

an old infirm man with a very considerable estate. This young gentleman has the advantage of a very good character and great connection; indeed I know of no defect except his having been bred up too much with his family and not having that advantage in his behaviour which a more public education would have given him. It is a circumstance one would wish to change, but it is not essential if his wife does not think it so, and his figure is good enough to satisfy any woman.

The eldest may possibly be married next week; the other is not so far advanced and the settlements are to undergo a father's approbation, but he has sent me word he would do everything that was right to merit the connection.

Lady Hertford has been seriously ill of a disorder in her bowels, but is now quite recovered and only looks thin. My son⁶ has likewise been confined with the mumps. I have just got a vacant ensigncy in the 26th Regiment of Foot upon this establishment, for which I will recommend Mr Fitzgerald.⁷ The business of this country goes on as I can wish it. The opponents to Government have tried by little arts to disturb it, but they have not succeeded, and I believe will find it very difficult. Tell me all the news of Paris and when you will come home. I remain, with the best compliments of the family, dear Horry,

Ever yours,

HERTFORD

TO HERTFORD, ca Wednesday 5 February 1766

Missing; listed in 'Paris Journals' (DU DEFFAND v. 379) as sent by 'Colonel Gordon' (probably Hon. William Gordon [1736-1816], Lt-Col. 105th Ft 1762; half-pay 1763; see MORE 103; Namier and Brooke ii. 518-19).

of Lord Mountcashell 26 Feb.; cr. (1781) E. Mountcashell. The marriage did not take place, Lady Sarah later in the year marrying Robert Stewart, afterwards Bn Londonderry; see *post* 21, 25 May 1766.

4. An elder brother, Richard, had died in 1761.

5. Stephen Moore (1695 - 26 Feb. 1766), cr. (1764) Bn Kilworth of Moore Park

and (22 Jan. 1766) Vct Mountcashell.

6. Lord Beauchamp.

7. George Robert Fitzgerald (*ante* 1 Nov. 1765, n. 27). Two vacant ensigncies in the 26th were filled by George Cuppaidge and Edw. Pearce Willington 18 April and 16 May; Fitzgerald was given a lieutenancy in the 69th Foot 5 Nov. (*Army Lists* 1767, pp. 80, 124).