

presumed too much upon the favour he was in with the late Emperor, but those who make his process add a thousand despotic facts and expressions to aggravate matters. The case is that he is no longer in favour, and will ill brook the necessary restraint of that illimitated authority with which he has acted hitherto. But these are trifles, the common cabals of courts. The main point for the happiness of this country must be ensured by the preservation of this young Prince and his having issue.<sup>6</sup>

Yours ever,

H. M.

Excuse my troubling you with the enclosed for my brother. Lord Beauchamp can now have horses, and sets out this evening.

### FROM MANN, Friday 20 September 1765

Part of the third paragraph was printed in Doran ii. 146-7.

Entry in Mann's 'Letter-Books' under 1765: 'September 20th. To Mr Walpole. N.B. To Paris' (S.P. 105/294 f. 166).

A pencil drawing of a Gothic arch accompanies this letter. On the edge, in ink, some one has written: 'Clumsy, but only so from the drawing; the reality must be kept to little more than the diameter of the column.' See illustration.

Florence, September 20, 1762 [1765].<sup>1</sup>

My dear Sir,

**I** WAS impatient to hear that you had received my letter that contained a full account of what had passed in regard to the affair in question. You will have remarked that the date<sup>2</sup> of the promise was by many months prior to the glorious exploit<sup>3</sup> for which Colonel Draper very justly merited the preference, even by setting that promise aside. And as to that to Mr Mitchel, though I never heard of it before, I can make no doubt that it was long after. However, I lay no other stress upon this than to waive the objection

6. A requirement abundantly fulfilled by their sixteen children, only two of whom died in infancy (Isenburg, *Stamm-tafeln*, i. taf. 19).

1. I think this should be 1765 (HW). Mann had Mackenzie's letter of 6 July 1762 in mind (see below).

2. 6 July 1762 (*ante* 3 Aug. 1765).

3. The capture of Manila, 6 Oct. 1762.