

From CONWAY, Sunday 29 May 1757

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Goodwood,¹ 29 May, 1757.

Dear Horry,

I WRITE just to thank you for your letter and to let you hear a little of our motions, which are first from hence to Park Place on Monday;² I think that was so settled after a scuffle this morning; when I talk of our motions you'll find the history of them very short for they end there at present; my next, except a little trip of business to town,³ will be to camp and not till the end of next month.⁴ Our expectations of company are Lord and Lady Strafford on Friday next,⁵ and I believe the Duke of Devonshire on Saturday who all depart on Monday following;⁶ I tell you the whole of this history as I know there are circumstances you like extremely in it and others not so well.⁷ Soon after that we hope to have Lady Kildare and, I fancy, Lady Caroline and Mr Fox but the day not fixed.⁸ The Duchess of Richmond will also either go with us or follow us immediately and stay, I believe, most of our time or good part;⁹ but in any part of it we shall always have room and an equal welcome for you so you shall choose the time you like best and the company, but remember the sooner the better and very late is the only crime you can commit.

Our family here is as full as we expected and increased this morning by Lord Ilchester,¹⁰ Mr Fox and my sister from Chi-

1. Sussex, seat of the D. of Richmond, who had married Lady Ailesbury's daughter by her first marriage, Lady Mary Bruce (1740-96), on 1 April (MONTAGU i. 234, n. 18). Lady Kildare also describes this visit (*Leinster Corr.* i. 38).

2. 30 May.

3. Conway and Lady Ailesbury planned to come to London for two parties on 21 June (*post* 16 June 1757).

4. Conway had arrived at the encampment at Bradford near Dorchester by 28 June (*post* 5 July 1757).

5. 3 June. Lady Strafford was Lady Ailesbury's cousin.

6. 6 June. See *post* 9 June 1757, n. 13.

7. HW would presumably have been less glad to see the D. of Devonshire than he would the Straffords.

8. Lady Kildare, whose party included her three sons and two sisters, came 11 June, and Fox apparently 12 June (*post* 9 June 1757 and *Leinster Corr.* i. 37, 43, 46).

9. Lady Kildare wrote from Park Place 12 June, 'the Duchess of Richmond is at Goodwood, and returns here tomorrow' (*ibid.* i. 46).

10. Stephen Fox (after 1758 Fox Strangways) (1704-76), cr. (1741) Bn and (1756) E. of Ilchester.