

TO HERTFORD, Wednesday 30 June 1762

Missing. 'I have told my Lord Hertford that I expect to hear your Ladyship has made a triumphant entry into our headquarters, and that with becoming dignity you have obtained from our general the liberty of the two hundred French officers, a proper way of resenting your confinement' (HW to Lady Mary Coke, 30 June 1762, MORE 25). HW had learned of the battle on the evening of the 30th, before receiving Hertford's letter (*ibid.* 27).

FROM HERTFORD, Thursday 29 July 1762

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London, July 29th 1762.

Dear Horry,

AS you may have got no letter by the last mail I enclose you one¹ I received from my brother last night, which you will be so good to return me.

There have been two councils to consider of the last proposals from France;² in the first there was said to be difference of opinion. The decision does not transpire.

I intend going to Ragley with my family on Monday, where I shall be very³ happy to hear from you, being, dear Horry,

Always affectionately yours,

HERTFORD

The letters today from Holland mention the Czar's⁴ being deposed,⁵ which would not surprise you. They likewise mention the

1. Missing.

2. New proposals for peace had been received from France on 24 July. The Cabinet met upon them on the 26th and 28th, but at the first meeting nearly all the members, except Lord Bute, considered them unacceptable. On the 28th, however, the terms were accepted and it was agreed to send a plenipotentiary (Bedford) to Paris to conclude peace, pro-

vided that if peace were not concluded between England and Spain, France would not help Spain and would make peace with Portugal (*Letters from George III to Lord Bute 1756-1766*, ed. Sedgwick, 1939, pp. 124-8; see also MANN vi. 55, nn. 24, 25).

3. Written over 'always' in the MS.

4. Peter III.

5. 9 July, by his wife, Catherine the