

TO LADY AILESBUURY, ca Friday 17 October ?1760

Missing. Mentioned in HW to Selwyn 19 Oct. ?1760 (SELWYN 160): 'I have writ to my Lady Ailesbury about the commode, and have not heard from her.'

FROM LADY AILESBUURY, ca Sunday 19 October ?1760

Missing. Mentioned in HW to Selwyn 21 Oct. ?1760 (SELWYN 161): 'My Lady Ailesbury is much obliged to you, and very glad to have the commode, without seeing it, provided I approve it.'

FROM LADY HERTFORD, Wednesday 22 October 1760

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London, Wednesday the 22d.

Sir,

AS Lady Mary Coke tells me you intend to do right¹ and go to Leicester House next Sunday, I am sure you will be glad to know that though my Lord is out of town now, that he will be back time enough to attend you there; and I hope you will dine with us afterwards that I may hear from yourself how you have behaved. Lady Northumberland told me last night she had received a very agreeable present² from you and admired it vastly. I want to beg one copy, but as I own it is not for myself, you may refuse me if you have the least inclination; the person I wish to give it to is Doctor Hunter,³ who is already an humble admirer of yours, and

1. HW had postponed his projected visit to Leicester House on 12 Oct. for reasons explained in his letter to Montagu 14 Oct. 1760 (MONTAGU i. 305-7), and had submitted his problem to 'a jury of court matrons' probably including Lady Mary Coke. He intended to go on Sunday the 26th, but the death of George II on the

25th enabled him to kiss hands on the 28th (*ibid.* i. 310, 313).

2. HW's *Fugitive Pieces in Verse and Prose*, printed at SH in 1758. Lady Northumberland's copy has not been located.

3. William Hunter (1718-83), M.D. 1750; anatomist and collector (see MASON ii. 86, n. 6). He attended Lady Hertford at the births of her four youngest children