

From GRAY, Wednesday 14 February 1759

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Address: To the Honourable Horace Walpole.

[London,] Wednesday, Feb. 14 [1759].

I HAVE been confined at home for this last fortnight¹ with a fit of the gout, and was but just got out again in a great shoe when I called on you. I go to Cambridge early tomorrow morning, and cannot (I'm afraid) today have it in my power to see you. If you will write to me, I shall be glad. Early in March I must of necessity be again in town.² I am

Yours,

T. G.

The Dean of Lincoln (Dr Green)³ who is Master of Benet College,⁴ Cambridge, offers his service with great civility, if you choose to have any letter or paper in their library (which, you know, abounds⁵) transcribed for you.

To GRAY, Thursday 15 February 1759

Bequeathed by Mrs Damer to Sir Wathen Waller, 1st Bt, in 1828; printed from MS now WSL.

Arlington Street, Feb. 15, 1759.

THE enclosed¹ which I have this minute received from Mr Bentley, explains much that I had to say to you—yet I have a question or two more.

1. He came to London ca 12 Dec., and was probably staying at his 'old lodgings' in Gloucester Street (*Gray's Corr.* ii. 601).

2. Gray left Cambridge ca 4 March (*ibid.* ii. 617, n. 1).

3. John Green (ca 1707–79), D.D., Fellow of St John's 1731–50; Master of Corpus Christi 1750–64; Regius Professor of Divinity 1749–56; Dean of Lincoln 1756–61; Bp of Lincoln 1761–79 (Venn, *Alumni Cantab.*).

4. Corpus Christi, referred to in the eighteenth century as Benet College, from its proximity to St Benedict's Church in Free School Lane. See Edmund Carter, *History of the University of Cambridge*, 1753, p. 84.

5. I.e. in ancient manuscripts.

1. Missing.