

There is, in the imperfect account of Rochfort, a strong circumstance or two that pleased me much.⁹ There are many passages that will displease several others throughout.

Mr Coxe's¹⁰ *Travels*¹¹ are very different: plain, clear, sensible, instructive, and entertaining. It is a noble work, and precious to me who delight in quartos: the two volumes contain twelve hundred pages—I have already devoured a quarter, though I have had them but three days.¹²

From CONWAY, ca June 1784

Missing; apparently several notes about Lady Ailesbury's illness, mentioned *post* 8 June 1784.

TO LADY AILESBUURY, Tuesday 8 June 1784

Printed from the MS now wsl. First printed, with omissions and misdated, *Works* v. 574–5; first printed in full and correctly dated Toynbee xiii. 158–9 and *Supp.* ii. 166. For the history of the MS see *ante* 23 Aug. 1760.

Strawberry Hill, Tuesday night, June 8th.

YOU frightened me for a minute, my dear Madam; but every letter since¹ has given me pleasure, by telling me how rapidly you recovered, and how perfectly well you are again.² Pray however

dated 5 March 1736–7; the motion was rejected by both Houses (*Diary*, pp. 439–69). After an estrangement of four and a half years from the King, the Prince's allowance was increased to £100,000 per annum 29 April 1742 (*GRAY* i. 249, n. 7).

9. The account (*Diary*, pp. 398–402) substantiates the decision of the leaders not to land at Rochefort, for it brings out the disagreements of the pilots in the council of war, the difficulties of landing at another location, and the later testimony of the Chevalier de Rohan that he had been waiting with seven to eight thousand men to attack a British

landing and that the sandbanks were strongly guarded. See *ante* 30 Sept. 1757.

10. Rev. William Coxe (1747–1828), historian, biographer, and traveller (*OSORY* ii. 257, nn. 7–9).

11. *Travels in Poland, Russia, Sweden, and Denmark*, London 1784–90, 3 vols, 4to. HW's copy is Hazen, *Cat. of HW's Lib.*, No. 31; see also MORE 215.

12. The rest of this letter is lost (Mary Berry).

1. Apparently from Conway (see below); missing.

2. Lady Mary Coke wrote in her 'MS Journals' 5 June 1784, 'I have the pleasure