

FROM GRAY 10 JULY 1764

Has Lord Herbert drowned himself in his own purling stream, or has he only wetted his ruff, and discomposed his mustachios?<sup>7</sup> And what has the man-mountain been doing at Court?<sup>8</sup> Adieu, I am ever

Yours,  
T. G.

From GRAY, Friday 17 August 1764

Printed from MS in Waller Collection.

*Address:* To the Honourable Horace Walpole in Arlington Street, London, M.P.

*Postmark:* ROYSTON 18 AV. FREE.

[Cambridge,] Aug. 17, 1764.

I RETURN you abundance of thanks for Lord Herbert and for the pamphlet.<sup>1</sup> The first is exceedingly defective in its commas and semicolons. The latter has a misfortune attends it (not at all in your power to remedy) that few or none had read the *Address*<sup>2</sup> which occasioned it. If they do now, it is your doing.

I shall probably be in town in about a fortnight,<sup>3</sup> where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you. I am ever

Yours,  
T. G.

From GRAY, Sunday 30 December 1764

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HW has added pencil memoranda which are partly illegible and wholly unintelligible.

7. Gray had evidently seen the frontispiece of Lord Herbert's *Life*, which shows him reclining by a stream.

8. 'Quinbus Flestrin,' the 'Great Man-Mountain,' the name given to Gulliver by the Lilliputians. Gray is probably alluding to Bute, whose 'frequent interviews with the King' and 'constant attendance when in town at Carlton House' were interpreted as an indication of changes in the ministry (see Lord George Sackville to Charles Townshend April-Aug. 1764, Hist. MSS Comm., *Stopford-Sackville* i. 62). Because of his supposed 'secret influence' at Court,

Bute was often represented in satirical prints as a Colossus. One such print, of the year 1767, shows Pitt standing between his feet (BM, *Satiric Prints*, iv, No. 4178: see also Nos. 3939, 4000).

1. HW's *A Counter Address to the Public, on the late Dismission of a General Officer*. See ante i. 40.

2. *An Address to the Public, on the late Dismission of a General Officer*, by William Guthrie (1708-70).

3. 3 Sept. (*Gray's Corr.* ii. 841, n. 4).