



Strawberryhill
Sept. 9. 1776.

May I trouble you, Dear Sr, when you see our friend Mr. [unclear],
to tell him that the Tower is covered in, & that whenever he has nothing
to do after this week, I shall be very glad to see him here, if he will only
send me a line two or three days before hand. I have carried this little
tower higher than the round one, & it has an exceedingly pretty effect,
breaking the long line of the House picturequely, & looking very ancient;
thus . I wish this or any thing else could tempt you hither.

I must correct a little error in the spelling of a name in the pedigree you
was so kind as to make out for me last year; the Derchaughs were not
of Colton, but Coulston Hall. This I discovered oddly this morning, on
opening a patch box that belonged to my mother, & which I have not opened
for many years, I found an exceedingly small silver collar or ring about
this size , but broad & flat. I remember in way in an old leather bag of coins that
my mother found in old Boughton when she first married. I call it a collar
from the breadth, but it would not be large enough for a Fairy's lapid. It was probably
made for an infant's little finger, & must have been for a ring, not a collar, for
I believe, tho she was an Heiress, young Ladies did not elope so early in those days.
I never knew how it came into the family, but now it is plain, for the
inscription on the outside is, of Coulston Hall luff. & is a confirmation of the pedigree,