

TO CONWAY, May–June 1755

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FROM CONWAY, Wednesday 18 June 1755

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Memoranda (by HW):

Sir Edw. W. 3d

Mrs Drelincourt

Lady Dacre¹

Mr Hay² 2-9-6

Mr Loyd³

hair cutter

Mr Dagge⁴

Mr [Henry] Fox

Sir Dudl. Diggs⁵ Compleat Ambassador

Mrs Metavyer [?Mestivyer, Mrs Clive's sister]

morter-cloth [mortcloth, a funeral pall]

Dublin Castle, 18 June 1755.

I DON'T understand your returning me so many thanks for my last letter; it seems strange it should, but it really displeases me, as it looks too like ceremony, and seems to make what I thought a step of course in our correspondence appear like something extraordinary; I would not on any account do less than you expected from me, but I would not have you expect too little as it seems like doing injustice to my friendship of which that was certainly but a slight and ordinary expression.—I am hurried and perplexed with business

1. Lady Anne Lennard (1684–26 June 1755), m. 1 (1716) Richard Barrett; m. 2 (1718) Henry Roper, 8th Bn Teynham; m. 3 Robert Moore; Bns Dacre of the South, s.j. (MONTAGU i. 170).

2. William Hay (1695–19 June 1755), M.P. Seaford 1734–55.

3. John Lloyd (?1717–3 June 1755), M.P. Cardiganshire 1747–55.

4. Possibly Henry Dagge (d. 1779), solicitor; see MANN v. 32, n. 1.

5. Sir Dudley Digges (1583–1639), diplomatist. HW's copy of his *Compleat Ambassador*, 1655, is Hazen, *Cat. of HW's Lib.*, No. 1110; see also COLE i. 180–1.