Love, lust, and passion are as old as the world. And yet throughout the individual epochs of world history, the phenomenon of love has been very differently experienced and perceived, because varying philosophic, religious, social, and aesthetic standards all play determining roles. So too is lust a bedazzling experience, and it led in the Renaissance pleasure palaces, in the Baroque era to vast parks and orangeries. As for passion, this too has been perceived differently in different eras – Plato and the Stoics considered passion the height of irrationality, yet during the age of enlightenment, for example, the list of love affairs and cuckolded husbands of Lady Jane is long. The path of Lady Jane’s life led her from the star-studded trio, read on...