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To the Right Honourable

M A R Y L E P E L,

Baroness Dowager HERVEY of ICKWORTH.

MADAM,

I SHALL only say in excuse for offering this work to your ladyship, that if I could write any thing really deserving your acceptance, I should not prefix your name to such trifles as the following sheets. But my gratitude for the goodness and unmerited distinction which your ladyship has so long shown me, is impatient to express itself; and though in the present case I am rather an editor than an author, yet having little purpose of appearing again in the latter character, I am forced to pay my debts to your ladyship with Mr. Vertue's coin. If his industry has amassed any thing that can amuse one or two of your idle hours, when neither affection, friendship, nor the several duties which you fill with so much ease and dignity, have any demands upon you, I shall think his life was well employed; I am sure my time will have been so, if I have made him tolerable company to my lady Hervey, who has conversed familiarly with the most agreeable persons, dead and living, of the most polished ages and most polished nations.

I am, MADAM,

Your ladyship's

Most obedient servant,

HORACE WALPOLE.

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To the Right Honorable

MARY J. E. P. E.

James Horace HENRY of New York

Dear Madam

I SHALL only be able to say in a few lines that I have
just received your letter of the 10th inst. and that I am
glad to hear that you are well. I have not yet had
time to answer you more fully, but I will do so as soon
as possible. I am sorry to hear that you are not
well, and I hope that you will soon be able to
resume your usual habits. I am, Madam, your
obedient servant, J. H. H.

HORACE WATSON

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