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Major-General Sir Henry Frederick Ponsonby GCB PC (10 December 1825 – 21 November 1895) was a British soldier and royal court official who served as Queen Victoria's Private Secretary. Born in Corfu, he was the son of Major-General Sir Frederick Cavendish Ponsonby, an Anglo-Irish nobleman who was a senior commander in the British Army. He entered the army on 27 December 1842 as an ensign in the 49th Regiment of Foot. Transferred to the Grenadier Guards, he became a lieutenant on 16 February 1844. But when Henry Ponsonby became Queen Victoria's private secretary, the monarchy was in such hopeless disarray that even Victoria herself came under attack. Ponsonby as her private secretary and protector at large realized that the court had failed to adjust to the shift in the media and political sentiment. He dramatically re-wrote the royal 'message' as her most intimate adviser. Despite Ponsonby's ironic view of the monarchy, it was at its strongest ever when he died fifteen years later. This entertaining biography paints a seldom seen intimate picture of the inner working heart of a Queen: *Queen Victoria's Romantic Attachments* by Theo Aronson. *Queen Victoria's relationships with Lord Melbourne, Prince Albert, Napoleon III, John Brown, Disraeli, and her Indian servant Munshi.* *Henry and Mary Ponsonby: Life at the Court of Queen Victoria* by William M. Kuhn. *Henry Ponsonby was Queen Victoria's private secretary. Victoria's Correspondence, Journals and Travels.* *Victoria and Albert. We Two - Victoria and Albert: Rulers, Partners, Rivals* by Gillian Gill. An account of the passionate, complicated marriage of feisty Queen Victoria and brilliant, fragile Prince Albert. *Victoria & Albert: A Royal Love Affair* by Daisy Goodwin and Sara Sheridan. The official companion to the second season of the PBS/Masterpiece drama *Victoria*.

Henry Ponsonby. Quite the same Wikipedia. Just better. Ponsonby embellished letters to his children at Eton with a series of illustrations in which he concealed the school's address. It was a family quirk continued by his son, Arthur Ponsonby, and recently revived by descendant Harriet Russell. His letters bore addresses appearing as doodled signposts in snowstorms or as huge envelopes shouldered by tiny people.[1]. He served as Keeper of the Privy Purse and Private Secretary to Queen Victoria. Henry Ponsonby, *Queen Victoria's Private Secretary: His Life from His Letters* (London: Macmillan, 1943), pp. 35–36. Ponsonby, p. 37. Lodge 1867, p. 62. <http://www.historyshollywood.com/reelfaces/victoria-and-abdul/>. Bibliography. According to the Victoria and Abdul true story, the jail's superintendent, John Tyler, had met the Queen at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886, where he showcased carpets the inmates had made as part of a rehabilitation program. The Queen was impressed and asked Tyler to select two Indian attendants to help her at her Golden Jubilee, which marked fifty years of being on the throne. She wanted help communicating with the Indian dignitaries in attendance. Yes. This was confirmed in a letter written by her assistant private secretary Fritz Ponsonby, who complained of her preferential treatment of Karim. He concluded by sharing the Queen's thoughts on the matter, "the Queen says it is 'race prejudice' and that we are jealous of the poor Munshi." Henry and Mary Ponsonby: *Life at the Court of Queen Victoria*. London: Duckworth; dist. By International Publishers Marketing, Dulles, Va. An abstract is not available for this content so a preview has been provided below. Please use the Get access link above for information on how to access this content. Copyright. COPYRIGHT: © North American Conference on British Studies 2004. Recommend this journal. Email your librarian or administrator to recommend adding this journal to your organisation's collection. Journal of British Studies. Henry Ponsonby's career as a soldier and a courtier, including spells as equerry to Prince Albert and the Queen, culminated in eight years as the Queen's private secretary and a further 17 years combining that role, as the main channel of communication between the Sovereign and the politicians of the day, with responsibility for handling her personal finances as keeper of. He was hidden from public view but a significant figure in national affairs for 25 years. He and his wife met at court when she was a maid of honour to the Queen; she had little formal education, bore him five children and, in keeping with the times in which they lived, never held a serious post of her own. But the title of the book is accurate. He spoke to the Queen at great length with what Henry Ponsonby described as that 'terrible earnestness', which he brought to the most trivial activities, even to the rattling of dice, giving the impression that, while he revered the monarchy, he did not set great store by the intelligence of its present representative who, he considered, had to have everything explained. She would have concurred both with Mary Ponsonby, who complained that, marvel of defamatory pamphlets referred to the Queen as Mrs Brown, or that parodies of the Court Circular appeared in the press: Balmoral, Tuesday. Mr John Brown walked on the Slopes.

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