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CORPS. (FROM THE OXFORD
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MR. MORRELL

REQUESTS the honor of your company at Dinner at
the TOWN HALL, OXFORD, on THURSDAY the 20th
instant at Five o'clock, to meet LIEUTENANT-COLONEL
NORTH and the OFFICERS and MEMBERS of the
OXFORD CITY RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

Headington Hill,
6th September 1860.

☛ An early Answer will oblige.

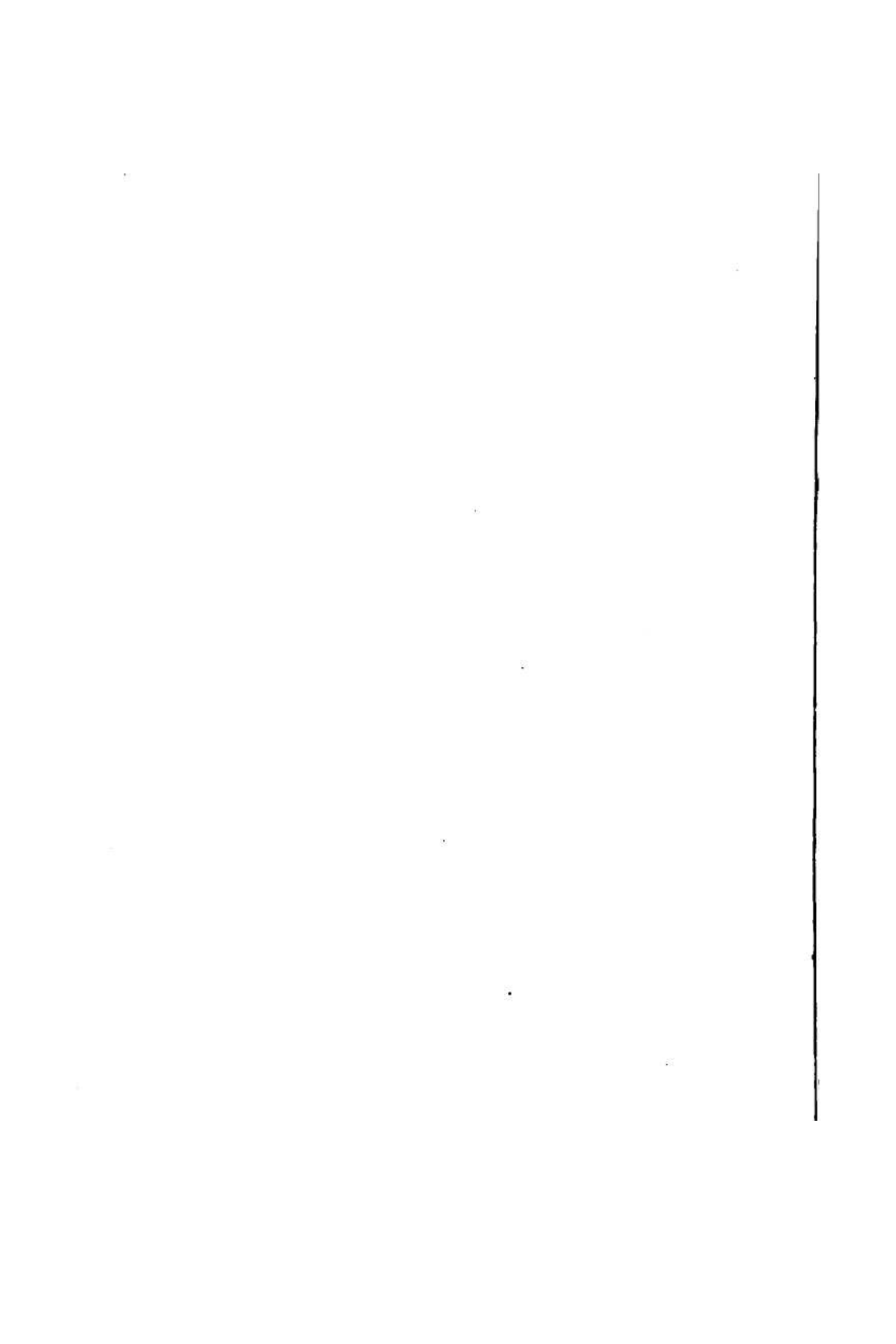


PRIVATE MEMORANDUM.

As His Grace the Lord Lieutenant
will appear in his official Uniform at the Dinner
on the 20th instant the Deputy Lieutenants
attending it will perhaps be so kind as to wear
their Uniforms.

Heudington Hill,

24th Sept. 1860.



BANQUET AT THE TOWN HALL,
OXFORD,

20th *SEPTEMBER* 1860,

AT FIVE O'CLOCK.

ADMIT

TO THE GALLERY.

GRAND BANQUET,
GIVEN BY JAMES MORRELL, ESQUIRE,
TO THE
OXFORD VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

(From the Oxford Journal of Sept. 23, 1860.)

From the very commencement of the Rifle Corps movement in this city, no one has manifested a warmer interest in it than James Morrell, Esq., of Headington Hill House, for he not only subscribed liberally to the fund, but, in order to make the Corps more complete, headed the subscription list for a band with a munificent donation, which at once secured that object. In addition to this, at the very first assembling of the Corps in the county, it was announced by Capt. Bowyer that he was authorized by Mrs. Morrell to intimate her intention of presenting the Corps with colours. That liberal offer, on the part of Mrs. Morrell, she was not permitted to carry out, as colours are supposed to be inconsistent with a Rifle Corps, notwithstanding the fact that such presentations have been made at Cambridge, Swindon, and a variety of other places in the kingdom. The first march out of Oxford which the Corps made was to Mr. Morrell's residence, where they went, in compliment to him, on his birth-day, and were allowed to visit his grounds and gardens. At that time Mr. Morrell expressed his regret that, owing to his house being full of company, he was unable to entertain the corps, but intimated his intention of doing so on a future occasion. It was at first contemplated to invite the Corps to a dinner in his grounds, but, owing to the uncertainty of the weather, he abandoned that intention, and resolved to give a banquet in the Town Hall, where his guests would be perfectly independent of the weather. With a view of making this the first recognition of the Volunteer movement in this city as complete as possible, Mr. Morrell resolved to invite the principal persons in the County, University, and City, to join him in this complimentary demonstration, which took place on Thursday last.

The Hall was fitted up for the occasion in exceedingly good taste, and over the Chairman's seat were suspended the colours belonging to the Old Oxfordshire Local Militia, recently found in the Tower, and since placed in the County Hall, from whence they were removed for this special occasion. The tables were decorated with elegant glass and china vases, filled with the choicest flowers from Mr. Morrell's conservatory, and had a most charming effect. A gallery was erected for the ladies in the rooms opposite the Chairman's seat, and the platform at the south end of the Hall was also set apart for their accommodation. In front of the latter were ranged choice and beautiful plants from Mr. Bates's nursery.

The following ladies received invitations to witness the proceedings:—The Duchess of Marlborough, the Countess of Waldegrave, the Baroness North, the Baroness Wrenham, Lady Georgiana Bertie, Lady Elizabeth Bertie, the Misses Henley, Mrs. Fane, Mrs. Hamersley, Mrs. John Fane, Mrs. Taunton, the Majoress, and about 150 ladies of the City of Oxford.

The Orpheus Glee Union were engaged for the occasion, and occupied a position at the foot of the ladies' gallery in the rooms; and the Oxford City Rifle Corps Band were stationed on the balcony overlooking the Town Hall yard.

The members of the Oxford City Rifle Corps mustered in Broad-street soon after four o'clock, and marched to the