

me in a loose paper, for he must see your letter. It will be a charity too to insert anything of news, or whatever you please to tell us, for when he gets any respite from pain, he is capable and desirous of entertainment, and talks with an eagerness of spirits, that seems to make part of his distemper. Pray tell us how Mr Man<sup>s</sup> does. I am ever

Yours,  
T. G.

To GRAY, ca Friday 10 September 1756

Missing. Mentioned *post* 12 Sept. 1756. Possibly a second letter is implied *post* 19 Sept. 1756.

From GRAY, Sunday 12 September 1756

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Misdated. Sunday fell on 12 Sept. The date of the year is determined by the references to Chute's gout and to *ante* 8 Sept. 1756.

*Address:* To the Honourable Horace Walpole at Strawberry Hill near Twickenham, Middlesex. *Postmark:* [B]A[SINGS]TO[KE] 13 SE.

The Vine, Sept. 11 [12], Sunday [1756].

I HAVE the pleasure to tell you that after repeating once again his infusion of poppies, which caused each time an entire cessation from pain and an easy perspiration for near twenty-four hours, Mr Chute has had no return of his tortures, but for these four days has continued in a very tolerable state, cheerful enough and in good spirits in the day-time, his appetite beginning to return, and all last night passed in quiet and natural sleep. But he is (as you may imagine) still nailed to his bed, and much weakened. God knows when he will be able to get up or bear any motion, and the least cold, as autumn is coming on, will certainly bring it all back again. I am quite of your opinion about going to town as soon as it is possible, and had of

5. Galfridus Mann (ca 1706–56), Horace Mann's twin brother, was suffering from asthma and consumption (HW to Mann 25 Jan., 5 Feb. 1756). After a summer at Bristol

his health improved, and HW thought him 'much mended' but not recovered (HW to Mann 19 Sept. 1756). He died 21 Dec. (HW to Mann 8 Dec., 23 Dec. 1756).