

believe as soon as his speech reaches Hayes, it will contribute extremely to expel the gout, and bring Mr Pitt to town, lest his presence should be no longer missed. Princess Amalie told me the next night, that if she had heard nothing of Mr Conway's speech, she should have known how well he had done by my spirits. I was not sorry she made this reflection, as I knew she would repeat it to Lady (Betty)²⁵ Waldegrave;²⁶ and as I was willing that the Duchess of Bedford,²⁷ who, when your brother was dismissed, asked the Duchess of Grafton if she was not sorry for *poor Mr Conway*, who had lost everything,²⁸ should recollect that it is they who have cause to lament that dismissal, not we.

There was a paragraph in Rigby's speech, and taken up, and adopted by Goody Grenville, which makes much noise, and, I suppose, has not given less offence; they talked of 'arbitrary *Stuart* principles,' which are supposed to have been aimed at the *Stuart* favourite; that breach is wider than ever:—not one of Lord Bute's adherents have opened their lips this session. I conclude a few of them will be ordered to speak on Friday; but unless we go on too triumphantly and reconcile them, I think this session will terminate Mr Grenville's reign, and that of the Bedfords too, unless they make great submissions.

Do you know that Sir W. Pynsent had your brother in his eye! He said to his lawyer, 'I know Mr Pitt is much younger than I am, but he has very bad health: as you will hear it before me, if he dies first, draw up another will with Mr Conway's name instead of Mr Pitt's, and bring it down to me directly.'²⁹ I beg Britannia's pardon, but I fear I could have supported the loss on these grounds.

A very unhappy affair happened last night at the Star and Garter;³⁰ Lord Byron³¹ killed a Mr Chaworth³² there in a duel. I know none of the particulars,³³ and never believe the first reports.

25. Possibly inserted by Croker.

26. Lady Elizabeth Leveson Gower, m. (1751) Col. John Waldegrave, 3d E. Waldegrave, 1763; lady of the Bedchamber to Princess Amelia 1749–63 (*ante* 1 Aug. 1758, n. 28).

27. Lady Waldegrave's sister.

28. The Duchess of Bedford's remark was mentioned by HW to Conway, *ante* 21 April 1764.

29. However, in *Mem. Geo. III* HW writes that 'immediately before his

death, [Pynsent] had indubitably given orders to his lawyer to draw a new will entirely in favour of General Conway; but it was not prepared in time' (ii. 32).

30. A tavern in Pall Mall (MANN vi. 284 and n. 9).

31. William Byron (1722–98), 5th Baron Byron, 1736.

32. William Chaworth (d. 27 Jan. 1765), of Annesley, Notts, a relative of Lord Byron's (*ibid.*, n. 8).

33. See below.