

In May next I hope to see you in London in a state of more freedom.

Lady Hertford is extremely well and often speaks of Paris with regret. Can you believe that she could ever be so much inclined to France?²⁶ I remain, dear Horry,

Ever most truly yours,

HERTFORD

When the Irish Members of Parliament will permit me, I will recommend Mr Fitzgerald²⁷ for a commission.

TO LADY HERTFORD, ca Tuesday 5 November 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 377), as sent 'by Mr Grafts and Mr Rhadel, two merchants.'

TO CONWAY, ca Wednesday 6 November 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 377) as sent 'by the post.' In this letter HW presumably made another appeal for Mann's ribbon and increase of character; see MANN vi. 363, *ante* 28 Oct. 1765.

TO LADY AILESBUURY, ca Monday 11 November 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 377) as sent 'by Comte Lauraguais's tailor.'

26. Where at first she was shy and ill-at-ease (see *ante* 28 Oct., 11 Nov. 1763, and 28 Dec. 1763, n. 6), but by the time of her departure she had so warmed to that society that the ladies of Paris could claim 'that France has given [her] the *ton* of the world' (Gilbert Elliot to Charles Jenkinson, 26 Aug. 1765, *Jenkinson Pa-*

pers 1760-1766, ed. N. S. Jucker, 1949, p. 383; *post* 20 Jan. 1766).

27. George Robert Fitzgerald (ca 1748-86), of Turlough, co. Mayo; adventurer; grandson of Lady Hervey, HW's correspondent; commissioned lieutenant in the 69th Foot, Ireland, 5 Nov. 1766 (MORE 113 and n. 4; *Army Lists*, 1767, p. 124). See *post* 4 Feb., 10 March 1766.