

We have nothing going forward here worth your notice. The mourning, the Lent, and the death of Count Thurn exclude every sign of gaiety at Court. We begin to have hopes that Count Rosenberg will be appointed Grand Chambellan.⁶ His personal qualities make him desired by everybody. Adieu, my dear Sir. Ease me from the anxiety which your silence gives me.

Yours ever,

H. M.

TO MANN, Saturday 1 March 1766

Dated, 'Feb. 29, 1766' in Kirgate's copy.

HW's entries in 'Paris Journals,' in early March, show that he must have thought, for a time, that Feb. 1766 had 29 days. This letter was sent 'March 1 [2d] by the post' (*ibid.*, DU DEFFAND v. 380).

Paris, Feb. 29 [1 March], 1766.

I HAVE received your letters very regularly, and though I have not sent you near so many, yet I have not been wanting to our correspondence, when I have had anything particular to say, or knew what to say. The Duke of Richmond has been gone to England this fortnight;¹ he had a great deal of business, besides engagements here; and if he has failed writing, at least I believe he received yours. Mr Conway I suppose has received them too, but not to my knowledge; for I have received but one² from him this age. He has had something else to do, than to think of Pretenders, and pretenders to pretensions. It has been a question (and a question scarcely decided yet) not only whether he and his friends should remain ministers,³ but whether we should not draw the sword on our colonies, and provoke them and the manufacturers at home to rebellion.⁴

nom de Baron du Blas' (Albani to Mann 25 Jan., S.P. 105/317 f. 44).

6. Salviati was made Grand Chambellan (*post* 18 Nov. 1766).

1. The Richmonds arrived in London 25 Feb. (*Daily Adv.* 25 Feb.).

2. No letters from Conway to HW for this period have been found, but HW wrote three letters (all missing) to him in

Feb. ('Paris Journals,' DU DEFFAND v. 379-80).

3. See Newcastle's account of the meeting at the D. of Grafton's 5 Feb. in *Narrative of the Changes in the Ministry 1765-1767*, ed. Mary Bateson, 1898, pp. 47-9.

4. 'Nothing but the repeal of the Stamp Act could possibly restore quiet and peace in America . . . recover to this country