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Blessington, Marguerite Countess of 1789

The two urged the count to secure a leave of absence and to accompany them to Italy.

Strange Life Lady Blessington

Having now no heir, there was no restraint on his expenditures, and he borrowed large sums of money in order to buy additional estates and houses and to experience the exquisite joy of spending lavishly. The death of his wife, however, gave the earl a special opportunity to display his extravagant tastes. Doris Leslie, the English novelist and historical biographer.

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The earlier story of her still young life must here be told, because her name afterward became famous, and because the tale illustrates wonderfully well the raw, crude, lawless period of the Regency, when England was fighting her long war with Napoleon, when the Prince Regent was imitating all the vices of the old French kings, when prize-fighting, deep drinking, dueling, and dicing were practised without restraint in all the large cities and towns of the United Kingdom .

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It is less difficult for a woman to obtain celebrity by her genius than to be pardoned for it. Madden writes still further: On the 10th of May, 1849, I visited Gore House for the last time.

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But all these things were to come to pass by a mere accident of fortune.

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His wife and his young daughters viewed him with terror, and the life they led was a perpetual nightmare because of the bestial carousings in which their father engaged, wasting his money and mortgaging his estates until the end of his wild career was in plain sight.

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