

DeLage the tailor's, Rue St-Marguerite. My Lord admires his³¹ good nature as much as we do.³² Col. Keene³³ has recommended himself very much, by being in great part the means of getting Lady Anne settled. I may venture to say to you it is Lord Drogheda,³⁴ who we are . . .³⁵

TO LADY AILESBURY, ca Friday 31 January 1766

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 379) as sent by 'Mrs Shirley' (?Mary Sturt [d. 1800], m. [1749] Hon. George Shirley, of Twickenham; see DU DEFFAND *passim*).

FROM HERTFORD, Tuesday 4 February 1766

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Dublin Castle, February 4th 1766.

Dear Horry,

YOU are a friend to my family and will be satisfied to know anything that interests it. My two eldest daughters are going to be married: Lady Ann to Lord Drogheda,¹ who is a very unexceptionable man and I think the best match in this kingdom; the second² to Mr Moore,³ who is the eldest son⁴ and heir to Lord Mountcashell,⁵

31. Richards'.

32. George Selwyn calls him 'bien sauvage' but a 'fort honnête garçon' in a letter to Lord Carlisle 11 Oct. 1775 (Hist. MSS Comm., 15th Report, App. pt vi, *Carlisle MSS*, 1897, p. 294).

33. Whitshed Keene (ca 1731-1822), 'an Irish officer of no fortune' who had served as a colonel in the Portuguese army. 'He then went to Paris, and . . . soon became acquainted with Lord Hertford, then ambassador,' and became 'by degrees his intimate dependant' (*Last Journals* i. 382). He was made secretary to the lord chamberlain by Hertford in 1772, and was M.P. Wareham 1768-74, Ludgershall 1774, and Montgomery 1774-1818 (*ibid.*; Namier and Brooke iii. 3). He was a friend of

Richards (see *Carlisle MSS*, pp. 294, 483, 537).

34. See *post* 4 Feb. 1766.

35. The remainder of this sentence apparently ran on to a new page, which is missing.

1. Lady Anne Seymour Conway married Charles Moore, 6th E. of Drogheda, 15 Feb. 1766. According to Lady Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave to Anne Clement, 22 June 1794, Lord Hertford gave his married daughters dowries of £6000 each (MS now wsl).

2. Lady Sarah Frances Seymour Conway.

3. Stephen Moore (1730-90), who became 2d Vct Mountcashell upon the death