

terrible place of his banishment, which, I conclude, he has often described to you. I am going in a few days to Miss Townshend's<sup>4</sup> where I propose staying about a fortnight and then returning home, where if you have charity enough to come and see me you'll make me very happy, though it is what I can hardly expect after passing by my house<sup>5</sup> without calling upon me; I think it a little unjust I must own to make you this reproach after the kindness you have just shown me, for which I am very grateful.

I am your obedient and faithful servant,

C. AILESBURY

From CONWAY, Friday 3 December 1751 NS

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*Memoranda* (by HW possibly for his reply):

Lord Halif[ax]<sup>1</sup>

Mirepo[i]<sup>x2</sup>

Florence,<sup>3</sup> December 3, NS, 1751.

Dear Horry,

**I**F I have no great right to trouble you after being so unfortunate as not to receive a line from you since I left England (an endless time!) I have still less to be silent were I inclined to it, after owing to you all the goodness, civility and *agrément* that I meet with here from your friend Mr Mann, which besides the immediate pleasure it gives me, secures me the additional satisfaction of knowing you have not quite forgot me and of flattering myself you have writ to me

4. Ewhurst, Hants (*ante* 29 Oct. 1750 OS, n. 9).

5. Presumably either on his visit to Ragley in mid-July or his visit to Woburn at the beginning of October (MONTAGU i. 117, 123), the routes to and from either of which might have taken him close to Latimers.

1. George Montagu (after 1741, Montagu Dunk (1716-71), 2d E. of Halifax. For his political conduct at this time, see *Mem. Geo. II* i. 220.

2. Probably Gaston-Charles-Pierre de Lévis de Lomagne (1699-1757), Marquis (Duc, 1751) de Mirepoix, French ambassador to England 1749-55 (MONTAGU i. 95, n. 36; Henri Jouglas de Morenas, *Grand armorial de France*, 1934-49, iv. 456). HW gives an anecdote about him in his letter to Mann 22 Nov. 1751 OS (MANN iv. 289).

3. Mann describes Conway's arrival at Florence in a letter to HW 3 Dec. 1751 NS (*ibid.* iv. 290-1).