



John Alexander Thynne, 4th Marquess of Bath (1831-1896)

Accident to the Marquis of Bath at Oxford

On Monday morning, last week, the Marquis of Bath met with an accident which might have terminated in consequences of a very serious nature. About ten o'clock in the morning, his lordship, was mounting a hack for the purpose of taking a ride, and, before he had fixed himself in the saddle, and while as yet, he had but one foot in the stirrup, and was about to grasp the reins, the servant released the horse, which immediately set off at its full speed along High Street into Queen Street, and thence to the New Road. Fortunately, the animal escaped collision with any vehicle in its rapid course, as also the sharp turning at the entrance to the New Road; but his lordship, having no power over it, though reckoned a very good rider under ordinary circumstances, was thrown with violence to the ground on arriving near St. Peter-le-Bailey Schools, lacerating his face, and receiving a variety of bruises by the concussion. He was soon after led to his rooms at Christ Church, and promptly attended Mr. Hansard, surgeon. We are glad to learn that there were no fractures, and that his lordship is now progressing so favourably towards recovery as to preclude the fear of any lengthened confinement to his rooms.

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