

## APPENDIX 1

### LORD HERTFORD'S LETTER OF 29 APRIL 1723 TO WALPOLE'S MOTHER

Printed for the first time from a photostat of BM Add. MSS 23218, f. 2. Since Hertford was less than five years old when it was written, it was doubtless dictated, perhaps to his half-sister Jane.

*Address:* For Mrs Warpoole in Stable yard in Chelcy near London These [?].

*Postmark:* 1 MA.

*Memoranda* (by HW, made much later):

Fa[illegible]

Mr Garrick

affair

Archbp.

Ragly: Aprill: 29: 1723

Dear Auntt

this comes to return you my humble thanks for all the pretty play things you was soe kind to send us i had a letter very lattly from my dear Mama:<sup>1</sup> and i thank God she is ye[t] very well and my Mama write me now she hoped to come home very soon<sup>2</sup> which is noe small joy to my dear sisters<sup>3</sup> ane my self. my sisters give their humble sarvies to you and my brother<sup>4</sup> joyns with me in our humble duty to you and to my unkeell Warpoole. i beg when you see my Granmama<sup>5</sup> you will give my humble duty to her and lett her know that wee are all very well: Conclude att this time from your dutyfull nephew

FRANCIS CONWAY

1. Charlotte Shorter (d. 1734), m. (1716) as his third wife Francis Seymour Conway (1679–1732), cr. (1703) Bn Conway of Ragley.

2. She was probably at Lisburn, Ireland, where in August she gave birth to a third son, George Augustus (d. Sept. 1723) and where a stepdaughter, Letitia, died that year (Collins, *Peerage*, 1812, ii. 561, 563).

3. Certainly living at this time were his half-sisters Henrietta (d. 1771), Catharine (1707–37), and Jane (1714–49) (*ante* 1 Feb. 1737 OS, n. 3; 11 June 1737 OS, n. 1; 29 Aug. 1746 OS, n. 3).

4. Henry Seymour Conway.

5. Elizabeth Philipps (d. 1728), m. John Shorter (b. ca 1660) (MASON i. 24, n. 5; *Historical Register . . . Chronological Diary*, 1728, xiii. 41; *Political State of Great Britain*, 1728, xxxvi. 93).