

a morning and have a French maid; but I believe she will find herself much disappointed, as I believe she wishes I was changed.¹⁹

We beg you will send us *Sara*²⁰ and anything else that is published that is worth having; they may [be] directed to us to the care of Mr Larpent²¹ in General Conway's office. Pray tell Mr Hume I have been so much hurried it has not been in my power to write to him. How does Madame de Mirepoix do?²² I tremble for our voyage, the wind is got into such a violent way.²³

TO HERTFORD, ca Friday 11 October 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 376) as sent 'by Mr Elliot.' Presumably answered by Hertford's letter *post* 1 Nov. 1765.

TO LADY AILESBUURY, ca Sunday 13 October 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 376); sent 'by Mr Ramsay.'

TO CONWAY, ca Thursday 24 October 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 377); sent 'by M. de Guerchy.'

19. That is, more like the unconventional Lady Harrington.

20. *Sara Th . . . Nouvelle traduite de l'anglais*, by Jean-François de Saint-Lambert (1716–1803) (Grimm, *Correspondance*, ed. Tournoux, 1877–82, vi. 357; NBG). It was an original *nouvelle*, not a translation, and before being printed separately had appeared in the *Gazette littéraire de l'Europe* for 15 Aug. The story of a woman of quality who gives up family and fortune to marry her servant and live a peasant's life with him, it was perhaps in-

spired by the marriage the year before of Lady Henrietta Watson Wentworth to her footman, William Sturgeon (see *ante* 1 Nov. 1764). The story was dismissed as 'mediocre' by Grimm (*loc. cit.*).

21. John Larpent (1710–97), first clerk in the southern department of the secretary of state's office (MANN vi. 449, n. 7; *Court and City Register*, 1765, p. 107).

22. HW had visited her 6 Oct. ('Paris Journals,' DU DEFFAND v. 267); see HW to Anne Pitt, 8 Oct. 1765 (MORE 55).

23. See *post* 1 Nov. 1765.