

You are very perverse and mysterious about your discoveries,¹³ but I hope to be satisfied next month.¹⁴ You never said a word about Mr B[entle]y's *Patriotism*;¹⁵ I hope nobody found out how good some of it is.¹⁶ Has he made his market by it?

TO GRAY, April 1764

Missing. Probably written in Arlington Street. Mentioned *post* 25 April 1764.

From GRAY, Wednesday 25 April 1764

Printed from MS in Waller Collection.

The date of the year is determined by the reference to the *Life of Lord Herbert of Cherbury*.

Pembroke Hall, April 25 [1764].

I AM obliged to you for your inquiries after me. I am indeed not well, though recovered in a great degree, and able to go about as usual. It will be about a fortnight before I can come to town;¹ therefore if Lord Herbert should be ripe within a week or ten days,² I could wish to see him at Cambridge, for I am impatient to be better acquainted with him, and by this long delay should expect additions to the manuscript, though of what kind I cannot imagine. I am ever

Yours,

T. G.

By the Cambridge fly, Queen's Head, Grey's Inn Lane.

13. Unexplained.

14. Gray went to London in the middle of May (*post* 25 April 1764).

15. *Patriotism, a Mock Heroic in Five Cantos*, published 10 Nov. (*Daily Adv.* 10 Nov. 1763), satirizing the Opposition, especially Newcastle, Pitt, and Wilkes. It contains panegyrics on Halifax (ii. 125-48) and George III (v. 93-106). HW calls it a 'servile poem . . . rewarded with £160 a year in the Post Office' (MONTAGU ii. 128). For the second edition see *post* 14 April 1765.

16. See HW's criticism in *Mem. Geo. III*

iii. 119. He praises Bentley's poetic spirit, sense, and imagination, but censures other aspects of the poem.

1. Gray went to London 16 May ('Chronological Table,' *Gray's Corr.*).

2. Though the printing was finished 27 Jan. (*ante* 12 Sept. 1763) HW did not send copies to his friends until after 16 July (see MONTAGU ii. 129; COLE i. 66). Publication was probably delayed by the preparation of Lord Herbert's genealogy (MONTAGU ii. 130).