

FROM LADY AILESBUURY, Tuesday 9 June 1752 OS

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Address: To the Honourable Horatio Walpole at his house in Arlington Street, London. Free H.S. Conway [in Conway's hand].

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Memoranda (by HW, unexplained):

Lord Abergavenny ¹	Lord Vere ⁴
Lady Townsh[<i>end</i>]	Mr Hardings ⁵
Lady Cardigan	Mr Carey ⁶
Mrs Clive ²	Lord Northumb[<i>erland</i>]
Lady Fanny Shirley ³	Mrs Cavendish ⁷

Other memoranda on this letter for HW to Conway 23 June 1752 OS are printed with that letter.

Sligoe, June 9, 1752.

I HEAR from all sides that there never was so indulgent a husband or so fond a wife as Mr and Mrs Walpole; I must after this own myself a wicked stepmother in never thanking you before for all this goodness, and a letter I received from you above a fortnight ago; if I was to tell you that I had not a minute to myself, and was in a continual hurry of engagements all the time I was in Dublin you will scarce believe me, as perhaps you will not that Sligoe is a very gay place, and furnishes out an assembly once a fortnight. We have been settled here about five days, and have had the good luck to get a tolerable house, and find everything better than we expected, being as they say here a very plentiful country, yet I must own between friends that our greatest comfort is the thoughts of leaving it much sooner than we first intended,⁸ so that I now begin to indulge myself sometimes in thinking of my young woman and Park Place, which I used to endeavour to hurry out of my head

1. George Nevill (1727–85), 17th, 10th, or 5th Bn Abergavenny, cr. (1784) E. of Abergavenny.

2. Catherine Raftor (1711–85), m. (1732) George Clive; actress.

3. Lady Frances Shirley (ca 1706–78).

4. Lord Vere Beauclerk (1699–1781), cr. (1750) Bn Vere of Hanworth.

5. Probably Nicholas Hardinge (1699–1758), clerk of the House of Commons 1731–48, M.P. Eye 1748–58, joint secretary to the Treasury 1752–8.

6. Possibly Walter Carey (1685–1757), M.P. Helston 1722–7, Dartmouth 1727–57; or a Mr Cary listed on HW's letter to Mann 4 May 1753 (MANN iv. 375).

7. Probably Elizabeth Cavendish (d. 1779), dau. of Lord James Cavendish, 3d son of 1st D. of Devonshire; m. (1732) Richard Chandler, later Cavendish (SELWYN 270, n. 13).

8. Conway had told HW in his previous letter that they did not expect to be back in England until August.