

are removed to Mondays,⁷ because the Queen likes the burlettas, and the King cannot go on Tuesdays, his post days. On those nights we have the middle front box, railed in, where Lady Mary⁸ and I sit in trist state like a lord mayor and lady mayoress. The night before last there was a private ball at Court,⁹ which began at half an hour after six, lasted till one, and finished without a supper. The King danced the whole time with the Queen, Lady Augusta¹⁰ with her four younger brothers. The other performers were, the two Duchesses of Ancaster and Hamilton, who danced little, Lady Effingham and Lady Egremont,¹¹ who danced much, the six maids of honour,¹² Lady Susan Stewart,¹³ as attending Lady Augusta, and Lady Caroline Russel and Lady Jane Stewart,¹⁴ the only women not of the family. Lady Northumberland is at Bath, Lady Weymouth lies in;¹⁵ Lady Bolinbroke was there in waiting, but in black gloves and breeding,¹⁶ so did not dance. The men, besides the royals,¹⁷ were Lord March and Eglinton, of the Bedchamber; Lord Cantelupe,¹⁸ vice-chamberlain; Lord Huntingdon;¹⁹ and four strangers, Lord Mande-

7. In connection with the performance on 21 Nov., it had been announced that 'the comic operas will be performed for the future on Mondays instead of Tuesdays, and the serious operas are to continue on Saturdays as usual.' The first Monday performance was 23 Nov. (*London Stage* Pt IV, ii. 904).

8. Lady Mary Coke (HW).

9. HW also describes the ball to Montagu 28 Nov. (MONTAGU i. 405-6), and made lists of the guests on the backs of two letters from Montagu (*ibid.* i. 402, 403).

10. (1737-1813), sister of George III, m. (1764) Karl Wilhelm Ferdinand, Hereditary Prince of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel.

11. Alicia Maria Carpenter (d. 1794), m. 1 (1751) Charles Wyndham, 2d E. of Egremont; m. 2 (1767) Hans Moritz, Graf von Brühl; lady of the Bedchamber 1761-94 (see *ante* 14 July 1761, n. 24).

12. Frances Bisshopp, Mary Wrottesley, Diana Beauclerk, Frances Meadows, Charlotte Keck, Mary Tryon (*ibid.* nn. 26, 28-31).

13. Lady Susanna Stewart (ca 1731-1805), m. (1768) Granville Leveson Gower, 2d E. Gower, cr. (1786) M. of Stafford; lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess Augusta.

14. Lady Jane Stuart (1712-1828), m. (1768) George Macartney, Kt, 1764, K.B. 1772, cr. (1776) Bn, (1792) Vct, and (1794) E. Macartney. The King's request that they should be at the ball is in a letter to Bute printed *Letters from George III to Lord Bute 1756-1766*, ed. Sedgwick, 1939, p. 71.

15. Her second daughter, Charlotte, was born 7 Nov. 1761 (d. 19 May 1764) (Collins, *Peerage*, 1812, ii. 510). The Countess Cowper wrote 20 Aug., 'Lady Weymouth will be too near her time to walk at the Coronation, which I conclude is a mortification to her' (Mary Granville, Mrs Delany, *Autobiography and Correspondence*, ed. Lady Llanover, 1861-2, iv. 6). She was a lady of the Bedchamber 1761-93.

16. She was in mourning for her mother, the Ds of Marlborough, who had died 7 October (*ante* 10 Oct. 1761); in Feb. or early March she gave birth to a daughter, Charlotte, who died young (GM 1762, xxxii. 144; Collins, *op. cit.* vi. 61).

17. The King and his brothers.

18. John West (*ante* ca 9 May 1755, n. 2), styled Vct Cantelupe; 2d E. de la Warr, 1766.

19. Groom of the Stole.