



The 1st Wiltshire Rifle Volunteers

To aid the funds of this division of our County Volunteer force, it is intended to hold a bazaar on Friday afternoon, the 6th of August, in the grounds of Wilton Park, which have been kindly lent for the occasion by Major the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery. Each company will have a stall, presided over by those immediately connected with it; contributions to which should be furnished by those interested in the movement generally, but more especially in their local companies. There will be also a stall staff, refreshment, and flower stalls; and when we add that among the keepers of stalls the names of the Marchioness of Bath and the Countess of Pembroke may be found, there is little fear of failure in the enterprise made by the 1st Wiltshire Rifle Volunteer Corps to begin its new course as a consolidated battalion free from debts and difficulties. In addition to this, the Volunteer system has (As Lord Derby said at a dinner on Friday last) the curious feature of having secured the good word of persons and classes who agree perhaps in little else. Those who hold the most opposite views as to national policy agree in their desire for the continuance and development of a system, which gives most of the advantages of conscription without any of its drawbacks.

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