

## TO EDWARD JERNINGHAM, Wednesday 3 August 1785

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*Address:* To Edward Jerningham Esq. in Grosvenor Square, London. *Postmark:* 4 AU. ISLEWORTH.

Strawberry Hill, Aug. 3d 1785.

I AM rejoiced, dear Sir, to hear that Lady Jerningham<sup>1</sup> is revived, and that her amendment will procure me the pleasure of your company to Park Place, where I am sure you will be most welcome, as you will be here on Friday morning<sup>2</sup> to

Your obedient servant

H. WALPOLE

## TO THOMAS ASTLE, Friday 5 August 1785

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*Endorsed by Astle:* August 5th 1785. The Honourable Mr Walpole. [On the recto:] 310.

*Address:* To Thomas Astle Esq. at Battersea Rise. *Postmark:* 6 AU. 2 <O'C>LOCK. ISLEWORTH.

Strawberry Hill, Aug. 5th 1785.

I DEFERRED my thanks, Sir, for the very ready and obliging manner with which you was so good as to comply with my late request,<sup>1</sup> till I could tell you the event of Mr Fitzwilliam's cause,

1. Jerningham's mother (*ante* late Dec. 1781, n. 6). She died in Grosvenor Square 23 Sept. 1785 (GM 1785, lv pt ii. 751).

2. HW and Jerningham left for Park Place, the seat of HW's cousin Henry

Conway, on Friday, 5 Aug.; HW was back at SH by the 10th (OSSORY ii. 484).

1. See *ante* 19 July 1785.