

England. I never saw her seem to enjoy a place so much as she did Dublin, and both Mr Fitzroy and her were vastly liked here. Loo was in great perfection while Mrs Fitzroy stayed, for they played it with forces<sup>8</sup> and unlimited,<sup>9</sup> which made it very lively, and the parties sometimes did not break up till six o'clock in the morning. Mr Rigby stayed here a very short time,<sup>10</sup> but behaved so handsomely to my Lord, and desired so much that his friends would support my Lord in the strongest manner, that I beg it may with you, as well as it has done with me, wipe off past omissions.<sup>11</sup> . . . son justice in . . . here begged that he would . . .

<sup>12</sup>Pray tell me what is become of our friend Lord Ossory,<sup>13</sup> and make my best compliments to him.

### TO LADY AILESBUURY, ca Tuesday 17 December 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 378) as sent 'by Mr Stuart.'

### TO CONWAY, ca Friday 20 December 1765

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 378) as 'on Mr Pitt,' and sent 'by courier.'

colonel of the 14th Dragoons, stationed in Ireland, on 11 Sept. (*Army Lists*, 1766, p. 42).

8. I.e., forcing another player's hand.

9. I.e., a player losing a hand had to pay the whole amount of the pool. See OED *sub* 'loo.'

10. See his letter to the Duke of Bedford, Dublin, 23 Nov., *Bedford Corr.* iii. 322-3. The *London Chronicle* 14-17 Dec., xviii. 582, *sub* 17 Dec., postscript, announced his return with Fitzroy.

11. At this point, most of a page has

been torn off; the last four words are at the top of the remaining scrap, and the two phrases following are beneath these four words and on the verso of the scrap, respectively.

12. This postscript is written at the front of the letter, presumably for lack of space at the end.

13. He presumably left Paris for England sometime after 13 Dec., the last time he is mentioned in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 285).