

We were at Sandringham on Monday
accompanying our school children
to a dinner given to them by the Prince
and Princess. The schools all met at
the great gates, and then walked se-
parately to the house, where they were
stopped by Gen. Knollys, who said the
Princess wished to look at them from
the window. During this time the
Prince advanced from the gardens
and Weymouth and I were greeted
by him with a hearty shake of the hand.
The dinner was given in the large
coach house, and hot meat, potatoes &
plum pudding were seen in every
direction. The Prince & the ladies Lady
Carnarvon & Mrs. Grey soon followed,
the Princess looking as she always does
full of gentleness and kindness, rising
up most pleasantly to speak to us and
others assembled there. She wore a
peculiarly soft black silk over a
dark blue embroidered petticoat, a
black ^{cloak} coat or cloak, a dove coloured chip
hat trimmed with violet velvet, and
a pheasant's breast of feathers, a scar-
let silk handkerchief folded narrow & fas-
tened round the throat. She & the

Prince gave themselves up to waiting
on the children, & their employment
the Prince kept up the whole time
moving from table to table, and at
last, herself distributing the almonds
& raisins amongst them. She even
scraped the fragments of meat off
many of the plates, to make them
more fit to receive the pudding. &
picked up knives & forks as the
children let them fall. We had several
minutes pleasant conversation
with the Prince & Princess.

The Gamekeepers Men & boys employ-
ed at Sandringham had dinner like
-wise. When the Prince & Princess had
retired, dinner was over the four
schoolers and the men passed two & two
before the Hall door, where the Royal
Couple stood and received very graciously
& gracefully their last acknowledg-
ments. We had some difficulty in
getting the little boys to hold their caps
in their hands at the right moment
just as they passed the door.

But I must not omit to mention that
amongst the lookers on at the feast,

was the little Baby Prince with his
two nurses. He looked apparently with
perfect complacency on the whole
proceedings, not moved in any way
by the numbers collected on the atten-
tion directed to himself. He is very
fair, with soft lips & eyes and a very
calm, serene expression; but it was
evident there existed plenty of brightness
and life & joyousness by his doll little
laugh when Mrs Grey played with him,
when his attention was attracted to
my spectacles. I wished he had pulled
them off, as many other babies have
done before.

On the preceding Tuesday - I was told,
the Prince made a point of Mr. Moore
as the Clergyman of the Church dining
with the Royal party, and begged
that his sister Anne & two friends
staying at the Rectory should join
them at 9 o'clock, and he sent one
of his own carriages to fetch them.
They found all the Imperial presents
arranged separately on tables, those
that had been given to the Prince &
Princess & young Prince by the Queen
and others, & those which they had
given to the Ladies & Gentlemen in
waiting.

They returned loaded with little gifts
from a Linnet tree.

A good sized piece of Kees, according
to the number of each family, was
given on Saturday into every house
in each of the Parishes included in
the Estate.

Great pains is taken that the cold
meat & fragments from the house
should be properly dispensed. There
were great irregularities in this respect
at first, in spite of efforts made to pre-
-vent it, in consequence of people
coming from distant parishes crowding
in and taking the place of those, for
whom the bounty was intended.

But Genl. Knollys has been most in-
-defatigable & persevering, & printed
Cards are now issued to the Clergyman
of each Parish to give to a certain number
on certain days & every week, with per-
-mission back for home on a Saturday
should any urgent case arise.

The Prince amongst other things
gave the Princess a most elegant bracelet
set in ^{the chess} with pearls at intervals. The
Younger Miss Mason a sprightly girl
observed to the Princess that she sup-
-posed

she had plenty of watches. "Oh no," she
said, "this is my first watch" - One of
her presents to the Prince was a seal-
=beet morning coat & a seal skin wrap-
=coat. There were several things from
Denmark

about Lendingham
Dec 1864.
