

Lady Cadogan tomorrow morning;<sup>2</sup> but the whole affair has not been above five days in the transacting. Many objections may be found, but I hope and believe that the good will preponderate. Lord Cadogan's behaviour has been very generous, of which you shall have the particulars when we have the pleasure of seeing you. They all desire their kindest compliments to you. Believe me with great truth

Dear Sir

Your most faithful

CHA. CHURCHILL

From the DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, Sunday  
10 August 1777<sup>1</sup>

Printed from a photostat of the MS in the possession of Lord Waldegrave; first printed in part in Biddulph 119, 120.

This and the three following letters from the Duchess of Gloucester were wrapped in a separate scrap of paper, apparently torn from her letter of 20 June 1777<sup>2</sup> to Sir Edward; the scrap is inscribed by Sir Edward: 'The Duchess June 20, 1777 from Verona. An exceeding fine letter, most affecting to a feeling mind. Full of sense, goodness, piety and distress'; and by the Duchess: 'These letters are an account of the Duke's illness in the year 1777.'

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*Postmark:* 22 AV.

Trent,<sup>3</sup> Sunday Aug. 10, 1777.

My dear Sir,

WHEN I wrote you the flattering letter<sup>4</sup> which you acknowledged in yours of July 22d, I really thought we should leave Trent in a few days. I little thought the Duke so ill as he really was

2. They were married 8 August at Caversham Church, Berks. 'She is very pretty, amiable, and eight-and-twenty; he, rich and fifty—It is a great match for her' (HW to Mann 11 Aug. 1777, MANN viii. 320-1; see also OSSORY i. 368).

1. HW describes this letter as 'the most moving I ever read' (HW to Lady OSSORY 24 Aug. 1777, OSSORY i. 373).

2. Printed *ibid.* iii. 245-7.

3. 'The Duke got to Trent [23 June] and found himself refreshed from the cool air of the mountains; but his dysentery returned with violent pains' (HW to Mann 17 July 1777, MANN viii. 314).

4. *Ante* ca 4 July 1777, missing; HW's reply of 22 July is also missing.