

said, it looked so well, it ought to remain by Lady Bolingbroke's side, and gave it her. Was not this done in a charming manner?

George Selwyn, of whom you have heard so much, but don't know, is returned from Paris, whither he went with the Duchess of Bedford. He says our passion for everything French, is nothing to theirs for everything English. There is a book published, called the *Anglomanie*.²⁸ How much worse they understand us, even than we do them, you will see by this story. The old Maréchale de Villars²⁹ gave a vast dinner to the Duchess of Bedford. In the middle of the dessert, Madame de Villars called out, 'Oh! Jesus! they have forgot; yet I bespoke them, and I am sure they are ready; you English love hot rolls—bring the rolls.' There arrived a huge dish of hot rolls, and a sauce-boat of melted butter! Adieu!

From MANN, Saturday 4 December 1762

Part of the second paragraph was printed in Doran ii. 99-100, part of the fourth in ii. 99, and part of the fifth in ii. 98.

Florence, December 4th 1762.

THE French, fonder of the peace than even you could be, were too desirous to announce the end of their misfortunes and their disgraces to admit the first accounts of it to come from England. Couriers were dispatched from Paris to all parts with this joyful news. The Court of Turin, whose ministers¹ at Paris and, they say, at London found means to employ themselves usefully in this great work, was the first to be informed of it; and from thence I received²

28. No book with this identical title has been discovered.

29. Jeanne-Angélique de la Rocque de Varengeville (ca 1674-1763), m. (1702) Louis-Hector, Duc de Villars, Maréchal de France (La Chenaye-Desbois xix. 774; *Répertoire . . . de la Gazette de France*, ed. de Granges de Surgères, 1902-6, iv. 461).

1. Roberto Ignazio Solaro di Breglio (d. 1765) was Sardinian minister to France 1758-65 although Jean-Joseph Foncet, Baron de Montailleu had been appointed peace commissioner there 11 Aug. 1762. Francesco Giuseppe (d. 1766), Conte di

Viry, was Sardinian envoy extraordinary to Great Britain 1755-63 (*Repertorium der diplomatischen Vertreter aller Länder*, Vol. II, ed. Friedrich Hausmann, Zurich, 1950, pp. 364, 365; MONTAGU i. 406, n. 11).

2. From Richard Phelps, dated, Turin, 10 Nov., beginning: 'The French courier . . . brought us the account of the preliminaries being signed upon the 3d' (S.P. 105/314 f. 365). Mann's answer (29 Nov.) to George Pitt's letter of 17 Nov. from Turin mentions that no news of the ratification had yet come from England (MS at Welbeck Abbey).