



Dashing Earl set to leave this land

"Look to the future," urges George Sweet
Party to celebrate

Pity all the young ladies in these parts: George Sweet, fifth Earl of Coddington, is soon to transport himself overseas! Dashing George is to hold one last party before his departure, to which he has invited everyone who has brought pleasure in his life so far. Among those attending will be his two charming ex-wives, Florence and Dawn, his legal advisor, Sam Jenkins, and his good friend, Bernard Fry.

The Earl has asked us to pass on his regrets to those whom he has offended in the past, and asks that they should regard such matters as ancient history. "Look to the future instead," he says. He certainly means to!

To show his deep gratitude for the many kindnesses he has received from his friends, he intends to use his "last gasp" party as an opportunity to "set the record straight". His plans to go abroad are, he says, in no way connected with any police enquiries into his activities: "I simply wish to spend more time pleasing myself." His wife, Lady Coddington, has no plans to join him overseas as yet.

George asks us to inform all well-wishers that he is not expecting anyone to bring any leaving gifts to his party but, for those who can't be dissuaded, a year's supply of Chateau Lafite 1883 certainly will not go amiss!



**Long may she reign over us:
Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.**

Her Glorious Majesty, Queen Victoria, has been so kind as to send a letter to this newspaper, inviting us to thank all those from this locality who attended her recent Gala Dinner in London, and so helped her raise a large sum of money for good causes. Among those present were Captain Ratliffe, Dr. Hammer, Florence Sweet and Dawn Sweet.

Is it not the case, however, that we, her humble servants, should be thanking Her Majesty for her sublime beauty, graciousness and magnificence ?

A Plea for Tolerance

Concerned about a number of foul rumours spread by those less tolerant than he is, the Earl wishes to assure everyone that:

- 1) His more unusual behaviour in times gone by can be blamed on a hallucinogenic substance called "Sugarloaf". He has refrained from taking it for many years, ever since his doctor informed him that one more dose could prove his last.
- 2) The death by axe blow of Florence's father was quite obviously suicide.
- 3) The Blenkinsop "cheat" business was all a silly misunderstanding.