

TO PAUL SANDBY,¹ Sunday 24 June 1770

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Address: To Paul Sandby Esq. in Poland Street, London.

Strawberry Hill, June 24, 1770.

Sir,

AS YOUR brother² was so obliging as to promise to come and draw the perspective of my Gallery,³ and as I do not know where to write to him,⁴ I must beg the favour of you to put him in mind; and I should take it kindly if you or he would be so good as to let me know how soon it would be convenient to him to come hither, because I shall be absent all the month of August.⁵

I am Sir

Your obedient humble servant,

HOR. WALPOLE

1. (1725–1809), painter.

2. Thomas Sandby (1721–98), architect; elder brother of Paul Sandby.

3. Thomas Sandby's drawing of the Gallery at SH was finished by Edward Edwards. Writing to Cole 16 June 1781, HW refers to 'T. Sandby's fine view of the Gallery, to which I could never get him to put the last hand' (COLE ii. 274). HW pasted the drawing in his extra-illustrated copy of the 1784 *Description of SH*, now wsl (Hazen, *Cat. of HW's Lib.*, No. 3582). The drawing was engraved by Thomas Morris for the *Description*.

4. His address in 1770 was Windsor Great Park (Algernon Graves, *The Royal Academy of Arts*, 1905–6, vii. 13).

5. HW planned to visit Lord Strafford at Wentworth Castle in Yorkshire and the Duke of Richmond at Goodwood House in Sussex. He wrote Conway 12 July 1770: 'I entreat that the journey to Goodwood may not take place before the 12th of August, when I will attend you. But this expedition to Stowe [in early July] has quite blown up my intended one to Wentworth Castle. I have not resolution enough left for such a journey' (CONWAY iii. 128). HW was in Sussex in mid-August, but was apparently forced to curtail his visit due to an attack of gout (*Country Seats* 68; *post* 20 Oct. 1770).