



Salisbury Race Ball

The Race Ball at our Assembly Rooms on Friday evening afforded the highest satisfaction. The company was unusually numerous (nearly 300 persons); and the rooms were scarcely ever before honoured with a greater display of rank, beauty, and fashion. There were present, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke; Lord Viscount Folkestone and the Hon. Miss Bouverie; Lord Arundell and Lady; Lord Ducie and Lady; Lord Bridport and Lady; Sir William Elliot, Bart.; J. Bennett, Esq. M.P. and family; Wadham Wyndham, Esq. M.P. & family; Edward Baker, Esq. M.P.; Masterton Ure, Esq. M.P. and the Hon Mr Coventry; the High Sheriff of Wilts., &c. &c.

The arrangements in the refreshment room were excellent; the choicest fruits of the season, the most delicate viands, and the best of wines, were judiciously arranged under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington. The attentions of Mr Finlay (who acted as M.C.) were estimated by every person present as an earnest of that gentleman's future exertions in that capacity. The dancing was kept up with great spirit till a very late hour, and every person quitted the Rooms highly gratified. The urbanity of the Steward (the Hon. Capt. Bouverie) gave an additional zest to the amusements of the evening.

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