

HORACE WALPOLE'S CORRESPONDENCE

From GRAY, Thursday 7 November 1745

Missing. Gray wrote to Wharton 14 Nov. 1745 (*Gray's Corr.* i. 226): 'I wrote a note [to HW] the night I came [to London] and immediately received a very civil answer.'

To GRAY, ca Friday 8 November 1745

Missing: HW's answer to the preceding.

From GRAY, Monday 3 February 1746

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Cambridge,¹ February 3, 1746.

Dear Sir,

YOU are so good to inquire after my usual time of coming to town: it is at a season when even you, the perpetual friend of London, will I fear hardly be in it, the middle of June,² and I commonly return hither in September, a month when I may more probably find you at home.³ I do not imagine that anything farther can be done with Mr Turner,⁴ but you only, who saw the manner of his promising, can judge of that. What he calls the College is the Master⁵ and his party of Fellows, among which he himself has been reckoned latterly. But, I know, it must be from some other influence than that of the Master merely, if he vote with them; which, if Mr Brudenel⁶ could stand,

1. Gray, who had resumed residence at Peterhouse as a fellow-commoner, had proceeded to the degree of Bachelor of Laws 16 Dec. 1743 (*Gray's Corr.* iii. 1203-6). Except for his customary summer holidays he resided at Cambridge until his death (see 'Chronological Table,' *Gray's Corr.*).

2. Gray left for London 13 July 1746, and returned 10 Oct. ('Chronological Table,' *Gray's Corr.*).

3. Early in August 1746, HW rented a house at Windsor (see *post* 15 Dec. 1746).

4. Shallet Turner, Fellow of Peterhouse. 'What follows evidently refers to a fellowship election at Peterhouse' (*Gray's Corr.* i. 228, n. 2).

5. John Whalley (ca 1699-1748), D.D., Master of Peterhouse 1733-48; Regius Professor of Divinity 1742-8 (Venn, *Alumni Cantab.*).

6. George Bridges Brudenell (1725-1801) (MONTAGU i. 184). He was a friend of the Earl of Lincoln, HW's travelling companion on his return journey from Italy.