

must become still more so when he has had the pleasure of reading the *Fugitive Pieces*. I conclude you have heard of Lord Clanricarde's⁴ extraordinary letter to the Duke of Bedford that was in last Saturday's *Chronicle*,⁵ and I hope will see it. Excuse my giving you this trouble, and believe me

Very faithfully yours,

I. HERTFORD

From HERTFORD, Saturday 1 November 1760

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London, November 1st 1760.

Dear Horry,

BY a deed made just after the battle of Culloden and not revoked, the late King¹ has I hear left to the Duke² most part of his jewels and a hundred and fourscore thousand pounds; great part of which is out upon mortgage, may with difficulty be recovered, and part of it probably lost. By will he has left to the Duke, Princess Amelia and the Princess of Hesse fifty thousand. The Duke is said to have given up his share; the two sisters will jointly enjoy the interest whilst they live and the survivor is to have the whole. To Lady Yarmouth he has left a bureau with eight or nine thousand pounds in it.

(MONTAGU i. 238; *post* 27 Aug., 3 and 18 Dec. 1764, 27 April 1768). HW's *Fugitive Pieces* does not appear in the catalogue of Hunter's library, although he possessed other works by HW (Mungo Ferguson, *The Printed Books in the Library of the Hunterian Museum in the University of Glasgow*, Glasgow, 1930, pp. 62, 159, 174, 175, 373, 381, 385).

4. John Smith Bourke (after 1752 De Burgh) (1720–82), 11th E. of Clanricarde.

5. Selections from Clanricarde's letter to Bedford, which had been published as a pamphlet in Dublin, were printed in the *London Chronicle* 16–18 Oct., viii. 384, with the explanation that the omitted sections were 'not fit to appear in a public paper.' The letter, dated from the

Camp at Winchester, 1 Aug. 1760, concerned the repeated challenges given Bedford by Clanricarde, which the former had ignored, and blamed all the problems of Ireland on Bedford's administration as lord lieutenant. Bedford had Clanricarde prosecuted for it; see *Mem. Geo. III* i. 24; *Bedford Corr.* ii. 427.

1. George II died on 25 Oct. Contemporary accounts of the details of his will, which was opened 31 Oct., vary, but those given here are generally in accord with other reliable reports; see MONTAGU i. 317, n. 2. HW repeats many of the details in his letter to Mann 1 Nov. (MANN v. 450).

2. Of Cumberland.