

FROM GRAY 17 JANUARY 1758

superlative. I have taken the liberty to desire he would direct his packet as before,² which I hope you will forgive, as I am ever

Yours,
T. G.

TO GRAY, July 1758

Two missing letters mentioned *post* 22 July 1758.

FROM GRAY, Saturday 22 July 1758

Printed from MS in Waller Collection.

Address: To the Honourable Horace Walpole, at the Honourable Mr Bateman's,¹ Old Windsor.

July 22, 1758, Stoke.

I HAVE been in town at your house, and left a note there for you; on my return hither I have received your second letter. On Monday I am going with the Cobhams to Hampton,² and propose to come from thence to Strawberry on Wednesday evening, or Thursday before dinner. I am sorry to hear of Mr C[hute]'s³ illness; it is likely he will not be able to go into the country, but if he does, I shall be glad to attend you thither, and *back again*, if you will take that trouble upon you. I am

Yours ever,
T. G.

2. 'Now I have got six pages more, and his name (for that I insisted upon), yet am not much the wiser; however he is a man of letters and a good sensible person, and depends upon nobody, and has a little garden. This is all that I know about him' (Gray to Bedingfield 31 Jan. 1758, *Gray's Corr.* ii. 559–60; see also *ibid.* ii. 563).

1. Richard Bateman (ca 1705–73), col-

lector. HW speaks of his 'cloister at Old Windsor' in *COLE* i. 90. See also illustration, *ibid.*

2. Where Gray stayed for two days (Gray to Wharton 9 Aug. 1758, *Gray's Corr.* ii. 578).

3. This is the only reference to Chute in any extant letter of Gray's after October 1756. See *ante* 19 Sept. 1756, n. 1.