

TO LADY AILESBUURY, ca Tuesday 15 November 1774

Missing. This letter and *ante* 7 Nov. 1774 were answered *post* 23 Nov. 1774; in this one HW announced the 'retreat' of his gout.

FROM CONWAY, ca Saturday 19 November 1774

Missing. 'I some days ago sent Mr Walpole an imperfect sketch [of the *lit de justice* 12 Nov., restoring the old Parliament banished in 1771], which I desired him to communicate to you' (Conway to Hertford 22 Nov. 1774, MS now wsl); Conway also mentions the *lit de justice* in his letter to Keith 19 Nov. in Keith's *Memoirs and Correspondence*, ed. Mrs Gillespie Smyth, 1849, ii. 30. See *post* 27 Nov. 1774, n. 4.

FROM CONWAY, ca Tuesday 22 November 1774

Missing; a 'letter of six pages' answered *post* 27 Nov. 1774. Tentatively dated the same as Conway's letter to Hertford 22 Nov. (MS now wsl), in which Conway also sent a copy of the *procès verbal* of the *lit de justice* of 12 Nov.

FROM LADY AILESBUURY, Wednesday 23 November 1774

Printed from the MS now wsl; first printed Toynbee *Supp.* iii. 237-41. For the history of the MS see *ante* 23 Aug. 1760.

Address: To the Honourable Horatio Walpole in Arlington Street, London.

Paris, November 23, 1774.

I AM unpardonable not to have thanked you before for two letters¹ I have received from you since I wrote,² the last of which made me particularly happy by informing me that the formidable enemy appeared to be upon the retreat.³

Madame du Deffands is in perfect health and spirits and a few days

1. *Ante* 7 Nov. 1774 and the missing letter *ante* ca 15 Nov. 1774.

2. *Ante* ca 1 Nov. 1774.

3. HW had complained *ante* 7 Nov. 1774 of the gout in his elbow.