

The guest-list of the ball of Richmond.

Those who had been invited for the ball of Richmond were the following persons: ¹

Highnesses:

His Royal Highness prince William of Orange

His Royal Highness prince Frederick of Orange

His Royal Highness duke Frederick William of Brunswick

The Duke of Wellington

The Duke Adolf of Nassau-Usingen, colonel and adc of Wellington

Three dukes of Arenberg: Prosper Louis, former colonel of the 27th french regiment chasseurs à cheval, Auguste-Marie-Raymond count de la Marck, friend of Mirabeau, general in the Dutch and Austrian army and Pierre d'Alcantara Charles, former orderly of Napoleon

Official personages and the Brussels aristocracy:

Baron Van der Linden van Hoogvoorst, mayor of Brussels

Baron Van der Capellen, secretary of state, gouvernor of the Belgian provinces and the baroness

The duke and duchess of Beaufort

The duke and duchess of Ursel

The marquis and marquise of Assche

The count and countess of Oultremont and the prince Eugène de Ligne (²)

The countess douairière of Oultremont and her daughters

The count and countess La Tour du Pin Gouvernet (³)

The count and countess of Liederkerke-Beaufort

The count and countess of Mercy-Argenteau

The baron and barones of Hoogvoorst

Miss van Hoogvoorst and M.C.van Hoogvoorst

Lady Constant van Hoogvoorst

The count of Belgrade

Captain Lübeck, adjudant of the duke of Brunswick

Lord and lady Fitzroy Somerset

Sir George Berkeley and lady Berkeley

Baron Vincent, general count Pozzo di Borgo, general Don Ricardos y Alava, representatives of Austria, Russia and Spain in the Anglo-Dutch army. ⁴

The count de Latour Dupin, minister of Louis XVIII in The Hague, former prefect of the Dyle in 1813, as well as the countess.

Charles Eugène count of Lalaing d'Audenarde, general, second commander of the guards of the king; baron Von Brockhausen (prussian minister in The Hague); admiral Sidney Smith and the commodore Pulteney Malcolm.

Members of the British aristocracy:

Count and countess of Conyngham and Lady Elisabeth Conyngham

Viscount Mount-Charles and Mr. Conyngham

Countess Mount-Norris and Lady Juliana Annesley

Countess douairière van Waldegrave

Lord en Lady John Somerset

Mr. and Lady Frances Webster

Mr. and Lady Caroline Capel and their daughter

Lady Smith and miss Rumbolds

Lord and Lady George Seymour and their daughter

Mr. and Lady Charlotte Greville

Viscountess Hawarden

Lady Alvanley and miss Ardens

Sir James, Lady and miss Craufurd

Lady and miss Sutton

Count Portarlington

Lieutenant Sir William and lady Johnstone

Sir Hew and Lady Dalrymple

Hon. Mrs. Pole (later Lady Maryborough)

Hon. Sir Charles Stuart, minister in Brussels

Lord Rendlesham

Lord Apsley (since then count Bathurst

Sir James Gambier

Mr. and Mrs. Lance, miss Lance and Mr. Lance junior; Mr. Ords and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Greathed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Mr. Stuart

Hon. Mr. Percival; lieutenant John Gordon; Mr. Lionel Hervey; Mr. Leigh; Mr. Chad; Mr. Dawkins; Dr. Hyde; Mr. Hume.

Non commissioned officers in the army: general Dundas, lieutenant colonel Barclay, aide de camps of the duke of York, colonel Dashington; lieutenant Fitzroy and adjudant Pakenham (Royal Artillery).

Notables:

Count and countess de Crasiac, countess de Luiny, countess de Ruilly, baron Van Herelt, baron Van Tuyll van Serooskerken, count Van Bellegarde, count De la Rochefoucauld.

Of the Anglo-Dutch-German army:

General Hill ⁽⁵⁾, Barnes, Uxbridge, Cooke, Clinton (and Lady Susan Clinton), Picton ⁽⁶⁾, Adam, Maitland, Byng, Kempt, Pack, Somerset ^[7], Ponsonby, Vivian, with their aide de camps. ⁸ For the prince of Orange, the colonels De Knijff and Du Caylar, Tripp (lieutenant colonel of the 60th regiment of Foot), captain hon. F. Russell.

For Wellington, the duke of Nassau, lieutenant colonel sir Alexander Gordon, lieutenant colonel in the 3rd regiment Foot Guards; H.Percy, lieutenant colonel in the 14th regiment light dragoons; lieutenant G.Cathcart, lieutenant in the 6th regiment Dragoon Guards; lord Arthur Hill, captain.

Lord Hill was accompanied by his brother and first aide de camp, Clement Hill, lieutenant colonel in the Horse Guards; major C.H.Churchill of the 1st Guards; captain Mackworth of the Royal Fusileers and by lieutenant Bridgeman of the 1st Guards.

The staff of Lord Uxbridge had captain Wildman and Fraser of the 7th regiment hussars and major H.Seymour of the Royal American.

Aide de camps of:

Barnes: major A.Hamilton of the 4th West India Regiment.

Cooke: G.Desbrowe, lieutenant and captain in the 1st Guards

Clinton: F.Dawkins of the same regiment

Maitland: captain Gunthorpe and lord James Hay

Byng: captain Dumaresq of the 9th regiment infantry

Kempt: captain Ch.Gore

Pack: captain C.Smith of the 93rd regiment

Somerset: captain H.Somerset, lieutenant of the 18th regiment hussars

Vivian: captain T.N.Harris and E.Keane, of the 7th regiment hussars

Staff:

Sir William De Lancey (and Lady De Lancey); colonel sir John Elley, lieutenant colonel of the Horse Guards; lord.Ch.Fitzroy, lieutenant and captain of the 1st guards; lieutenant colonel A.Abercomby, captain and lieutenant colonel in the Coldstream Guards; G.L.Dawson, major in the 1st Dragoon Guards; Felton-Hervey, colonel in the 14th regiment light dragoons; colonel sir Colin Campbell, colonel in the Coldstream Guards; lieutenant colonel sir George Scovell, lieutenant colonel sir Henry Bradford and sir Noel Hill, both captains and lieutenant colonel in the 1st Guards; lieutenant colonel R.Torrens of the 1st West India Regiment and the Reverend Sam.Briscall, chaplain of the army.

Colonel Stewart

Lieutenant colonel Freemantle,adjutant

Colonel Washington

Ensign colonel Cumming, 42nd regiment.

Major Hunter Blair

Lieutenant H.Webster, extra aide de camp of the prince of Orange

Captain Yorke, adjutant of major general Adam

Captain Disbrowe,adjutant of Cooke

Captain Gurwood, adjutant of general Clinton

Captain Allix, Guard-grenadiers

[?] Shakespeare, 18th regiment infantry

Other commanders:

Sir colonel George Wood; major Stuart of the 1st regiment of Foot Guards; major Woodford of the Coldstream Guards; major C.Rowan of the 52nd regiment; major R.H.Dick of the Royal Highlanders; colonel Cameron of the 92nd regiment; colonel Barnard of the 95th regiment; lieutenant colonel Fuller of the Dragoon Guards; lieutenant colonel Lord Robert Manners of the 10th regiment hussars; lieutenant colonel Ponsonby of the 12th regiment light dragoons; count Potarlington of the 23rd regiment light dragoons and lieutenant colonel Sir Robert Chambers Hill of the Horse Guards.

Some officers:

1st regiment of Foot Guards: lord Saltoun, lieutenant colonel Stanhope, ensign Seymour Bathurst, ensign Fludyer, ensign Edgcombe, ensign Alger Greville.

Coldstream Guards: lieutenant Acheson, Forbes, Bowles, ensign John Montague, lieutenant colonel Wyndham.

3rd regiment of Foot Guards: lieutenant Hastings Forbes, lieutenant colonel Bowater, Hesketh, ensign Stopford, ensign Henry Montague, ensigns Baird and James.

J.Robinson, lieutenant of the 32nd regiment; lieutenant Brooke and cornet Huntley of the 1st Dragoon Guards; lieutenant Dawson of the 18th regiment of hussars; Shakespeare, captain of the 10th regiment of hussars [⁹]; lieutenant Hay of the 12th regiment of light dragoons [¹⁰]; lieutenant Standish O'Grady; captain Elphinstone, captain Verner of the 7th regiment of hussars. Captain and aide de camp Krauchenberg (2nd regiment of hussars KGL) represented general Von Dörnberg.

Major Ronnchenberg, adjudant

All of these persons had been invited, but not all of them could for various reasons attend the ball. Taking this into account and the fact that about 223 people had been invited, the actual number of those who did must have been somewhere around 200. ¹¹

In going through the list of those who were invited it becomes clear that a relative high number of members of the Foot Guards had been invited while the Dutch, Nassau, Hannoverian and Brunswick were very poorly represented, apart from the duke of Brunswick and the prince of Orange.

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1.This list is taken from Duvivier. In: Ce que devint l'hotel de la rue de la Blanchisserie. In: LMB. Archieffonds Franse periode Vol.III Box 25 I.3 Chapter 5

Yet, there is no clear idea about the sources used for this list.

Georgiana Lennox published the list as well in her memoirs being handed over to Lord Verulam by her mother. Cf. J.R.Swinton. A sketch of the life etc. p.124-132

Also in: Aerts, W. and J.Delhaize. Etudes relatives etc.p.327

Bas, F.de. Prins Frederik der Nederlanden en zijn tijd.Vol.III, 2.p.1176-1178.

I have made some corrections in the spelling of names and in some ranks. Cf. Dalton, Ch. The Waterloo roll call.

2.The countess of Oultremont, born countess Van der Noot de Duras, was the widow of the prince Louis de Ligne, son of the famous marshal. From him she had a child, a son, Eugène, prince de Ligne, who was at the ball, despite his very low age.

3.He was a minister of Louis XVIII in The Hague.

4.General Von Müffling is missing here, though he must have been invited.

⁵ Hill wasn't at the ball; he remained at his post. Cf. Sidney, E. The life of lord Hill p.305

6.There is no proof that Picton actually attended the ball. Cf. Myatt, F. Peninsular general.Sir Thomas Picton.

⁷ Lord Edward Somerset was at the ball for a short time, but then left for Ninove. Cf. Letter 23rd June 1815. In: Bodleian Library nr.MS Eng.hist.d.ff.49-60

8.Sir Hussey Vivian confirms that he attended the ball in:

- his letter to his wife dated 23rd June 1815. In: Vivian, Cl. R.H.Vivian, first baron Vivian p.264

- his diary, cited in: Vivian, Cl. R.H.Vivian.First baron Vivian etc. p.263

- his undated letter to E.Vivian, in: Vivian, Cl. R.H.Vivian, first baron Vivian p.266

9.The fact that this captain attended the ball is confirmed by his papers, published by C.T.Atkinson in " Waterloo Arthur " in: JSAHR, Vol.35. 1958. p.127.

¹⁰ Lieutenant Hay had been invited, but he didn't attend the ball. Cf. Wood, S. (ed.) Reminiscences under Wellington p.159

11.Cf.Duvivier. W.Aerts and Th.Fleischman give 222 (of which 53 women). Cf. Aerts, W. and Th.Fleischman. Bruxelles pendant la bataille de Waterloo.Brussel.1956.p.

Brocklebank gives 220, while Houssaye and F.de Bas give 300 and 553 guests respectively !

Cf.Brocklebank, B. Home of the Waterloo ball.

Houssaye, H. 1815.Waterloo.p.150.

Bas, F.de. Prins Frederik etc. Vol. III. 2 p.1178

Van Neck mentions a lady Catherine Jane Carew, who would have been present at the ball, having died at the age of 104 in 1901 at Woodstown, England. Cf. Neck, L.van. Waterloo illustré p.40