

remis sa place, et qu'on ne savait point encore ce qu'il ferait. Comme nous parlions de tout cela, Mme d'Aiguillon arriva, et fit compliment au Milord sur ce que M. le Duc de Richmond⁷ avait la place du Duc de Grafton, qui s'était retiré, que c'était M. Craufurd qui l'avait mandé au Chevalier de Redmond:⁸ le Milord assura qu'il n'en était rien. Adieu, j'attends l'arrivée du facteur pour fermer ma lettre.

Le facteur est arrivé; il dit qu'il n'y a point de lettres d'Angleterre, ainsi je vous dis adieu jusqu'à samedi ou dimanche. Mandez-moi quand vous m'écrirez si M. Craufurd sera à Londres les premiers jours du mois prochain. Je ne m'informe point s'il a le projet de faire un tour ici; il n'y a nulle apparence.

FROM MADAME DU DEFFAND, Sunday 18 May 1766

N° 9. Paris, dimanche 18 mai 1766.

OH! vous avez raison, j'ai mérité l'insolentissime correction que vous me faites, mais vous avez dû voir par ma dernière lettre¹ que j'étais en disposition de me corriger. J'avais déjà fait des réflexions très judicieuses, et pris des résolutions que j'ai déjà suivies. Remarquez, s'il plaît à votre sévérité, que je ne vous ai pas écrit une

ton came to me, and Mr Conway and I persuaded him to defer his resignation a few days; though he said he could not trust the King . . . ' (*Mem. of Geo. III* ii. 227).

'The Duke of Grafton, however, gave notice to the King that he would resign. The King begged him to defer it for a few days' (*ibid.* ii. 228).

7. Charles Lennox (1735–1806), 3d D. of Richmond, ambassador to France 1765–6 when HW was in Paris and saw him often (*Paris Jour.*). Through his great-grandmother, who was mistress to Charles II, the Duke could claim to be Duc d'Aubigny in the French peerage, and his efforts to have this title recognized by the parliament of Paris brought him often to France, where he met D. She calls him 'le jeune duc' in her letters, and, like HW, was greatly attached to him. The Duchess of Richmond was the step-daughter of HW's cousin, Henry Conway, and consequently HW had a special interest in Richmond's career.

'In the room of the Duke of Grafton I resolved to try to make the Duke of Rich-

mond Secretary of State. Not that I could flatter myself with the duration of the system; but as I knew the Duke had better talents than most of the ministers, and would be more moderate, I thought he would be likely to bring them to such a temper as might prevent their dissolution then, and would be of use to them if they remained in power' (*Mem. of Geo. III* ii. 229).

8. Jean de Redmond (ca 1709–78), lieutenant-général, and chevalier (*Rép. de la Gazette*; Philip Thicknesse, *Useful Hints*, 1768, pp. 190–1). HW frequently met him in Paris, and dined with him, 10 Jan. 1766. He later spoke of him as 'that fool Redmond' (*Paris Jour.*). Redmond was a favourite of Mme d'Aiguillon (see *post* 17 May 1767); he translated the preface to HW's *Historic Doubts* (see *post* 8 March 1768); D considered him a bore (see *post* 2 Nov. 1769).

1. *Ante* 14 May 1766.