

Lady Charlotte – Extended Profile

Lady Charlotte Murray was a rich woman in England. She married a rich man, Lord Dunmore. He left for Virginia, a new American colony, in 1770. It was an adventure for him. He became the English governor of Virginia.

He missed his wife and children. He wrote a letter telling them to join him. In the cold winter of 1773, Lady Charlotte went on a small ship across the ocean with her six children.

The settlers in Virginia were excited to have her come. They waited in the streets to see the beautiful, rich woman from England. She went to live in a big house. She and Lord Dunmore brought over her furniture and clothing on other ships. They invited important people to their home for large dinners and beautiful dances.

Then, in 1776, the colonies decided they did not want to be a part of England anymore. They did not want English governors. The Revolutionary War began. Lady Charlotte and her husband had to leave everything in Virginia and return to England.