

am so indifferent what he came for, that I shall wait till Sunday to learn; when I lie in town on my way to Ely.<sup>9</sup> You will probably hear more from your brother before I can write again. I send this by my friend Mr Granger,<sup>10</sup> who will leave it at your park-gate as he goes through Henley home. Good night: it is past twelve, and I am going to bed.

Yours ever,

HOR. WALPOLE

FROM HERTFORD, Saturday 15 July 1769

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Address: To the Honourable Hor. Walpole.

London, July 15th 1769.

Dear Horry,

THE Princess of Wales is very sensible of all your attention to her,<sup>1</sup> and I am desired to say that the greatest compliment you can pay her is to allow her to send for the keys when she has time to go to Strawberry, as she wishes much to see it.<sup>2</sup>

Nothing of consequence transpires from the conversation between Lord Chatham and his Majesty; possibly much was not said, and possibly what was said may not be told.

Yours ever,

HERTFORD

9. HW went to Ely with William Cole, where, at the request of Bishop Mawson, he gave advice concerning the east window of the Cathedral and the removal of the organ to a side door; he was back at SH by 15 July (COLE i. 178 and n. 2).

10. Author of the *Biographical History of England* (HW). Rev. James Granger (1723-76), HW's correspondent; see *ibid.* i. 177 and n. 5.

1. Not ascertained.

2. There is no record of her visiting SH at this time; Lady Mary Coke wrote of her in her *Journals* iii. 103, *sub* 3 July, that she 'lives altogether in town, and never lies a night at Kew; all she sees of those delightful gardens are Tuesday and Saturday mornings when the King and Queen breakfast with her.'