

that *quæ supra nos, nihil ad nos*.³⁰ I shall be in town the middle of October, I believe.³¹ I am

Yours ever.

TO GRAY, ca Thursday 15 September 1763

Missing. Probably written at SH. Answered *post* 19 Sept. 1763.

FROM GRAY, Monday 19 September 1763

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[Cambridge, Sept. 19, 1763.]

POSITIVELY I can make nothing of *St Islée*, and thought myself sure it was Chantilly; and even believe so still, not having the book before me.

To be sure I looked in Grotius' *Epistles*¹ the first thing I did; he writes to nobody with a name at all similar. But in the little book of this Lord Herbert's verses,² published by the *divine Herbert*³ after his death, is a thing addressed 'to *Tilenus after the fatal defluxion upon my arm*.'⁴ Now *Daniel Tilenus*⁵ was a great theological writer of that time. He wrote about *Antichrist*,⁶ and *Animadversions on the Synod of Dort*,⁷ etc., and some of his works were published (I see) at Paris. He

30. Romans viii. 31, adapted.

31. 4 Nov. ('Chronological Table,' *Gray's Corr.*).

1. Grotius's *Epistolæ ad Gallos* (Leyden, 1648).

2. *Occasional Verses of Edward Lord Herbert, Baron of Cherbery and Castle-Island, deceased in August, 1648*, 1665.

3. The Rev. George Herbert (1593–1633), poet, Lord Herbert's younger brother. Gray is mistaken: the volume was not published by George Herbert but by another brother, Sir Henry Herbert (1595–1673).

4. 'In Answer to Tilenus, when I had

that fatal Defluxion in my Hand' (*Occasional Verses*, 1665, p. 90). It is a Latin epigram of four lines.

5. (1563–1633), Protestant divine, professor of theology at Sedan 1602–19. A remonstrant, he fell into disgrace after the Synod of Dordrecht, and, like Grotius, fled to Paris.

6. *Speculum Antichristi*, Rostock, 1605, and *Antichristus*, Amberg, 1610 (see *Catalogus librorum impressorum Bibliothecæ Bodleianæ*, Oxford, 1843).

7. *Canones Synodi Dordracenæ: cum notis et animadversionibus D. Tileni . . .*, Paris, 1622 (BM Cat.).