

was chaplain to Mr Murray at Constantinople, but quarrelled with him and was then taken by the King of Poland as preceptor to his nephew.⁸ The memoirs were probably furnished by the King, but the style is purely orthodox!

Yours ever,

H. M.

I have sent my portrait to my brother, as you advised.⁹ It was done by Maron,¹⁰ Mengs's brother-in-law. Croft will show it to you.¹¹

From MANN, Saturday 23 April 1774

The second paragraph was printed in Doran ii. 265-6, and parts of the third in ii. 260 and 262, this last section misdated 25 April.

Florence, April 23d 1774.

Dear Sir,

I AM grieved to see by your letter of the 28th past how little hopes you have of a solid amendment either of Lord Orford's health or conduct, and that even should the former be re-established, it may precipitate him again into those irregularities and dissipation which had brought his affairs into such confusion that nothing but the unwearied pains you have taken could have even formed a plan and pointed out a method to unravel and ward against for the future. If he is not sensible of this, I shall look upon his present recovery as useless to himself and a misfortune to his family, but let what will happen, I would fain bring you to be quite indifferent about it.

The royal traveller sat out from Rome last week.¹ By all accounts

8. Stanislas Poniatowski (1754-1833), Polish army officer, who settled at Rome and later at Florence (NBC; DNB *sub* John Lind). HW said (*ante* 23 Feb. 1774 n. 9) that Lind tutored the Prince at Cambridge, but no confirmation of this has been found.

9. HW had asked Mann to have his portrait painted, wearing the robes of the Bath (*ante* 24 Aug. 1768). The fate of Maron's portrait of Mann is not known; Mann began negotiating for it in 1769 (*ante* 28 Nov. 1769); Maron executed the

head at Florence and sent the completed portrait three years later to Mann (*post* 23 Aug. 1774).

10. Anton von Maron (1733-1808), a Viennese; he came to Rome and studied painting under Mengs, whose sister, Theresa Concordia Mengs, he married in 1765 (Thieme and Becker).

11. He did so on 4 Aug. (*post* 3 Aug. 1774).

1. 'The Duke had fixed either the 13th or 14th for his departure for Civita Vecchia'