

## Lady Amabel Yorke – Source 2

Lady Amabel Yorke's diaries contain over 8,700 pages, and cover the years 1769 – 1827. Her diaries give us insight into the life of the British aristocracy and comment upon politics, the Royal family and War.



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Tuesday, Jan: 31<sup>st</sup>  
Visited in the Morning L<sup>dy</sup> Hardwicke  
& M<sup>rs</sup> C. Yorke who were out, &  
M<sup>rs</sup> Elliot who was at home.  
Went at Night to L<sup>dy</sup> Greys; met  
L<sup>dy</sup> Grantham for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time since  
her Illness.  
Wednesday, Feb. th. 1<sup>st</sup>  
The Parliament met Yesterday  
The Kings Speech breathes Peace  
& Tranquillity, & Reduction of  
Establishments, & Increase of  
Revenue & Hopes that the  
Parliament will find it  
possible to reduce Taxes.  
No Opposition in the H<sup>ouse</sup> of Lords,  
My Cousin Charles mov'd in the H<sup>ouse</sup> of  
Commons, & I hear acquitted himself  
well. M<sup>r</sup> Gray mov'd an Amend-  
ment censuring the Indian War.

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M<sup>r</sup> Fox censur'd the latter strongly,  
& talk'd against the Russian  
Negotiation, but that Business  
seems reserv'd for another Day.  
M<sup>r</sup> Pitt after answering him  
inform'd the House that he  
thought Taxes might be taken  
off to the Amount of 200000<sup>l</sup>,  
& propos'd the Tax on ~~Carts~~  
on Waggon, that on Maid-Serv-  
ants, & the House-Tax on  
Houses below 9 Windows.  
The House seem'd to like  
this Good News, & the Majority  
against the Amendment was large.  
Noes 209  
Ayes 85  
Majority 124

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### Transcript:

#### Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 1792

Visited in the morning Lady Hardwicke and Mrs C Yorke who were out, and Mrs Elliot who was at home. Went at night to Lady Greys; met Lady Grantham for the first time since her illness.

#### Wednesday February 1st

The Parliament met yesterday. The King's speech breathes peace and tranquillity, and reduction of establishments and increase of revenue and hopes that the Parliament will find it possible to reduce taxes.

No opposition in the House of Lords. My cousin Charles moved in the House of Commons and I hear acquitted himself well. Mr Gray moved on Amendment censuring the Indian War. Mr Fox censured the latter strongly and talked against the Russian negotiation, but that business seems reserved for another day. Mr Pitt after answering him, informed the House that he thought taxes might be taken off to the amount of 200000£ and proposed the tax on carts and on wagons, that on Maid Servants, and the House Tax on houses below 9 windows. The House seemed to like this good news, & the Majority against this amendment was large.

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