

Stoke, at Mrs Rogers's.³
 Wednesday, Sept. 9 [1747].

IF I am mistaken, you will have the trouble of reading a few unnecessary lines, but I imagine a letter⁴ I wrote to you (about a week after I received yours)⁵ has never come to your hands. It was to say that I should be glad to make you a visit as you propose, and left it to you what time this month it should be; only desired that you would inform me a little beforehand, and tell me (who am too fine a person to know where any English place lies) whether Hounslow or Brentford be nearest Twickenham,⁶ where I would be on a certain day, and you must fetch me from thence. Adieu! I am

Yours ever,
 T. GRAY

TO GRAY, NOV. 1747

Missing. Probably written in Arlington Street soon after HW's return from SH during the week of 1 Nov. From the following letter it appears that it contained an account of HW's disagreement with Ashton and remarks on Lyttelton's *Monody*.

From GRAY, Tuesday? 10 November 1747

Reprinted from *Works* v. 388–9. The date of the year is ascertained by the references to Lyttelton's *Monody* and Dodsley's *Collection of Poems*. The day of the month is conjectural. Tuesdays in Nov. 1747 fell on the 3d, 10th, 17th, and 24th. HW probably read Lyttelton's *Monody* within a few days of its publication 30 Oct., and wrote Gray upon his return to London (probably the latter part of the week of 1 Nov.). Gray, it is assumed, answered within a few days.

Nov. [?10, 1747], Tuesday, Cambridge.¹

IT is a misfortune to me to be at a distance from both of you at present.² A letter³ can give one so little idea of such matters! * * * *⁴ I always believed well of his heart and temper, and would gladly do so

3. Gray's aunt, Anne Antrobus (1677–1758), who m. (1710) Jonathan Rogers, attorney (H. P. Stokes, 'Thomas Gray and His Cambridge Relatives,' *Cambridge Review*, 1917, xxxviii. 165–6).

4. *Ante* 19 or 26 Aug. 1747.

5. HW to Gray Aug. 1747, missing.

6. Hounslow is three miles, and Brentford four miles, from Twickenham.

1. Gray returned ca 23 Oct., the day on which his commons charges at Peterhouse were resumed.

2. This doubtless refers to HW's quarrel with Ashton. See Introduction, *post* 12 June 1750, n. 4, and HW to Mann 25 July 1750, O.S.

3. HW to Gray Nov. 1747, missing.

4. The asterisks are in Miss Berry's text.