

a thing that looked like a voluntary omission; but I see you have taken notice of it in the note to page 71,¹⁹ though rather too slightly. You have not observed that the same writer says, c. 55,²⁰ *Richard tua de sa main, ou fit tuer en sa presence, quelque lieu apart, ce bon homme le Roi Henry.*²¹ Another oversight I think there is at p. 43, where you speak of the *roll of parliament*²² and the contract with Lady Eleanor Boteler,²³ as things newly come to light; whereas Speed has given at large the same roll in his *History*.²⁴ Adieu! I am ever

Yours,

T. GRAY

TO GRAY, Tuesday 8 March 1768

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Arlington Street, March 8, 1768.

I DON'T mean to trouble you with any farther searches; but I must thank you for your readiness to oblige me. I will try to return it by keeping the roll as long as I can, that you may see it, if you look Londonwards;† it is really a great curiosity, and will furnish one with remarks. Not that I am going to answer such trumpery as Guthrie's, who does not seem to disagree with me (though I scarce can discover the scope of his jumbled arguments) but is angry I did not declare I agreed with him, though I vow I never saw his book. It shall rest in peace for

19. Of *Historic Doubts*. 'I must however, impartially observe that Philip de Comines says, Richard having murdered his nephews, degraded their two sisters in full parliament. . . . For my own part I know not how to believe that Richard would have passed that act, if he had murdered the two princes.' HW's copy of *The Memoirs of Philip de Comines*, translated by Thomas Uvedale, 1712, was sold SH iii. 95.

20. This numbering of chapters is characteristic of the early sixteenth-century editions of Philippe de Comines' *Cronique et hystoire* (1st edn, 1524); the division into books and chapters began with the first edition of the *Mémoires*, Paris, 1552. Twelve French editions of the *Cronique* were published between 1524 and 1551 (*Bibliotheca*

Belgica, 1880–90, ser. I, vol. v, sub Comines).

21. In the Paris, 1546, edition, the passage is on f. 68 recto, in 'Chapitre LV.'

22. Cited *ante* 14 Feb. 1768, n. 23.

23. Lady Eleanor Talbot (d. ca 1468), dau. of John Talbot, 1st E. of Shrewsbury; m. Sir Thomas Boteler, son of Sir Ralph Boteler (*ante* 3 March 1754, notes 43, 81). See also COLE i. 304.

24. 1611 edn, pp. 711–13.

1. Gray 'came to London' 7 April where he stayed until 30 May (Gray's *Naturalist's Journal*; Gray's *Corr.* iii. 1033). He was 'at Twickenham' 16–17 April (Gray's *Naturalist's Journal*), and with Mason visited HW at SH on the 17th (COLE i. 134).