

From the DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, ca Wednesday
28 October 1789

Missing; mentioned *post* 30 Oct. 1789. See also OSSORY iii. 75.

TO ANNE CLEMENT, Friday 30 October 1789

Printed for the first time from the MS now wsl; acquired in September 1959 (in a collection) from Miss Eleanor Forster of Tynemouth, Northumberland.

Address: To Miss Clement at Hamhouse.

Endorsed (in an unidentified hand): Mr H. Walpole 1789 October.

Oct. 30, 1789.

Dear Miss Clement

I HAVE been in town for a few days, and at my return found your long letter,¹ for which I thank you.

I had a letter from the Duchess on yesterday,² who is charmed with the attentions and goodness of Lord and Lady Aylesford. The Duchess thinks Lady Waldegrave will go a week longer,³ and as she has had time to be more composed, I hope it will secure her safety. She has indeed in the midst of her deep affliction, behaved with so much pious resignation and patience ever since the fatal day, that the Duchess is transported with her. Her circumstances her R.H. says will be very comfortable, which I did not expect,⁴ and you will be glad to hear. There is no will. Lady W. has very properly chosen Lord Aylesford guardian of her children, and he has been so good as to accept it. He was so attentive too as to attend the burial with his own brothers.⁵

The Duke has given the Duchess leave to stay as long as she is necessary to her daughter.

If Lord Dysart wishes you to go anywhere with him,⁶ I hope you will oblige him. He has shown⁷ so much sincere regard for dear Lady

1. Her letter and the one from the Duchess of Gloucester are missing.

2. 'Thursday' altered to 'yesterday' in the MS.

3. See *post* 23 Nov. 1789, n. 1.

4. HW sent her a gift of money, acknowledged *post* 23 Nov. 1789.

5. Listed in OSSORY iii. 74, n. 3.

6. Since Lady Dysart's death 5 Sept. 1789, Anne Clement had come to help Lord Dysart in his affliction (OSSORY iii. 63; see the Ds of Gloucester's letters to Anne Clement at this time).

7. 'Chosen' crossed out and 'shown' written above.