

Robert died, foretelling a rebellion, which happened in less than six months, and for predicting which he had been ridiculed—and in detestation of a maxim ascribed to him by his enemies, that *every man has his price*, the tariff of every Parliament since has been as well known as the price of beef and mutton; and the universal electors, who cry out against that traffic, are not a jot less vendible than their electors—was not Sir Robert Walpole an abominable minister?

PS. 29th.

The man, who certainly provoked Ireland *to think*, is dead, Lord Sackville.¹⁷

30th.

I see by the *Gazette*¹⁸ that Lord Cowper's pinchbeck-principality is allowed.¹⁹ I wonder his Highness does not desire the Pope to make one of his sons a bishop *in partibus infidelium*.

From HORACE MANN the Younger, Tuesday 20
September 1785

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My dear Sir,

I WRITE to you a very few lines by the desire of my uncle, who is incapable with his own hand,¹ to acknowledge your abundant kindness to him. A severe attack of the same nature as before, except that no blood came from his breast, gave me the greatest alarm.

17. Lord George Sackville Germaine, 3d son of Lionel Duke of Dorset, who when secretary to his father, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, gave rise by his haughty behaviour to the factions that have ever since disturbed that country, and at last shaken off its submission to this country (HW). He d. 26 Aug. 'at his seat at Stoneland Lodge in Sussex' (*Daily Adv.* 29 Aug.). A two-column obituary notice appeared in *Lloyd's Evening Post* 26–9 Aug., lvii. 204.

18. 'The King has been pleased to approve and allow to Earl Cowper, and his issue, the title and arms of a Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, conferred on

him by his Imperial Majesty . . . by a diploma or patent, dated at Vienna, the 31st of January 1778; and his Majesty has also been pleased to order that the same be registered in his College of Arms' (*London Gazette* No. 12676, 23–7 Aug.).

19. Title and arms only (n. 18 above); there was no territorial principality.

1. Mann's office letter to Carmarthen of 20 Sept. (F.O. 79/4 ff. 245–6) is in his secretary's hand, but the compliment and signature, though in shaky script, are in Mann's own hand.