

My favour here continues; and favour never displeases. To me too it is a novelty, and I naturally love curiosities. However, I must be looking towards home, and have perhaps only been treasuring up regret. At worst, I have filled my mind with a new set of ideas; some resource to a man who was heartily tired of his old ones. When I tell your Ladyship that I play at whisk, and can bear even French music, you will not wonder at any change in me. Yet I am far from pretending to like everybody or everything I see. There are some chapters on which I still fear we shall not agree; but I will do your Ladyship the justice to own, that you have never said a syllable too much in behalf of the friends to whom you was so good as to recommend me. Madame d'Egmont, whom I have mentioned but little, is one of the best women in the world, and, though not at all striking at first, gains upon one much. Colonel Gordon,<sup>7</sup> with this letter, brings you, Madam, some more seeds from her. I have a box of pomatums for you from Madame de Boufflers, which shall go by the next conveyance that offers. As he waits for my parcel, I can only repeat how much I am

Your Ladyship's most obliged and faithful humble servant,

HOR. WALPOLE

### FROM ANNE PITT, Friday 7 February 1766

Missing; mentioned *post* 7 March 1766.

### TO LADY HERVEY, ca Sunday 9 February 1766

Missing. Listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 379).

7. Probably the Hon. William Gordon (1735-1816), of Fyvie Castle; Lt.-Col., 105th Foot, 1763; Gen., 1803; M.P.; appointed a groom of the Bedchamber, 1775 (C. O. Skelton and J. M. Bulloch, *Gordons under Arms*, Aberdeen, 1912, pp.

333-4; *Scots Peerage* i. 91). Gordon departed 5 Feb., carrying HW's parcel containing seeds, peppermint water, and five letters ('Paris Journals,' DU DEFFAND v. 379).