

godfather to a child<sup>10</sup> at Richmond. If you are so kind, name your own day, and I will certainly be here either in this week or the next, and shall be

Your most obliged humble servant,

ORFORD

From BUCHAN, ca Thursday 22 November 1792

Missing.

To BUCHAN, Thursday 29 November 1792

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*Note by Buchan:* Hor. E. of Orford to D.S. E. of Buchan. I did not indeed advert to the fiddle-faddle business of copying the jewel,<sup>1</sup> but thought Lord Orford might wish to communicate its likeness, though in one point of view only, to the Antiquaries, for his own honour and glory!

Strawberry Hill, Nov. 29, 1792.

My Lord,

I AM sorry I cannot possibly comply with your Lordship's request of sending you a drawing of the Countess of Lenox's jewel, which I conclude you never saw, or I think you would not ask or expect me to

vited to stay and dine. The invitation was accepted. The noble Lord rang his bell, and on the appearance of his Swiss, inquired what there was for dinner. "Hashed mutton, my Lord," was the reply. "Let there be hashed mutton for two, as Mr \* \* \* is to dine with me." In a very short time, the Swiss returned with a long face—"My Lord, there is only hashed mutton for one." The visitor made his apologies, engaged to come again at a more favourable opportunity, and left T[wickenha]m *impransus*.—N.B. His Lordship's servants were always on board-wages' (i. 278). The visitor is identified as Nares in N&Q 1860, 2d ser., ix. 301.

10. Caroline Anne Edgcumbe (1792–1824), dau. of Richard Edgcumbe (1764–1839), styled Vct Valletort 1789–95, 2d E. of Mount Edgcumbe, 1795; m. (1812) Regi-

nald George Macdonald, chief of Clanronald (information from the Rev. M. M. Barlow and the Richmond parish-register).

1. 'A golden heart set with jewels, and ornamented with emblematic figures enamelled, and Scottish mottos; made by order of the Lady Margaret Douglas, mother of Henry Lord Darnley, in memory of her husband Matthew Stuart, Earl of Lenox and Regent of Scotland, murdered by the papists' ('Des. of SH,' *Works* ii. 477). It was bought for Queen Victoria at the SH sale (xv. 60) by Farrer for £136 10s., and is in the collection of jewels at Windsor Castle. For a detailed description of it, with a photograph in colours, see Joan Evans, *English Jewellery*, 1921, pp. 88–91 and plate A.