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NEWPORT, Aug. 31.] A stupendous entertainment was on Monday last, given by the Right Hon. Lord Yareborough, at St. Lawrence Cottage, to their Royal Highnesses the Duchesses of Kent and Palatinate, the Members of the Carabrooks Arches, and the Royal Yacht Squadron. About six in the morning, his Lordship's ship *Falcons* came to an anchor in the offing, and his Lordship immediately landed, to inspect the preparations and be in readiness to receive the Royal and numerous other visitors; and in the course of the morning various other vessels of the Royal Yacht Squadron, cutters, &c. assembled at the same anchorage. A few minutes before two, a signal gun on the heights by the Coast Guard signal station announced that the Royal standard was hoisted in sight round the point; and a few minutes after, a second gun gave warning that the Royal party was opposite Mill Bay, when a royal salute was fired by the *Badger* revenue cutter. By this time the salute was concluded, the *Exmouth* (which was towed round by the *Lightning* sloop) had also dropped her anchor in the roadstead, and in no small degree contributed to add to the splendour and animation of the highly interesting scene.—The barge immediately hauled alongside, and as soon as their Royal Highnesses and attendants were seated, rowed towards the shore, preceded as a guide by a boat from the *Falcons*, and escorted by those belonging to the Coast Guard Station, *Badger*, &c. with their respective officers in full uniform. A temporary platform had been erected for convenience of landing, which was covered with crimson cloth (extending also from those over the beach), and up the pathway to the top of the cliff, on which his Lordship, supported by his family, the Hon. C. A. and G. Pelham and the Hon. Mrs. Copley, Capt. McCoy, R. N. Inspecting Commander of Coast Guard, the Stewards of the Carabrooks Arches, &c. stood to receive the Royal party, and conduct them to a tent placed on the lawn near the edge of the cliff, on which were assembled the Members of the two Clubs in two lines, the gentlemen with their hats off, each paying their respects as their Royal Highnesses passed. As soon as their Royal Highnesses had reached the summit, the Royal standard was immediately substituted for the jack on the flag staff, and welcomed by his Lordship's battery of brass nine-pounders. When the Royal party had rested a short time, the operations of the day commenced with a trial of the officers of Mr. Donnet's rockets, for preserving them from shipwreck, by express orders of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, the immense success of which excited perfect astonishment in all those who had not before witnessed them. A boat, with colours at the fore and mizen masts, was secured alongside to the beach, at about the distance where a ship of moderate size would lay, if wrecked on that part of the coast. The first rocket which was fired went in the

most beautiful manner directly over the middles of the boat, but the line (which was an old one, supplied some time since by Government to the Ashburton station) unluckily broke before the rocket fell, and the end was taken to a long distance beyond the limit.— Whilst a second line was being got ready, another rocket was fired without a line, in order to exemplify in some degree the great resistance which the projectile has to overcome in dragging the line so rapidly through the atmosphere; the immense distance to which this rocket ranged, when unencumbered, was truly marvellous. A new line of Mr. Donnet's best now prepared, the third rocket was fired, and the unerring precision with which it laid the line directly between the fore and mizen-masts of the boat, was greeted with the acclamations of the surrounding multitude. A time was now wanting, and their Royal Highnesses were fully satisfied with the great power and efficiency of this invention, they retired to the manure provided for their reception, opposite the spot marked out for the anchors; shooting immediately commenced, and was continued with great animation till four o'clock, when the cards were summed up, and Miss Julia Sanders and G. M. Smith, Esq. declared the winners. The amateur brass band, which, with that of the Royal Marines, had alternately entertained the scene with the execution of their well-known talents, now scudded the "Royal Boat of old Kingland," and the company retired to a temporary ball room for the occasion, 100 feet by 30, with a table running quite round, on which was laid out a sumptuous repast of 270 covers, consisting of every delicacy that could be procured to gratify the appetite, with a profusion of plate, and on the upper circular end, appropriated to their Royal Highnesses, his Lordship's superb service of gold. During the repast, many loyal and appropriate toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and when all were refreshed, they successively returned to the lawn, to resume the exercise of shooting, others to walk and admire the beauties of the grounds and surrounding scenery. Thus passed the time till about sunset, when their Royal Highnesses took their departure over-land for Cowes, which event was announced by lowering the standard, and another salute from his Lordship's battery. As the evening approached, the company was ushered to the beautiful detached pavilion, erected by the late Sir R. W. Selby, Bt. and after the refreshment of tea & coffee, the merry dance commenced to the music of Mess's quadrille band, and continued with great vivacity till ten o'clock, when his Lordship's signal station on the right of the lawn, in a direction nearly parallel to the cliff; the flag at about 20 degrees elevation, which ploughed its course into the air with undeviating accuracy to such an immense distance that its prodigious body of fire, which, at first rising was nearly as large as a man's body, appeared no larger than the flame of an ordinary candle. The two others were fired at about 35 degrees, so that the spectators had a complete view of their whole course and the beautiful curve they describe in their flight. It is difficult to say whether the spectators were most delighted with their appearance at night or the unerring certainty with which they took out the lines in the morning; but it was the united opinion of all the Naval and Military Officers present, that Mr. Donnet has brought these rockets to a degree of perfection which cannot be surpassed.—The Ladies being again conducted to the Pavilion, the dancing was resumed, and kept up till midnight, when the company began gradually to disappear, highly gratified with each other, and with the courteous hospitality of their Noble Host's table, a day of such privately unalloyed pleasure and enjoyment has scarcely been before witnessed in the Island.