> [December 1813]**

Got up at Ten. Breakfasted at 11. A wet day. I (M) received a Letter<sup>40</sup> from Pamela Fitzgerald

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Arthur went to Church at eleven. Both walked out with Mrs Bissat; Georgy went to Church with Mr Taylor. Came home at one. Mrs Thelluson called. Mr W. Belasyse & Mr Barratt. I (C) went out with Mrs Edwards & Georgy. I (M) wrote Letters for the Post. Colonel Robarts called.

Dressed for dinner.

Charlotte  
Mary  
Lord Stawell

Mama dined upstairs. Went to bed at ½ past 10.

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. Ld Stawell went to Petworth<sup>41</sup>. Went with Mama in the Poney Phaeton at 12. Came home at 3. Dined with Mama at 7.

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<sup>40</sup> Christmas Day!

<sup>41</sup> Home of George Wyndham, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Egremont

## **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> [December 1813]**

Breakfasted at 10. I (C) walked out before. Gave Georgy his Lesson. Went out in the Poney Phaeton at 12 & Georgy rode the Mule. Came home at ½ past One. Went out again at 2. Saw Capt Smyth. Came home at 4. Mama, I (C) & Georgy walked out. Saw Mr & Mrs Wellesey, General Hammond & Capt Smyth. Heard of battles in Spain but could get no intelligence. Came home at 5. Mr Kirchner accompanied us on the Violin for an hour & half. Dined. Mama read to us Les Mères Rivaless<sup>42</sup>. Went to bed at eleven.

## **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

I (C) walked with Georgy. Visited the Ponies in the stable. Breakfasted at 10. Gave Georgy his Lesson. Walked at 12 to Ly C. W. Belasyse. I (M) on a Donkey. Met the Lady Bingham's. Came home at ½ past one. Georgy dined. Went out at 2 in the Pony Phaeton. Went again to Ly Charlotte Belasyse. Met Capt Smyth, Mr Askew & Mrs Knollys. Came home at 4. Gave Georgy his Lesson. Heard dispatches are arrived from Lord Wellington. Anxious to know the Contents ---- Met Long Wellesley who told us the Comte de Gramont was killed!!!! ----

## **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at ten. I (C) took some Salts. I (M) went out on a Donkey with Mama, & Georgy called upon Mrs Robarts. Heard that the Comte de Gramont had been killed in the late engagement! Came home. Miss Cooper called & told us for certain that the Cavalry had not been engaged. They went home to procure us a list of the killed & wounded. Mr Pole called & bought us a list. The 10<sup>th</sup> not engaged. Went out in the Pony Phaeton. Carried the list to Mrs Howard. Met Mr Belasyse who was going to bring us one. Mama went to the bath. Came home at ½ past 5. Kirchner accompanied us on the Violin. Brothers arrived at ½ past 6. They had seen the Comte de Gramont before they set off!! He brought the dispatches. Company to dinner

Ly Hawarden  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Went to bed at 12.

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<sup>42</sup> by Mme. de Genlis

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> [December 1813]**

Breakfasted at 10. Walked to Ly C. Belasyse. Charlotte, Marcus Augustus & Georgy & Mary on a Donkey. Came home with Mr Belasyse. Went out in the Poney Phaeton. Georgy on the Mule. Came home at ½ past 4. Kirchner accompanied us on the Violin and Colquhoun on the Flute till ½ past 6. Dressed for Dinner

Two Miss Coopers  
Mama, Charlotte  
Mary

Went to bed at eleven.

### **January - 1814**

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Got up earlier to get ready our Verses and presents for Mama. Breakfasted at ½ past 10. All went to Mama to wish her a happy New Year. Placed the Basket & all the things in it in her Arm Chair. I (C) walked with brothers to the East Cliff. Met the Ly Bingham. Walked back with them, & met Mama & Mary. Staid out till ½ past one. Mama saw the basket & was pleased with it & its contents. Made us each a present of some Money. Mama took Augustus & I (M) in the Poney Phaeton. Georgy rode the Mule. I (C) & Mama walked on the Beach with the Ly Bingham. Came home at ½ past 4. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Ly C. & Mr W. Belasyse  
Miss Byng  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Capt Smyth

Newborough, & Spencer Came to Sup with brothers. Kirchner & Colquhoun came in the Evening. Played with them. Afterwards played at La Bagatelle. Charlotte won four Shillings. Went to bed at one.

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. I (C) went to brothers & Mrs Bissat to the Chapel. I (M) walked out with Mama. Mr Portis called. Went out afterwards in the Pony Phaeton. Met Col Robarts & Capt

Smyth. Went to the Barracks & saw Mettle, Arthur's horse that had lately arrived from Spain. Came home at 5. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Went to bed at eleven.

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at ten. A wet day. Staid at home all day. Mr W. Belasyse called. Arthur arrived at 4 from town. Ly Hawarden called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur

Arthur went to Mrs Fitzherbert in the Evening, where a Play was acted<sup>43</sup>. Mama read to us. Went to bed at 11.

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

I (C) went out with brothers a little way in the Morning. Breakfasted at ten. Snow, rain & sleet all day, & a cold wind. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur  
1<sup>st</sup> time Marcus

Arthur went in the Evening to ----- . Mama read to us. Went to bed at 1/2 past eleven.

### **Wedy 5<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at 1/2 past 10. Snow all day. Mr Belasyse called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Kirchner came at 5 till 6. Dressed for Dinner.

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<sup>43</sup> Was this perhaps the first occasion that Mrs Fitzherbert's ward, Minney Seymour flirted with Arthur?



Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur  
Marcus

Arthur went in the Evening to the Baron Montalembert. Mama read to us. Went to bed at 12.

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at ½ past 10. Snow. Ly C. Howard & Mr Belasyse called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur  
Marcus

Arthur went in the Evening to Mrs Fitzherberts ball. Mama read to us. Went to bed at 11.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. A fine day. Mama & I (M) walked out. Marcus, Augustus & Georgy went with Arthur to the Riding School. Dined at three. Wrote Letters for the Post. Company to dinner

Mr & Mrs & Miss Wellesley Pole  
Mrs Long Wellesley  
Mama  
Col Robarts  
Capt Smyth  
Mr Crawford  
Arthur

Went to bed at ½ past 11.

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Five at Dinner. Left off the Journal.

**Sunday 9 [January 1814]**

Five at Dinner

**Monday 10**

Five at Dinner

**Tuesday 11**

Six at Dinner

**Wed 12**

Four at Dinner

**Thurs 13**

Four at Dinner

**Friday 14**

Four at Dinner

**Saturday 15**

Began the Journal again. Two troops of the 10<sup>th</sup> Hussars<sup>44</sup> passed before our Windows on their way to Portsmouth. Capt Smyth & Mr Crawford stopped to take leave of us. Walked out twice. Sent a pair of Cuffs to Capt Smyth. Company to dinner.

Miss Byng  
Mrs & Miss Dickson  
Mr Askew  
Mama  
Charlotte & Mary  
Arthur

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<sup>44</sup> Arthur's regiment

Went to bed at 12.

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at ten. Rainy day. Could not go to Church. Mr Crawford came from Arundel to see Ly Crawford & called upon us. Gave him two pair of Cuffs. Mama invited him and Capt Smyth to dinner but they can't leave the Squadron. Mr Barratt called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Com. to Dinner

Ly Charlotte Howard  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Lord Glenbervie  
Mr Douglas  
Mr North  
Col Robarts  
Mr Wombwell  
Mr Ricd Wellesley  
Arthur

Kirchner & Colquhoun accompanied us in the Evening, Miss Byng came. went to bed at 12.

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. A very fine day. Took Marcus & Augustus in the Poney Phaeton to the Barack Riding School. Georgy rode the Mule there with Arthur. Met Mr Wombwell & Ly C & Mr W. Belaysye. Came home at 2. Walked out till 1/2 past 3. Wrote Letters for the Post. I (M) went to the bath at 5. Arthur dined at Mr & Mrs W. Bertie's. dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Marcus

Mama read to us at 1/2 past 11 [sic].

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Arthur went off early with Col Robarts to Portsmouth to see the Squadron of the 10<sup>th</sup> embark, breakfasted at 10. A Wet day, Mr Pole called. I (C) walked out. Came home with Marcus. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mama read to us all, went to bed at twelve.

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at ten a very wet day. Mr Barratt called. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mama read to us in the evening. Arthur came from Portsmouth at ten o'clock. Went directly to Ball at Mrs Arthur's. Went to bed at 12.

**Thursy 20**

Breakfasted at ten. Snow all day. Went for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur

Arthur went in the Evening to Mrs Fitzherbert. Mama read to us. Went to bed at 11.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Breakfasted at 10. Snow all day. Wrote for the Post. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Arthur

Arthur went in the Eg. to Mrs Knox. Mama read to us. Went to bed at 11.

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at ½ past 10. A Frost. Mama not very well. Took some Medicine. Mrs Palmer & Mrs Lockhart called, afterwards Mr W. Belasyse. Cranborne arrived at 5 on a Visit to Mr & Mrs W. Bertie. Arthur dined at Mrs Mitchell's. Dressed for Dinner: Mama, Charlotte, Mary.

Mama read to us in the Eg. Went to bed at 12.

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Breakfasted at 11. Bad Morning read prayers at home, Cranborne called & wrote here to Ly Salisbury. Arthur went to the Barracks, Mrs & Miss Pole & the D of Richmond called. Mr Pole afterwards. Wrote Letters for the Post. Arthur dined at Mrs Mitchell's. dressed for Dinner

2 Miss Coopers  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mr & Mrs Palmer & Mrs Lockhart came in the evening. Went to bed at 12.

### **Monday 24**

Fine Morning, Mama & I (M) bad colds, Cranborne called. Mr W Belasyse likewise, Charlotte walked with him, met Ly Hawarden, Miss Vernon & Miss Stapyltons. Ly Charlotte Howard called & Ly Hawarden. Wrote for the Post. Arthur dined at Mr North's & went in the Evening to the play at Mr Bertie's. Dressed for Dinner

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary.

Mama read to us in the Evening, Went to bed at 12.

### **Tuesday 25**

Breakfasted at ten, Read. A very fine day. Lord Glenbervie & Mr North called likewise Mrs Pole & the D of Richmond. I ( C )walked out with Cranborne who called. Met Mr Douglas & Mr Wellesley. Wrote for the Post, Mr Barrat called. Dressed for Dinner

Mrs & Miss G. Johnson  
Miss Ord  
Mr Creevey



Mr Wombwell  
Mr Robarts  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Arthur

Went to bed at twelve.

### **Wed 26 [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at 11. Newborough & Spencer Wynn called. Read. Cranborne called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Arthur dined at Mrs Fitzherbert. Dressed for dinner: Mama, Charlotte, Mary. Mama read to us in the Eg. Went to bed at 12.

### **Thursy 27<sup>th</sup> -----**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mama & I (M) took some Medicine. I (C ) walked out. Cranborne came. C. walked with him. Col Robarts called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Arthur dined at Mrs Bertie's & went to the play at the Baron Montalemberts in the Eg. Dressed for dinner. Mama, Charlotte, Mary. Mama read to us in the Eg. Went to bed at 12.

### **Saty 29**

A very wet day. Nobody called but Cranborne. (Mama spoke to Arthur<sup>45</sup>). Arthur dined at Ly Saltoun's. Dressed for dinner: Mama, Charlotte, Mary. Mama read to us all in the Eg. Went to bed at 12.

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<sup>45</sup> No doubt in the light of so much recent partying and acting: on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1813, Col. Palmer had written to MDS from Spain at length about Arthur, saying (inter alia): "*He has been completely spoiled and the same disposition which under your guidance would have rendered him as amiable as his younger brothers and sisters, has unfortunately been so perverted by the bad society he has been led into, that I am aware it will require the utmost pains and circumspection on my part to render him all that a son of yours ought to be.*"

### **Sunday 30 [January 1814]**

Breakfasted at 10. A very fine day. Sent brothers to Church. Read prayers at home. Arthur went to the Barracks. Mr Belasyse called. Went out in the Pony Phaeton at 3. Mama dropped us at Ly C.W. Belasyse & took Mrs Pole a drive. Saw Mr Wombwell. Came home at 5. Mama went to the bath. I (C ), I (M) walked with brothers till 6. I (M) dined. Wrote Letters for the Post. Company to dinner.

Col & Mrs Murray  
Mr & Mrs Palmer  
Mrs Lockhart  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Mr & Mrs Belasyse  
Mr & Mrs Wellesley  
Mr Wombwell  
Arthur

Kirchner & Colquhoun came in the Eg to play with us. Miss Cooper came. Went to bed at 12.

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

A very fine day. Breakfasted at 10. Arthur took Georgy to the Barracks. Went in the Pony Phaeton to take Augustus & Marcus to the Barracks. They both sat behind. Mama was very near fainting while passing the Steyne. Took her to Ly C. Belasyse. Sent for Mr Barratt. She very soon recovered. Mr North called. Mama & Charlotte walked with Mr Belasyse. Mary went in the Phaeton with Mr Barratt. Braybroke drove us to Mr Barratt. Mama got in. Charlotte & I (M) walked with Mrs Belasyse. Wrote Letters for the Post. Company to dinner. Mama quite well.

Mrs & Miss Pole  
Ly Elizabeth Bingham  
Mama  
Charlotte  
The Duke of Richmond  
Lord Lucan  
Col Robarts  
Major Fisher  
Arthur

Went to bed at 12.

66x 74y  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Breakfasted at Ten  
Mama much better.  
Arthur drove Mama  
& Mary to Ly Charlotte Wynn  
Belasyse, Charlotte walked  
with Ld Lucan & the  
Lady Bingham's, Saw  
Mr Wombwell at Ly C's  
Came home at two.  
Walked out with Mama  
Called upon Dowr. Lady  
Templetown & Ly Crawford  
Came home at five.  
Went to the Bath with  
Marcus. wrote letters  
for the Post. Dressed  
for Dinner  
Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary.  
Mama read to us all in the  
Even. went to bed at Ten o'c.

**February Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Breakfasted at Ten. Mama much better. Arthur drove Mama & Mary to Ly Charlotte Wynn Belasyse, Charlotte walked with Ld Lucan & the Lady Bingham's. Saw Mr Wombwell at Ly C's. Came home at two. Walked out with Mama. Called upon Dowr. Lady Templetown & Ly Crawford. Came home at five. Went to the Bath with Marcus. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mama read to us in the Evg. Went to Bed at Twelve.

### **Wy. 2<sup>d</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up early to see Arthur who was going with Mr Wombwell to the Duke of Beauforts, Badminton, to a fete given on Ld. Worcester's Coming of Age. They set off at half past Ten in Mr Wynn Belasyse's Carriage & four horses. Mama took a little Medicine. We both walked out with Mrs Bissat. Came home at 1/2 past four. Col. Robarts called. Staid till Six. Dressed for Dinner

Charlotte  
Mary

Mama had a boiled Chicken up stairs. She read to us in the Evening. Went to Bed at 1/2 past Eleven.

### **Thurs. 3<sup>d</sup>**

Breakfasted at Eleven. Very fine Day. Marcus & Georgy went in the Pony Phaeton to the Riding School. Charlotte & Mrs Bissat walked to Mr W. Belasyse. Cranborne called. Charlotte & Mary walked with Mama. Met Col. & Mrs Otway, & Col. Robarts. Came home at 1/2 past four. Kirchner & Colquhoun accompanied us on the violin and Flute till Seven. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

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

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfasted at Eleven, very fine day (Marcus & Georgy went in the Phaeton to the Riding School). Went up to Mama found her in Bed. She told us particular business would carry her to town the next Morning & that she would take us both with her. (Very sorry indeed) Charlotte walked with Mrs Bissat to Lady Charlotte W. Belasyse. Met the Lady Bingham. Cranborne called. Charlotte & Mary walked out. Ly C. & Mr Belasyse called. We walked with Mr Belasyse, the Lady Bingham & Mrs Johnson. Saw Colonel Robarts Mr. Douglas & Mr. R.

Wellesley. Walked with Cranborne who left us to ride. Met the D. of Richmond, Mrs. and Miss Pole. Met Mr Douglas took leave of him. Mary went to the Bath at five, with Augustus & Georgy. Charlotte walked with Marcus till Sun Set. Met Mr R. Wellesley & took leave of him. Went home & sent for Cranborne to give him a Waistcoat we had knit for him. Mary came home. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mama read to us all in the Evening. Went to Bed at 1/2 past Eleven.

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up early a Gloomy Day. Went to the next house to breakfast with Brothers. (Marcus & Augustus gave Mama some verses). Set off at 1/2 past Ten, Mama, Charlotte, & Mary in the Landalet, Edwards & Le Bocq on the Box. William & John on horseback. Clayton Hill<sup>46</sup> very slippery, got safe down. Snow all the way from Cuckfield to London<sup>47</sup>. Made Edwards & Le Bocq take a Post Chaise from Ryegate (were a whole hour coming from Westminster Bridge to Hanover Square, the streets in such a dreadful state). Arrived in H. Sqre. a little after Six. Col. Bloomfield called. Wrote to Brothers. Dined. Col. B came in the Evening. Went to Bed at Ten.

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Feby**

Got up at 1/2 past Nine. Breakfasted at 1/2 past Ten. Went to Mama. A very bad Day. Dr. Clarke called. Wrote the Journal. Settled the Rooms (very much afraid we shod not return to Brighton). Mama took a little Medicine. Read prayers. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Went to Bed at Eleven.

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<sup>46</sup> Clayton, at the foot of the South Downs, is about six miles N. of Brighton.

<sup>47</sup> Some 38 miles



### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up at ½ past Nine breakfasted at ½ past Ten. Went to Mama (not to go to Brighton till Thursday. Very sorry & much disappointed). Got Letters from Brighton. Marcus & Mr W. Belasyse & from Arthur from Badminton. Wrote the Journal. A very fine Day. How much more so of Course at Brighton! Mary went out in the Carriage with Mrs Groom. Charlotte staid at home with Mama. Cranborne called (Mary came home), wrote Letters for the post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary  
Cranborne

Dr. Clarke called. Went to Bed at Twelve, regretting very much our delightful Evenings at Brighton when, all assembled, Mama used to read to us.

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at half past Nine. Breakfasted at ½ past Ten. Rain all the Morning. Mr Maddy called. Knit all the Morning. Cranborne came (Mr Handley with Mama), Sr Philip Francis came, & bothered us to death. Cranborne set off for Hatfield. Charlotte & Mary went out in the Carriage, took Sr Philip home, went to see Pamela Fitzgerald (saw the dear old Duchess<sup>48</sup> & Ld Robert<sup>49</sup>). Went to see Lady Barbara Ashley who told us they were going to Brighton in a fortnight, which we were delighted to hear. Went to Gray's & Mortlocke's. Came home at five. Mr Handley still with Mama. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dined

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary.

Dr. Clarke called. Employed ourselves knitting a waistcoat for our good friend Mr Wynn Belasyse, went to bed at Eleven.

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at ½ past Nine, as fine a Day as we can expect in London. Breakfasted at ½ past Ten. Received a note from Mama to tell us that circumstances oblige her to remain in London!!!!!!

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<sup>48</sup> of Leinster

<sup>49</sup> FitzGerald

Reasoned ourselves into it: and made up our minds to the disappointment. Mary walked with Mrs Groom to Lady Mornington's. Not at home. Came home. Mr Mercer called. Pamela came at ½ past one. Charlotte & Mary took her home at ½ past Two. Came home again. Wrote Letters for the Post, to tell Brothers not to expect us at Brighton again. Dined at ½ past Seven.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary.

At half past Eight, Mrs Groom accompanied Cha. & My. to the Duchess of Leinster's Grosr. Place, Mrs Siddons was there. Spent a very pleasant Evening. Mrs Groom fetched us home in the Coach at ½ half Ten. Went to bed at ½ past Eleven.

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February [1814]**

Got up at Ten. Breakfasted at Eleven. A fine Day (for London). Got letters from Brothers. Mama (glad to say) a little better this Morning. Wrote the journal. Sr Philip came. Charlotte & Mary took him home in the Carriage. Note: Mrs Groom went with us. Went afterwards to Miss Jones, and came home. Wrote to Brothers etc. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Dr. Clarke called in the Evening found Mama better. He told us that Buonaparte had been defeated with the loss of 15,000 Men & the Allies within Sixty Miles of Paris. (Such is the report.) Mama went to the Bath at Eleven. C & M went to Bed.

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Cleaned Mama's large Japan Screen till One. Took Mama up to our rooms to shew her the alterations we had made. Went out in the Carriage at Two with Mama, called upon the Lady Bingham's who came from Brighton last Wednesday. Called on Ly Spencer, Dr. Ly De Clifford, Ly. E. Palk, & Came home. C.& M. walked to the Park with Mrs Groom, at ½ past Three, Came home at a quarter past four. Met Mr Ogilvie. Wrote the journal & letters for the Post. Col. Broomfield called. Gave us a Frank for Arthur. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Pamela Fitzgerald

Charlotte  
Mary

Amused ourselves till Eleven. Went to Bed.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten, a nasty damp day. Mr Handley came. Wrote Letters to Brothers, we got some from them. Ch. & M. went out in the Carriage with Mrs Groom. Called upon Ly Barbara Ashley, not at home. Went to Miss Jones, came home – Ly. Barbara called upon us, going to Brighton soon. Mr Handley just gone, four o'clock. Finished writing our letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Lady Mornington  
Charlotte  
Mary

Heard of the Custom House being burnt down, a Terrible Misfortune, not known how to Account for it.<sup>50</sup> Sat knitting till Eleven. Ly. M. went away. Went to Bed. [*Side note*] At 5 the dear little Grey Ponies arrived safe from Brighton.

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. A Damp foggy Day. Did not go to Church. Went to Mama, Not dressed. (A little better today) Read prayers, & went up stairs to arrange our things brought by Lydia from Brighton. Colonel Meade came, Ld Carleton and Dr. Clarke. Col. M. told us he is going to Lord Wellington. Dr. C. found Mama better. Sat with Mama till Seven. Dressed for Dinner. Mama, Charlotte, Mary.

Went to Bed at eleven.

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<sup>50</sup> Until 1814 the Custom House stood in the parish of All Hallows Barking, immediately to the east of the present site. On 12<sup>th</sup> February 1814 the 100-year-old building was destroyed by fire, resulting in the explosion of gunpowder and spirits. As a result, papers were retrieved from as far as Hackney Marshes.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama (a little better). Letters from Brothers. Mr Lawrence<sup>51</sup> called, Charlotte & Mama went out in the Carriage. Sr. Philip called bored us to death, particularly Mary with whom he staid when Mama & C. went out. Wrote Letters for the Post. C. walked to the Park. Came home & went to the Bath. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Went to bed at Eleven.

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine. Breakfasted at Ten. Mr La Tour called. Brought us a New Duett. Went to Mama, much better today. Charlotte went out walking with Mrs Edwards & went to Covent Garden. Col. Bloomfield called, gave us some franks for Brighton. C. came home. Mr Mills called just arrived from Holland, told us a great deal of News. The French in great Terror of the Cossacks. The Crown Prince determined never to make peace with Buonaparte, Emperor of Austria as much against him as any of the rest, the Emperor of Russia Certainly to come over when there is a Peace. Told us the Cossacks & Russians had sworn to burn Paris, & would do it. Mama & Charlotte went out in the Carriage, came home, wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner, Mama, Charlotte, Mary.

Went to bed at eleven.

### **Wedy 16<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Nine, breakfasted at Ten. Went to Mama (much better today). Charlotte went with Mrs Groom to Ly Barbara Ashley. Came home at Two. Charlotte & Mama went out in the Carriage. Came home at 1/2 past three. Col. Bloomfield called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mr & Mrs Pierce Meade  
Ly Downshire  
Charlotte  
Mary

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<sup>51</sup> The portrait painter was knighted the year following.

Colonel Meade  
Colonel Robarts  
Mr Robarts

Went to Bed at ½ past 12.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up at Ten. Breakfasted at eleven. Charlotte walked with Mrs Edwards to Covent Garden, bought some flowers. Mr Wakefield came. C. came home. Mr Fitzgerald & Ly B. Ashley called. Wrote Letters for the Post. Wrote the journal. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Mama low & unwell in the evening. Dr. Clarke came, ordered her a nervous mixture wch did her good. Went to Bed at ¼ past Twelve.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Ten, breakfasted at Eleven. Went to Mama, much better. Letters from Brighton. Mr Lawrence called. At One, Mama & Charlotte went out in the Carriage. Came home at half past Two. Colonel & Mr Pierce Meade came. Charlotte walked with Mrs Edwards to the Park. Came home, wrote letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

Went to Bed at eleven.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Got up at Ten, breakfasted at Eleven. Bad Morning. Went to Mama, a little better. Went out in the Carriage with Mrs Groom. Called upon Ly Salisbury, Ly Mornington & Mde de Mansigny. Came home, found Colonel Dalton with Mama. Brothers arrive from Brighton at ½ past four with Mr Bettans & Mrs Bissat all well. Wrote Letters for the Post. Dressed for Dinner.

Mama  
Charlotte  
Mary

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> [February 1814]**

Got up at ½ past Nine. Breakfasted at ½ past Ten. A fine Morning. Charlotte & Brothers went to Church with Mrs Groom. Colonel Robarts called. His sister Mrs Thelluson [is] dying. Obligated to set off immediately for Brighton. After Brothers had dined, went in the Coach to Mr Handley's. Charlotte, Mary, Marcus, Augustus, & George Augusta. Came home at five. Sr. Philip Francis called, bothered us to death as usual.

Dressed for Dinner

Lady Salisbury  
Ly Mornington  
Ly Downshire  
Ly Georgiana Cecil  
Ly Charlotte Hill  
Ly Mary Hill.

Went to Bed at Eleven.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Got up at ½ past Nine, breakfasted at ½ past Ten. A fine Morning. Went to Mama, had had a letter from Colonel Robarts, his Sister better. All walked with Mrs Bissat to Lady Barbara Ashley Cooper, not at home. Went afterwards to the Miss Bruces. After Brothers had dined walked with them & Mrs Groom to the Park. Called upon Miss Jones. Came home at ½ past Four. The Duke of Sussex with Mama. Mr La Tour came, obliged to wait. Went away at Seven. Company to Dinner

Ly De Clifford  
Mr Mrs & Miss Steele  
Ly Downshire  
Ly C. Hill  
Ly M. Hill  
Mr Hamilton FitzGerald

Went to Bed at Twelve.

**End of Volume 1**

## Appendix

The Duetts folder, an illustration for the Journal entry dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 1813, contains the following music:

- The “favourite Overture to Ramah Droog”
- The overture to “No song, no supper”, by Stephen Storace
- Chorus, “Sing ye heavens” from Handel’s Oratorio Belshazzar
- Haydn’s “favourite Grand Military Symphony No 12 composed for Salomon’s concerts”
- “Grand Triumphal March for two performers on one pianoforte”, by Ferdinand Ries
- “Six original German Waltzes arranged for two performers on one pianoforte (and respectfully dedicated, with permission, to The Right Honourable Lady Charlotte Rawdon<sup>52</sup>)” by P. K. Moran
- “Entre Nous”, a duet for two performers on the pianoforte (“Lewie Gordon” by Haigh), No. 15
- “Entre Nous”, March and Rondo from Figaro, adapted by P. Rosolli, No. 29<sup>53</sup>
- “Introduction March and Waltz for two performers on one pianoforte composed and respectfully dedicated to Miss Jane and Miss Mary Robinson Thorp Green by William Knapton”
- “Dr Haydn’s celebrated air and chorus “A new created world” from The Creation”
- “Haydn’s celebrated Roxolane movement arranged as a duet for two performers on the pianoforte by A. J. Corfe”<sup>54</sup>

Assuming (as is probable) the folder illustrated belonged to the Journalists jointly, on two accounts they are unlikely to have been pleased with the cover inscription, “Duetts, The Lady Hill’s”. First, though not always punctilious about grammar, they were generally careful in their use of the apostrophe. Secondly, they were wont to mock those who referred to them as The Lady Hills.

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<sup>52</sup> This must predate her marriage in 1814: her father was related to the Journalists – see index.

<sup>53</sup> *“In point of choice we have to compliment Mr R’s taste; but, on reverting to the score of the great Mozart, we must say, that, with the advantage of four hands, a superior arrangement would have been no difficult task to accomplish.”* From a “Musical review” in the 1814 bound volume of Ackermann’s *The Repository of Arts, Literature, Commerce, Manufactures, Fashions and Politics*

<sup>54</sup> Haydn’s Symphony No. 63 is often known by the title of the second movement, *La Roxelane*, named after the influential wife of Suleiman the Magnificent.



## Index of names mentioned in Volume 1, with brief details where known

name as mentioned	
A. Cooper (see Ashley-Cooper)	
Amherst, Lady	(1762-1838) born the Hon. Sarah Archer, daughter of 2nd Lord Archer of Umberslade, married first 1778 the 5th Earl of Plymouth (their daughter was Lady Maria Windsor, wife of MDS' eldest son, Downshire), and secondly William, Lord Amhurst in 1800: she was MDS' 2nd cousin, as well as being the 3rd Marquess' mother-in-law.
Amherst, Lord	(1773-1857) William Pitt Amherst, 2nd Baron Amherst of Montreal, Kent, later 1st Earl Amherst of Arracan, Lord of the Bedchamber (1804-13), later Governor-General of Bengal
Amherst, Lord and Lady	He (1773-1857) was 2nd Baron Amherst of Montreal, Kent; a courtier, and subsequently (from 1813) a diplomat, eventually becoming 1st Earl Amherst of Arracan. She, Sarah née Archer (1762-1838) was married first to the 5th Earl of Plymouth, by whom she had three children, including Maria, MDS' daughter-in-law. Following his death in 1799, she married Lord Amherst, by whom she had four children. Their grandmothers née Tipping being sisters, Sarah and MDS were 2nd cousins.
Arthur (see Hill, Lord Arthur)	
Arthur, Mrs	gave a ball in Brighton
Ashley-Cooper, Lady Barbara	1788-1844, daughter of the 5th Earl of Shaftesbury, married (August 1814) to The Hon. William Ponsonby (younger son of the 3rd Earl of Bessborough), later created Baron de Mauley
Askew, Mr	
Augustus (see Hill, Lord Augustus)	
Barbara, Lady (see Ashley-Cooper)	
Barratt, Mr	a Brighton doctor
Bathurst, Lord	(1762-1834) Henry, 3rd Earl Bathurst, from June 1812, Secretary of State for War and the Colonies under Lord Liverpool: he held office till Liverpool's resignation in 1827, many places being named after him.
Beaufort, Duke of	(1766-1835) Henry 6th Duke, married Charlotte, née Leveson-Gower
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") took the name Belasyse.
Bertie, Mr & Mrs W.	
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.

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)	The Journalists' governess(?), long in service with 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").
Blood, Lt.	an officer of the Clare Militia
Bloomfield, Col.	1768-1846, secretary to the Prince Regent & lover of MDS
Braybroke, Mr	(in Brighton)
Bruce, The Misses	The three daughters of Lord Bruce, who on 19th April 1814 became Earl of Ailesbury, and subsequently, seven years later, 1st Marquess of Ailesbury
Byng, Miss	
Cambridge, Duke of	1774-1850, Prince Adolphus, 10th child and 7th son of George III
Carleton, Lord	(1727-1807) Richard Boyle, 2nd Earl of Shannon KP, PC (Ire), an Irish peer and MP. Having succeeded his father as Earl of Shannon, in 1786, he was created Baron Carleton in the Peerage of Great Britain. On 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1763, he married Catherine Ponsonby, daughter of John Ponsonby, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons from 1756 to 1771, and his wife Lady Elizabeth Cavendish.
Carr, Mr	
Cecil, Lady Georgiana	(1786-1860) eldest surviving daughter of the 1st Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, married to Henry Wellesley on 27th February 1816 (his 2nd wife: in 1828 he became Lord Cowley). They had one child, Georgiana, b. 11th June 1817.
Charlemont, Lady	(1780-1876), Anne, née Bermingham, an Irish lady whose beauty was noted by Byron: her elder son was a friend of Georgy.
Charlotte (see Hill, Lady Charlotte)	
Charlotte, HRH Princess	(1796-1817) Only child of the Prince Regent and Caroline of Brunswick
Chichester, Mr	Likely to have been a relation of the Marquess of Donegall
Clarke, Dr.	(1758-1815) John Clarke, well-known obstetrician and personal friend of MDS; brother of the celebrated surgeon, Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke
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

Coigny, Duc de	(1737-1821) François-Henri de Franquetot de Coigny, 1st duc de Coigny, a soldier who emigrated when the Revolution broke out: in 1816, he was made a Marshal of France.
Colquhoun	flautist
Cooper, The two Misses	
Count, the (see Guiche)	
Cranborne, Lord	(1791-1868) youngest child and only son of the 1st Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury (and thus the Journalists' 1st cousin, and much beloved), MP for Weymouth, 1813-17, and Hertford, 1817-23; and from 1823 the 2nd Marquess. Friend of Col. Robarts.
Crawford, Lady	
Crawford, Mr	
Creevey, Mr	(1768-1838) Thomas, Whig politician, whose papers comprise a valuable record of his times, married to a widow, Mrs Ord, who died in 1818 leaving her husband "perfectly happy and exceedingly poor", in Charles Greville's words
Crosbie, Mrs.	Elizabeth née Falkiner was married to William Arthur Crosbie (a first cousin of Wellington): they had a son and two daughters, of which 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 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 qv.
D'Egville, Mr. James Harvey	(c1770-c1836) dancer and choreographer, his brother George being a dancer too
Dalton, Col.	one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to the Duke of Gloucester at the time of Princess Charlotte's death
de Clifford, Lady	(1743-1828) mother of Lady Albemarle (wife of 4th Earl), and Governess to Princess Charlotte of Wales
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.
Dickson, Mrs & Miss	
Don, Lucretia, Lady	(1791-1817) Lucretia née Montgomerie married Sir Alexander Don, Bart. in London on 23rd November 1813
Donegall, Lord and Lady	The gambler, George, 2nd Marquess of Donegall (1769-1844) and his wife Anna, daughter of a moneylender: their marriage was subsequently found to be invalid.
Donoughmore, Lord	(1756-1825) Richard Hely-Hutchinson, 1st Earl of Donoughmore, an advocate of Catholic emancipation
Douglas, Mr	Frederick, an MP, only son of Lord Glenbervie qv; one of MDS' gentlemen in waiting, died 1819
Downshire	(1788-1845) Arthur, 3rd Marquess of Downshire, married, 1811, to Maria (née Lady Maria Windsor)

Downshire, Dowager Marchioness of	(1764-1836) Mary, née Sandys ("MDS"), married to the 2nd Marquess in 1786
Downshire, Lady Edwards	(1790-1855) Maria, née Windsor, married to the 3rd Marquess Marchioness's maid - always out on Sundays
Egremont, Lord	(1751-1837) George Wyndham, 3rd Earl of Egremont, of Petworth House, Sussex
Etterts (servant)	nickname for Edwards
Fisher, Major	
FitzGerald, Col.	(c1765-1834) Augustine FitzGerald, Col. of the Clare Militia from 1803, MP for co. Clare, subsequently created a baronet
FitzGerald, Edward Fox	(1794-1863) Officer in the 10th Hussars, sister of Pamela qv
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 Robert	(1765-1833) a younger son of the 1st Duke of Leinster and "the dear old Duchess"
FitzGerald, Pamela	d. 1869, 1st cousin once removed of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire, and sister of Edward Fox FitzGerald qv
Fitzherbert, Mrs. Maria	(1756-1837) former lover of George Prince of Wales, and long-standing friend of MDS
FitzRoy, Georgiana (see Worcester and Culling Smith)	
Francis, Philip	son of Sir Philip Francis qv
Francis, Sir Philip	1740-1818, politician and pamphleteer, 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."
Fremantle, Captain, later Major	d. 1845, John Fremantle was Wellington's ADC and private secretary from 1813
Georgy (see Hill, Lord George)	
Glenbervie, Lord	(1743-1823) Sylvester Douglas, FRS: 1st Baron, lawyer, politician and diarist
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.
Gloucester, Princess Sophia of	(1773-1844) Ranger of Greenwich Park, unmarried sister of the Duke of Gloucester qv
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'Angouleme 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

Grim (see Groom)	
Groom, Mrs. (servant)	member of the Dowager Marchioness of Downshire's household, often called into action as chaperone
Guiche, Duc de	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
Hammond, General	
Handley, Mr.	Thomas, solicitor of Pentonville, and MDS' indispensable man of affairs; married with six children, the youngest being Edwin, another being Charlotte ("like a fat dwarf")
Hassart, Mr. (servant)	
Hawarden, Lady	(1759-1851) Anne Isabella, née Monck was the widow of the 1st Viscount Hawarden: they had ten children
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
Howard, Lady C.	Charlotte
Howard, Mrs	
Hutchinson, Lord	(1757-1832) John Hely Hutchinson, Baron Hutchinson from 1801, and subsequently 2nd Earl of Donoughmore on the death of his brother qv. A soldier, he was promoted to the rank of General in 1813.
Hutchinson, Mr	
John (servant)	footman
Johnson, Mr, Mrs and Miss G.	
Johnstone, Miss	
Jones, Miss	(1768-1847) Charlotte, artist, pupil of Cosway and protégée of Lawrence, worked in Mount Street, appointed Miniature Painter to Princess Charlotte of Wales
Journalists, the (see Hill, Ladies C. & M.)	
Kirchner, Mr	violinist
Knollys, General & Mrs	
Knollys, Mr	
Knox, Mrs	

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.
Lawrence, Mr	(1769-1830) Thomas, a leading English portrait painter (self-taught), 4th President of the Royal Academy; knighted on 22nd April 1815; subsequently commissioned by MDS to portray her son Marcus, a work which, unlike many, he eventually finished.
le Bocq, M.	MDS' cook
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, but was still known by her former name
Lloyd, Capt.	James Richard Lewes Lloyd, of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Hussars (formerly of the Coldstream Guards, during which time – 1803 – he was court martialled for disorderly conduct).
Lockhart, Mrs	
Long Wellesley, Mrs	(1789-1825) Catherine, née Tylney-Long, "the Wiltshire Heiress", a tragic figure, was married to one of Wellington's nephews, the dissolute William Wellesley Pole in March 1812: subsequent to her death, he became 4th Earl of Mornington.
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 being cavalry commander in the Crimean War
Lydia (servant)	housemaid
Maddy, Mr	
Mama (see Downshire, Dowager Marchioness of)	
Mansigny (see de Mansigny)	
Marcus (see Hill, Lord Marcus)	
Mary (see Hill, Lady Mary)	
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, who later gave up his seat in the Commons so that Ld. Arthur could take it instead: he was known by her daughters 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.
Meade, Lady Maria	(1782-1876) youngest daughter of the 1st Earl of Clanwilliam and his wife, the heiress Theodosia Magill (portrayed by Reynolds and Gainsborough)
Meade, The Ven. The Hon. Pierce	(1776-1834) the son of John Meade, 1st Earl of Clanwilliam and Theodosia Magill: he married Elizabeth Percy, daughter of Rt. Rev. Thomas Percy (Bishop of Dromore, who died in 1811) and Anne Gutteridge, on 6 April 1801. He was Archdeacon of Dromore.

Mercer, Mr	
Mills, Mr.	called by the Journalists "KCD" (Knight Companion of the Dandies)
Mitchell, Mrs	
Montalembert, Baron	(1777-1831) Marc-René de Montalembert, Comte de Montalembert, self-exiled envoy of France, a good singer: he married Élise Rosée Forbes
Montgomerie, Miss (see Don, Lucretia)	
Mornington, Lady	1742-1831, mother of the Duke of Wellington, 1st cousin of MDS' father-in-law, the 1st Marquess of Downshire
Murray, Col. & Mrs.	
Newborough	
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
Ogilvie, Mr	(1740-1832) William, tutor to the children of the 1st Duke of Leinster, whose widow he married (and had by her at least three children).
Ord, Miss	one of Thomas Creevey's six step-daughters
Ossulston, Lady	d. 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.
Otway, Mrs	
Palk, Lady (Dorothy) Elizabeth	(1765-1849) long-standing friend of MDS (many letters from her having been preserved in the Collection), she was the daughter of the 1st Earl of Lisburne and married Sir Lawrence Palk, 2nd Bart. They had eight children.
Palmer, Captain	Captain RN, known as Teddy, brother of Col. Charles Palmer
Palmer, Col.	(1777-1851) Charles, Whig MP for Bath, son of John Palmer qv; Col. of the 10th, May 1810-Nov. 1814; ADC to the Prince Regent 1811-1825; later Major-General; Ch. Palmer named after him; lived in Chambers in Albany; played the flute; one of MDS' "ADCs"
Palmer, Mr and Mrs	He was John Palmer (1742-1818), a projector of mail coaches (in 1813 a parliamentary bill was passed to grant him the sum of £50,000)
Pamela (See Fitzgerald, Pamela)	
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 (see Wellesley Pole)	
Polidori, Mr	Gaetano Polidori (1764–1853), Italian writer and scholar living in London and working as an Italian teacher, father of Dr John William Polidori, physician to Byron and author of The



	Vampyre, and grandfather of Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti
Portis, The Rev. Mr	
Rawdon, Lady Charlotte	the daughter of the 1st Earl of Moira and of Baroness Hastings: in 1814, she married Hamilton Fitzgerald: her father had once been the brother-in-law to the 1st Marquess of Downshire.
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)	
Rehberg, Friedrich	The Hanoverian portrait painter, in London in 1813
Rheberg (see Rehberg)	
Richmond, Duke & Duchess	He (1764-1819) was General Charles, 4th Duke, and his wife (1768-1842) was Charlotte née Gordon: they had 14 children. The Duchess was the hostess of the famous eve of Waterloo ball in Brussels.
Robarts, Major, subsequently Col.	c1782-1829, George James, C.B.; one of MDS's ADCs or Gentlemen in Waiting (as described by her daughters). Friend of Lord Cranborne. He later became an MP.
Robarts, Mrs.	Sabine, mother of (inter alia) Mrs Thellusson and of George James, "a nice, clean, comfortable body" (according to Arthur)
Robarts, The Misses	sisters of George James and of Mrs Thellusson
Salisbury, Lady	(1750-1835) Emily Mary née Hill, married to the 1st Marquess of Salisbury. The Marchioness was MDS' sister-in-law: her 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 The Gascoyne Heiress). The Reynolds portrait is a "permanent record of Irish elegance" (Oman).
Saltoun, Lady	Margery, née Fraser, the widow of the 16th Lord Saltoun: died, 1851.
Sandwich, Lord	(1744-1814) John Montagu, 5th Earl
Sapio, M.	French singing teacher ("one-eyed man"), "friend" of the Prince Regent: was it him or his father who was at one stage the lover of Caroline, Princess of Wales?
Saunders, George	1774-1846, Sanders or Saunders, fashionable Scottish portrait painter and miniaturist, who worked in London
Seymour, Minney	(1798-1848) ward of Mrs Fitzherbert qv and ultimately uncompliant object of Arthur's desire
Siddons, Mrs.	(1755-1831), née Kemble; the best known tragedienne of the 18th Century. (She was portrayed by Gainsborough.)
Smith Burgess, Lady	(c1744-1828) Margaret, née Burges, married (1) Sir John Smith-Burges, and (2) in 1816 the 4th Earl Poulett
Smyth, Joseph, Captain	the "unhappy but faithful" Joey - from Brighton, 18th Light Dragoons: formerly in the 10th Hussars
Spencer	

	(This could mean either Margaret, widow of 1st Earl Spencer: she died on 18th March 1814. Or more likely - because the Journalists would probably have described Margaret as "The Dowager" - it could be her daughter-in-law, Lavinia, née Bingham (1762-1831). Both were portrayed by Reynolds.)
Spencer, Lady	
Stapylton, The Misses	
Stawell, Lord	Henry 2nd Baron Stawell, 1757-1820, the son of the 2nd wife of MDS' father-in-law, venerated as a favourite "uncle" of the Hill family, known – because of his tendency to gout – as Le Podagre; breeder of the 1814 Derby winner, Blucher; a widower since 1804 (his wife Mary, née Curzon having been painted by Cosway)
Steele, Mr, Mrs and Miss	
Stewart, Mr.	known to the Journalists as one of MDS' Gentleman in Waiting
Sussex, HRH the Duke of	(1773-1843) Prince Augustus Frederick, 6th son of George III, had visited Ombersley with the Prince of Wales in 1807; from January 1817, held Downshire's proxy to vote in the House of Lords
Talbot, Fanny	1801-23, Lady Frances Chetwynd-Talbot, eldest child of 2nd Earl T. of Hensol - tall like her father, the 2nd Earl qv
Talbot, John	1779-1825, The Rev. the Hon. John Chetwynd-Talbot - 1st cousin of the Journalists and younger brother of 2nd Earl T. of Hensol qv
Talbot, Lady	c1785-1819, Frances née Lambart, married 2nd Earl Talbot in 1800 and had 10 children
Talbot, Lord	1777-1849, 2nd Earl of Hensol, son of 1st Earl and Lady Charlotte Hill - a very tall, large man
Taylor, Mr	Chaperoned Georgy to church
Templetown, Dowager Lady	Elizabeth, née Boughton (died, 1823), widow of the splendidly-named Clotworthy Upton, 1st Baron Templetown
Thanet, Lord	(1769-1825) Sackville Tufton, 9th Earl of Thanet, of Hothfield House, Kent, a keen cricketer and patron of Sir Philip Francis qv.
Thellusson, Mrs	(1775-1814) Sabine, née Robarts, wife of Charles Thellusson (1770-1815) of Brodsworth, Yorkshire, a beneficiary of his father's will following a celebrated court case
Vernon, Miss	
Wakefield, Mr	
Wales, HRH the Prince of	later Prince Regent, and from 1820 King George IV
Warrender, Mr	(1786-1867) John Warrender of Lochend, a soldier in Wellington's army, later 5th Bart. upon his brother's death.
Wellesley Pole, Mr, Mrs & Miss	He (1763-1845) was the 3rd child of Lady Mornington qv and the 1st Earl of Mornington, and accordingly Wellington's elder brother: he married Katherine Elizabeth Forbes, by whom he had three daughters and a son, William Long-Wellesley qv. Late in life, he succeeded his brother as 3rd Earl of Mornington.
Wellesley, Richard	Known as Gentleman in Waiting on MDS
Wellington, Lord	(1769-1852), 3rd son of the 1st Earl of Mornington, and a 2nd cousin of the 2nd Marquess of Downshire

William (servant)	footman, known as "the Rabbit"
Williamson, Mr	
Wombwell, George	(1792-1855) later 3rd Bart., nephew of Lady Charlotte Belasyse
Worcester, Lady	1792-1821 Georgiana, née FitzRoy, daughter of Lady Anne née Wellesley (d. 1844) and so a 3rd cousin of the diarists
Worcester, Lord	1792-1853, Henry, Marquess of Worcester between 1803 and 1835, later 7th D. 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.
Wynn, Spencer	(1803-88) son of the 1st Baron Newborough, who succeeded as 3rd Baron in 1832 on his brother's death; 1st cousin of Thomas Wynn-Belasyse