

et Scotia (see the Bull,¹¹⁴ in Rymer, vol. xii, p. 313); and somewhere,¹¹⁵ though I cannot turn to the place, I found the King returning the Pope¹¹⁶ thanks for honouring the solemnity with the presence of his *ambassador*. 'Tis true, this legate was no cardinal, but (I believe) as legate he might wear the purple, though I am not sure his dress is anything more than a Doctor in Divinity's scarlet robe, and the hood, as usual, lined with minever. It is certain there is no hat, though this was the distinction of a cardinal long before these times.¹¹⁷

This is all at present compyled by the paynful hand and symple engyne of Your Honour's pour bedesman,
T. G.

My love to Mr C[hute], pray tell me about him,¹¹⁸ and about the Vine. I have not found his Dugdale¹¹⁹ yet; it is not in Emanuel, nor the Public Library.¹²⁰

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Dear Sir,

[Cambridge, March 17, 1754.]

I DO not [at] all wonder at you for being more curious about an interesting point of modern history¹ than a matter that happened three hundred years ago.² But why should you look upon me as so

114. 'Bulla de Matrimonio inter Henricum Septimum et Elizabetham Filiam Edwardi Quarti.' It is dated at Rome, 'Decimo Kal. Augusti [23 July] 2 Innocentius VIII (1486).

115. Probably Francis Bacon, *The History of the Reign of King Henry the Seventh*, 1622, p. 38.

116. Innocent VIII (1432-92), elected Pope, 1484.

117. Their use was authorized by Innocent IV's decree of 1245, given at the Council of Lyons (X. Barbier de Montault, *La Costume et les usages ecclésiastiques selon la tradition romaine*, Paris [1897-1901], ii. 348).

118. Chute visited HW 1 March for the first time after an illness of thirteen weeks (HW to Bentley 2 March 1754).

119. See *post* 11 April 1754.

120. The University Library. The expression seems to have been common: Edmund Carter, *History of the University of Cambridge*, 1753, pp. 13-14, speaks of the 'Public Library of the University.' George III, talking to Dr Johnson, called the Bodleian the 'public library' (Boswell, *Johnson*, ii. 35).

1. Hon. Henry Pelham, first lord of the Treasury and chancellor of the Exchequer 1743-54, died 6 March. 'On the 12th of March at night, only six days after the death of Mr Pelham, to the astonishment of all men, yet only to their astonishment, it was settled that the Duke of Newcastle [Pelham's brother] should take the Treasury' (*Mem. Geo. II* i. 381).

2. The marriages of Henry VI and Henry VII.