

board of one of which was a million sterling, and we had taken four of the forts, and must be in possession of the place by the 7th of last month.⁴ The Spaniards had sunk two of their large ships and a frigate in the harbour's mouth and had four or five more large men-of-war in the harbour.

The Duke of Bedford is preparing to set out;⁵ I hear it has been proposed that he should go to The Hague to negotiate,⁶ but I suppose that will not be admitted. When he goes to Paris, if I am out of town, I will beg you to offer him what I bought of Lord Arbermarle's,⁷ which I will leave with my porter directed for you whenever you shall send for it. It may be an advantage to his Grace as well as to me, but if he has any economy about it I am very indifferent. The account is a very particular one and I have never touched anything except the vis-à-vis,⁸ which was resold, and must of course not be charged; the goods are in the hands and under the care of the Lambert⁹ family at Paris.

News is hourly expected of a battle in Germany,¹⁰ which is supposed to have been fought on the 9th or 10th instant; still I have some hopes that the French generals may have orders to avoid it.

I must not forget to tell you that the Duchess of Bedford's negotiations have succeeded; the Duke of Marlborough marries Lady Caroline¹¹ next week.

4. This was confidently predicted in the express (*ibid.*), but Havana did not fall until 13 Aug.; the news finally reached London 29 Sept. (*post* 28 Sept. 1762, *post-script* 30 Sept.).

5. This was the conclusion generally drawn from his conduct at Court 15 Aug. (Devonshire to Newcastle 16 Aug.; Jones to Newcastle 16 Aug., BM Add. MSS 32941, ff. 251, 254), but he did not leave London until 5 Sept. (*London Chronicle* 4-7 Sept., xii. 234).

6. This proposal is not mentioned in the correspondence relating to the negotiation in the Newcastle Papers or in any published correspondence.

7. William Anne van Keppel (1702-54), 2d E. of Albemarle, ambassador to France 1749-54. Hertford had apparently purchased his Paris equipage in 1755 when he had been nominated ambassador to France (*ante* 7 Aug. 1762, n. 2).

8. 'A light carriage for two persons

sitting face to face' (OED); see MANN viii. 260, n. 4.

9. Sir John Lambert (1690-1772), 2d Bt; English banker in Paris.

10. No battle, only a few skirmishes, took place. The report was founded on intelligence from The Hague of 13 Aug. (received 17 Aug.), that Prince Ferdinand, on the 8th, had been about to attack the French army and that Lord Granby had actually begun to do so (Barrington to Newcastle 17 Aug., BM Add. MSS 32941, f. 266; *London Gazette* No. 10235, 14-17 Aug.). Further developments are discussed *ibid.*, No. 10237, 21-24 Aug. See Sir Reginald Savory, *His Britannic Majesty's Army in Germany during the Seven Years' War*, Oxford, 1966, pp. 391-401.

11. Lady Caroline Russell, daughter of the 4th D. of Bedford. m. (23 Aug.) George Spencer, 3d D. of Marlborough. According to HW, Marlborough was in love with her but had been unwilling