

send a lieutenant-general. I have taken the opportunity to express my grievances about Harry, though I feel much secret comfort when I consider the sort of service at this time of year and his peculiar circumstances.

A letter yesterday from Mr Yorke³ informs the Ministers that the Hereditary Prince had taken possession of Clèves⁴ with five hundred French prisoners, that he had invested Wesel on the 3^ds and had prevented two regiments intended to reinforce the garrison from getting into the place;⁶ on the 27th of last month Marshal Broglio is said to have made no motion, nor to have taken any visible step in consequence of this detachment under the H. Prince.

I remain, dear Horry,

Always most truly yours,

HERTFORD

After I had sealed my letter I received yours, and though I am in waiting I will call upon you and carry you to Leicester House as you propose.⁷ The hour will be something before two and I will come to you in my chariot from Kensington; after Court you may return with me to dine at Kensington or dine with my Lady and Mr Bowman⁸ in Grosvenor Street⁹ as she wishes you to do.

of the 20th Foot 1756; Maj.-Gen. 1758; Lt.-Gen. Dec. 1760. He had previously been appointed to command the land forces of the expedition when it was directed against Mauritius, and again kissed hands as commander of the revived expedition, 12 Oct. (*GM* 1760, xxx. 485).

3. His letter dated The Hague, 6 Oct., is paraphrased in the *London Gazette* No. 10042, 7-11 Oct.

4. 3 Oct (*ibid.*)

5. This news had already reached England on the 6th or 7th, in a letter from The Hague of 4 Oct. (*London Chronicle* 4-7 Oct., viii. 344; *London Gazette* No. 10041, 4-7 Oct.).

6. 'It is said, that the two Swiss regiments of Lochman and Planta, which were on their march to reinforce the garrison of that place [Wesel], had been prevented in that design' (*London Gazette* No. 10042, 7-11 Oct.).

7. HW had asked Hertford to take him to thank the D. of York for his unexpected visit to SH on 10 Oct.; see HW to Montagu 14 Oct. 1760 (*MONTAGU* i. 304-7) for an account of the visit and the problems created for HW by the necessity of going to Leicester House. He did not, however, go on Sunday the 12th as he planned to do in the present letter; see *post* 22 Oct. 1760, n. 1.

8. Walter Bowman, who had been travelling tutor to Hertford during his Grand Tour and was later travelling tutor to Lord Beauchamp (*ante* 2 July 1737 OS, 24 March 1739 NS).

9. Hertford's town house (*ante* 14 July 1759, n. 3). Lady Hertford's twelfth child (sixth daughter) had just been born on 4 Oct. (*Lloyd's Evening Post* 3-6 Oct., vii. 332).