

In all the letters, the hyphenization and capitalization have been modernized. The spelling has also been modernized (for lists of Walpole's obsolete spellings see *COLE* i. p. xliii and *MONTAGU* i. p. xxxiii), except that of proper names, which are spelled as in the manuscripts or printed sources. Walpole's punctuation, but not that of his correspondents, has been retained. Roscoe's heavily corrected drafts required special treatment. In order to produce a readable text, we have adopted what appeared to be his final version, disregarding trials and false starts, not all of which had been deleted; and in a few places we have restored a deleted word where it was necessary for the sense.

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