

the collection of a Monsieur d'Henery,⁴⁶ who lives in the corner of the street where Sir John Lambert⁴⁷ lives—I forget its name. There is an old man⁴⁸ behind the Rue de Colombier, who has a great but bad collection of old French portraits; I delighted in them, but perhaps you would not. *I*, you may be sure, hunted out everything of that sort. The convent and collection of St-Germain,⁴⁹ I mean that over against the Hôtel du Parc Royal,⁵⁰ is well worth seeing⁵¹—but I forget names strangely.—Oh! delightful—Lord Cholmondeley⁵² sends me word he goes to Paris on Monday: I shall send this and my other letter⁵³ by him. It was him I meant; I knew he was going, and had prepared it.

Pray take care to lock up your papers in a strong box that nobody can open. They imagine you are at Paris on some commission,⁵⁴ and there is no trusting French hotels or servants. America is in a desperate situation. The accounts from the Congress are not expected before the 10th, and expected very warm.⁵⁵ I have not time to tell you some manœuvres against them that will make your blood curdle.⁵⁶ Write to me when you can by private hands, as I will to you. There are always English passing backwards and forwards.

to the St Bartholomew's Day Massacre of French Huguenot leaders (24 Aug. 1572), chiefly plotted by his mother, Catherine de' Medici.

46. Michelet d'Ennery (1709–86), numismatist; collector (DU DEFFAND iv. 136, v. 325).

47. (1728–99), 3d Bt.

48. M. Doumenil in the Rue des Marais; not further identified ('Paris Journals,' *ibid.* v. 313).

49. St-Germain-des-Prés.

50. HW's Paris hotel; see Cole, *op. cit.* 52.

51. See 'Paris Journals,' DU DEFFAND v. 290; Hurtaut and Magny, *op. cit.* i. 96–100.

52. George James Cholmondeley (1749–

1827), styled Vct Malpas, 1764–70; 4th Earl of Cholmondeley, 1770; cr. (1815) Marquess of Cholmondeley; HW's great-nephew.

53. To Mme du Deffand, missing; see *post* 23 Nov. 1774.

54. See *ante* 7 Sept. 1774, n. 2.

55. See MANN viii. 61 and n. 15; *post* 15 Dec. 1774.

56. Besides the usual ships preparing to sail for Boston, the *Daily Advertiser* 31 Oct. reported *sub* Boston, 24 Sept., that Gen. Gage had had 'four 24-pounders and eight nine-pounders' placed at the fortifications in the avenues, and trenches dug around the town, as protective measures.