

which was well attended by the military. Lord Southampton spoke to me of his son, who is in Germany and who wished to marry the daughter of Lady Lord Dover was mixed up in it and blames His Lordship for not giving his consent to it. However the latter has very strong reasons.

13. *Thursday*. Was at Court, which was very numerous attended. Lord Sydney invited me to dine on Wednesday next. Dined at home.

14. *Friday*. My nephew came to breakfast, and told me that the return of young Morrison had restored peace to the house; his fortune is what he said.

Gave an order to my nephew to purchase £3,000 in the three per cent. consols.

Went to Lord Amherst concerning recruits; he gave all the necessary orders to the different battalions.

N.B.—To ascertain if it is necessary to order the accoutrements, arms and clothing for the augmentation.

Opinions are still divided as to whether there will be a war or not. The Funds begin to rise. The Baron dined with me.

15. *Saturday*. Was at the agents respecting the augmentation. They advised me not to order the accoutrements till I received orders to do so. I recommended Devos to them, should there be a vacant company.

The two Barons dined with me. The Funds have risen considerably.

16. *Sunday*. Captain Chain [Cheyne?] came to tell me that he believed Lieutenant Keirsley was dead. He begged me to transfer Ensign Sproll [Sprott?] of the fourth battalion into mine, his father being settled in Nova Scotia.

Went to visit Lord Heathfield, but did not find him at home.

17. *Monday*. Spent the evening at Lady Amherst; a crowd; played two rubbers.

17. [18] *Tuesday*. Went to see the review of Elliot's Dragoons. Dined at the Club; we were a large company and had a bad dinner. Spent the evening at Lord Dalling's; there was a large company. Lost two rubbers with Mrs Dubaine [Duane?].

19. *Wednesday*. Captain Twiss, who has come from Portsmouth by order of the Commissioners of Accounts, respecting the affairs of the late Guy Johnson, came to pay me a visit.

Colonel Polier, Perceval, the two Christies, and M. de Seranville dined with me. They left at nine.

Paid a visit to Colonel Miranda, who still believes war with Spain inevitable, and supposes it will occasion a revolution in favour of Spanish America, and consequently in the general system of Europe. Mr. Perceval lodges at 102 Cheapside.

20. *Thursday*. Dined at Lord Sydney's. Spent the evening at Colonel Marsh's where there was a number of people, men and women, with dancing before and after supper. Home at two o'clock.

21. *Friday*. Made a few visits and left cards on the Duke of Dorset and Lord Amherst. I understood through Baron Alvensleben, that the King would speak to me respecting the second Bohemian war, in which Marshal Tour commanded the Austrians &c. Colonel Goldsworthy told me that it was absolutely necessary that a general officer should be sent to Gibraltar, &c., &c.

The two Barons dined with me. Spent the evening at Mr. Morrison's; won two rubbers; home at eleven.

22. *Saturday*. Visited Lord Dover and Mr. J. York. Budé dined with me and we went to Mr. Nagle's and the Club.