

laugh, you have been married twice, but it is no joke to me.'¹⁸ Her lips trembled as the coach stopped, but she jumped out with spirit, and has done nothing but with good humour and cheerfulness. She talks a great deal—is easy, civil, and not disconcerted. At first, when the bride-maids and the court were introduced to her, she said, '*Mon Dieu, il y en a tant, il y en a tant!*' She was pleased when she was to kiss the peeresses; but Lady Augusta¹⁹ was forced to take her hand and give it to those that were to kiss it, which was prettily humble and good-natured. While they waited for supper, she sat down, sung, and played. Her French is tolerable, she exchanged much both of that and German, with the King, the Duke, and the Duke of York. They did not get to bed till two. Today was a Drawing-Room:²⁰ everybody was presented to her; but she spoke to nobody, as she could not know a soul. The crowd was much less than at a Birthday, the magnificence very little more. The King looked very handsome, and talked to her continually with great good humour. It does not promise as if they two would be the two most unhappy persons in England, from this event. The bride-maids, especially Lady Caroline Russel, Lady Sarah Lenox, and Lady Elizabeth Keppel, were beautiful figures. With neither features nor air, Lady Sarah was by far the chief angel. The Duchess of Hamilton was almost in possession of her former beauty today; and your other Duchess, your daughter,²¹ was much better dressed than ever I saw her. Except a pretty Lady Sutherland,²² and a most perfect beauty, an Irish Miss Smith,²³ I don't think the Queen saw much else to discourage her; my niece,²⁴ Lady Kildare, Mrs Fitzroy,²⁵ were none of them there. There is a ball to-night, and two more Drawing-Rooms; but I have done with them. The Duchess of Queensberry and Lady Westmorland²⁶ were in the procession, and did credit to the ancient nobility.

18. HW repeated this anecdote to Mann 10 Sept. (MANN v. 528) and in *Mem. Geo. III* i. 56.

19. Princess Augusta, the King's sister.

20. 'On the 9th instant, the day after the ceremony, there was the most numerous levee of the peers and peeresses, and gentlemen of the first distinction, with the foreign ministers, all in their grand dresses, that had ever been seen, to pay their compliments to their Majesties on their nuptials' (GM loc. cit.).

21. The Duchess of Richmond (HW).

22. Mary Maxwell (ca 1740-66), m.

(1761) William Sutherland, 18th E. of Sutherland. HW mentions her to Montagu as a 'very pretty figure' (MONTAGU i. 387 and n. 11).

23. Afterwards married to Mr Matthew, now Lord Landaff (HW); Ellis or Elisha Smyth (ca 1743-81), m. (1764) Francis Mathew, cr. (1783) Bn, (1793) Vct, and (1797) E. of Landaff.

24. The Countess of Waldegrave (HW).

25. Anne Warren (d. 1807), m. (1758) Charles Fitzroy, cr. (1780) Bn Southampton.

26. Mary Cavendish (1698-1778), m. (ca