

FROM LADY HERTFORD, Friday 30 October 1772

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Friday night.

Dear Mr Walpole,

LADY Mary Coke and a large party dined and stayed here the whole evening yesterday,¹ which made it impossible for me to answer your kind note² by your servant. I know General Bur[goyne] has got the parcel you mention for you,³ and I will desire him to send it to me, and you must let me know your commands about it. I am very happy to hear you are better, but your amendment is not half so quick as we wish it. I hope as soon as it is possible you will come to town, as I am sure you will recover faster in London than in the country at this time of year, and I should like to think I could be of use to you. *The seven guineas*⁴ have been sealed up a great while.

Yours most faithfully,

I. H.

1. 'Thursday [29 Oct.] . . . At half-an-hour after four I went to Lord Hertford's and at five we went to dinner. The present embroiled state of the north of Europe was the conversation after dinner; opinions were very freely given,' etc. (Coke, *Journals*, iv. 138).

2. Missing.

3. Burgoyne had been in France, visiting the Choiseuls at Chanteloup, and Mme du Deffand had sent back by him a parcel of effilage (unravellings) for HW out of which to make a coat. See DU DEFFAND i. 45, iii. 269-70, 272, 276 *et passim*.

4. Perhaps a gambling debt owed by Lady Hertford to HW.