

From HERTFORD, Sunday 10 August 1760

Printed for the first time from a photostat of BM Add. MSS 23218, f. 30. Sent to HW at Wentworth Castle (*post* 14 Aug. 1760).

On the back page of this letter (f. 31 verso) HW has written in pencil what appears to be a draft for part of an otherwise missing letter; see HW to Unknown ca 15 Aug. 1760.

Ragley, August 10th 1760.

Dear Horry,

GIVE me leave to acquaint you that the Duke and Duchess of Grafton have now desired to be at Ragley on the 19th, having some business that will carry them back to Northamptonshire sooner than I think they at first proposed; my brother and Lady Ailesbury have likewise fixed to be here on the 19th, and if it is not inconvenient I wish you would meet them here on that day. The Hereditary Prince has been again successful¹ I find; Prince Ferdinand is fortunate in having the French for his enemy when their affairs are so ill directed.²

I remain with the compliments of this family, dear Horry,

Most truly yours,

HERTFORD

1. At the battle of Warburg, 31 July, news of which reached London on 8 Aug. (*London Gazette Extraordinary* 9 Aug.; *Daily Adv.* 9 Aug.).

2. The *London Chronicle* 5-7 Aug. published a French account of the battle

of Emsdorf (16 July) which emphasized the general confusion and lack of organization among the French troops before and during the battle, and their non-existent reconnaissance (viii. 136).