

All I wish of my relations is, that they will show the world that they are satisfied with my conduct,<sup>11</sup> yet *seem* to disguise their reasons.

If ever I am unfortunate enough to be called Duchess of Gloucester, there's an end of *almost* all the comforts I now enjoy; which if things can go on as they are now, *are many*.

From the DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, Saturday  
23 May 1772

Printed from HW's transcript in his MS of *Last Journals*, 'Journal Geo. 3d 1772,' f. 44, in the possession of Lord Waldegrave; first printed, *Last Journals* i. 99.

Dated by HW: 'On the 23d I received this note from her.'

My dear Sir,

**M**Y father writes me word that he showed you my letter,<sup>1</sup> and that you approve of my conduct,<sup>2</sup> which is an addition to my present happiness.

From SIR EDWARD WALPOLE, Saturday 23 May 1772

Missing; mentioned in *Last Journals* i. 99: 'The same day [23 May 1772] my brother wrote to me, with an account of the great respect and court which Lady Waldegrave told him had been paid to the Duke by all sorts of people, and that he intended to have a levee, to which he had expressly desired Sir Edward would not go, as it would distress him, the Duke (from the difficulty of receiving or not receiving him as a father).'

11. For HW's opinion, see *post* 24 May 1772.

1. *Ante* 19 May 1772, enclosed in Sir Edward's letter to HW of 20 May 1772.

2. See HW's reply *post* 24 May 1772.