

to you she was glad to do anything wherein you interested yourself.

If I had had time today and had thought of it at the moment I saw you, which I am not sure I did, I should have been glad to have mentioned to you, as a person whom upon all occasions I esteem my friend, what has passed lately upon bringing my brother into Parliament.²

When I see you next I will talk to you about it; in the meantime and in great hurry, believe me, dear Horry,

Always most sincerely yours,

HERTFORD

TO HERTFORD, Friday 10 October 1760

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FROM HERTFORD, Saturday 11 October 1760

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London, October 11th 1760.

Dear Horry,

HARRY does not command the expedition¹ if it goes, which I think at present a little doubtful and may depend on events in Germany; Kingsley² is recovered for it and his Majesty will not

2. Presumably a negotiation with the D. of Grafton, since Conway was returned for the borough of Thetford, where Grafton had great influence, at the general election of 1761. Conway had sat for St Mawes in the Falmouth interest in the Parliament of 1754.

1. A secret expedition (originally designed in the spring of 1760 for an attack on Mauritius in the Indian Ocean) which Pitt had revived 30 Sept. in response to pleas from Prince Ferdinand for a diversion to prevent the French from reinforcing their army in Germany. Its ob-

ject was now an immediate descent on Belle-Ile. The project was strongly opposed by Newcastle, Hardwicke, and the military and naval commanders; it was further delayed by the King's death on 25 Oct., and was finally postponed in December until the following year (J. S. Corbett, *England in the Seven Years' War*, 1907, ii. 81-2, 95-104; Richard Waddington, *La Guerre de sept ans*, [1899-1914], iv. 396-7; MANN v. 437-8 and nn. 3-4). Conway had requested the command but was refused (MONTAGU i. 307; MANN v. 444).

2. William Kingsley (ca 1698-1769), Col.