

have been done at first with credit and dignity, and in this instance the Justices must be entirely acquitted, since there never was a time in which business might have been more easily or more reputably done. By this misconduct there is now some danger of their going all to pieces again. Thus for want of better I have treated you with Irish news; if it does not entertain you, it will at least prove my desire of doing it, and I hope you will ever believe me, dear Horry,

Most truly yours,

HERTFORD

Lady Hertford's best compliments attend you.

TO HENRIETTA SEYMOUR CONWAY,
Thursday 21 January 1762

Missing; answered *post* 8 June 1762.

FROM LADY AILESURY, ca March 1762

Missing; acknowledged *post* 15 March 1762 (postscript 16 March).

FROM BEAUCHAMP, Wednesday 10 March 1762

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Christ Church, Wednesday.

Dear Sir,

I DELAYED thanking you for a very kind present¹ till I had made myself acquainted with its real value—Be not afraid—I am not writing a letter of compliment—that is a style I hope we never shall

1. The first two volumes of HW's *berry Hill*, ed. Toynbee, 1923, p. 10; *Anecdotes of Painting*, published 15 Feb. Hazen, *SH Bibl.* 55).
(*Journals of the Printing Office at Straw-*