

## FROM HERTFORD, Thursday 22 October 1772

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London, October 22d 1772.

Dear Horry,

I AM concerned to hear, upon my return to town, both from my Lady and my brother, that you have been so much out of order and are still so weak. I intended to have gone down to you, but my brother has forbid me, saying you are in a state not to choose it. I hope you will hear from my brother that everything has passed lately entirely to his satisfaction,<sup>1</sup> both with the King and Lord North, and I flatter myself he stands better now with respect to his future prospects than I thought practicable some time ago, within so short a time and the unfavourable situation in which his affairs stood. In the meantime the Government is a convenient thing and his mind seems easy and relieved.

I have sent you a brace of partridges, hoping at this time they may be agreeable, and am, dear Horry,

Very truly and affectionately yours,

HERTFORD

## TO LADY HERTFORD, Thursday 29 Oct. 1772

Missing; answered *post* 30 Oct. 1772.

*nals* i. 145). After greeting Harcourt upon his arrival in Dublin 30 Nov. and officially turning the government over to him, he delayed his departure until 8 Dec., reaching London 12 Dec. (*London Gazette* loc. cit.; No. 11309, 12–15 Dec., *sub* Dublin Castle, 8 Dec.; *Daily Adv.* 14 Dec.).

1. On this day 'Gen. Conway attended the levee at St James's, and resigned his place as lieutenant-general of the Ordnance' (*Daily Adv.* 23 Oct.); at the same time 'the King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Henry Seymour Conway . . . the office of governor

and captain of the Isle of Jersey and Castle of Gouray' (*London Gazette* No. 11294, 20–24 Oct., *sub* St James's, 22 Oct.). He kissed hands for the post 23 Oct., succeeding Lord Albemarle, who had died 13 Oct. (*Daily Adv.* 16, 24 Oct.); he was succeeded as lieutenant-general by Sir Jeffery Amherst (*ibid.*). The appointment of Lord Townshend as master-general of the Ordnance, which had moved Conway to resign as lieutenant-general, was announced in the *Daily Adv.* 5 Nov.; Townshend kissed hands for the post upon his arrival from Ireland 14 Dec. (*ibid.* 15 Dec.).