

I have said all I could, at least all I should. I reserve the rest of my paper for a postscript; for this is but Saturday, and my letter cannot depart till Tuesday: but I could not for one minute defer answering your charming volumes, which interest me so much. I grieve for Lady Harriet's⁵⁵ swelled face, and wish for both their sakes she could transfer it to her father.⁵⁶ I assure her I meant nothing by desiring you to see the verses to the Princess Christine,⁵⁷ wherein there is very profane mention of a pair of swelled cheeks.⁵⁸ I hear nothing of Madame d'Olonne.⁵⁹—Oh! make Madame du Deffand show you the sweet portrait of Madame de Prie,⁶⁰ the Duke of Bourbon's⁶¹ mistress.⁶² Have you seen Madame de Monaco, and the remains of Madame de Brionne?⁶³ If you wish to see Mrs A——, ⁶⁴ask for the Princesse de Ligne. If you have seen Monsieur de Maurepas, you have seen the late Lord Hardwicke.⁶⁵ By your not naming him, I suppose the Duc de Nivernois is not at Paris. Say a great deal for me to M. de Guisnes. You will not see my passion, the Duchess de Châtillon.⁶⁶ If you see Madame de Nivernois, you will think the Duke of Newcastle is come to life again.⁶⁷ Alas! where is my postscript?

55. Lady Harriet Stanhope, afterwards married to Lord Foley, was at this time at Paris with her father the Earl of Harrington (HW).

56. Whom HW describes *ante* 27 Sept. 1774 as 'decrepit.'

57. By the Chevalier de Boufflers (HW). See above, n. 15.

58. 'Avec une joue enflée, / Je débarque tout honteux; / La Princesse boursoufflée, Au lieu d'une, en avait deux' (Hawkins, *op. cit.* ii. 208).

59. The beautiful enamel miniature of Madame d'Olonne, now at Strawberry Hill (HW). See *ante* 16 Oct. 1774, nn. 37-8.

60. Agnès Berthelot de Pleneuf (1698-1727), m. (1713) Louis, Marquis de Prie (DU DEFFAND *passim*).

61. Louis-Henri (1692-1740), Duc de Bourbon.

62. This portrait is now at Strawberry Hill (HW); see *post* 26 Dec. 1774, 15 Jan. 1775.

63. Who had been a great beauty in her youth (*ante* 5 May 1753, n. 12).

64. Probably Elizabeth Holford (ca 1734-73), m. (before 1758) Dr Anthony Askew, physician and book-collector. HW wrote to Selwyn 31 Jan. 1766 that 'the 'Princess of Ligne is the very image of Mrs Askew' (SELWYN 214 and n. 23).

65. He means from their personal resemblance (HW). HW notes their resemblance also in his letter to Selwyn 31 Jan. 1766 (*ibid.* ii. 214).

66. Adrienne-Émilie-Félicité de la Baume le Blanc (1740-1812), m. (1756) Louis-Gaucher, Duc de Châtillon (DU DEFFAND *passim*). Mme du Deffand wrote to HW 16 Oct. 1774 that she was now 'la plus intime amie' of Mlle de Lespinasse, Mme du Deffand's rival (*ibid.* iv. 102).

67. 'The Duchess of Nivernois makes amends for the instructive prattle of the Duke of Newcastle' (HW to Selwyn 1 Jan. 1766, *loc. cit.*; see also MORE 76).