ITEM	HISTORICAL DETAI	IL	WORKS
	1761 July 5 [F	HW to Strafford] PS. My gallery sends its humble duty to your new front, and	
		ail my creatures beg their respects to my Lady.	
	I C H Ta Ie	HW to Mann] I have often threatened you with a visit at Florence; I believe shall now be forced to make you one, for I am ruining myself; my Gallery, Cabinet, and Round Tower, will cost immensely. [FN 10 The new rooms which tw paid for, 6 may 1762) cost him £1241 8s. (Strawberry Hill Accounts, ed. Paget Toynbee, Oxford, 1927, p. 9).] However, if you can, find me a pedestal; it will at east look well in my auction. The brocadella I shall postpone a little, not being too Impatient for a commission of bankruptcy.	
	1761 Aug 1 [I	Heriford to HW] 38 108	
		HW to Montagu] the cloister is paving, the privy-garden making, painted glass adjusting to the windows on the back stairs.' Toynbee Accounts 112	
	y	Montagu to HW] I hope I shall have diverse entertaining accounts to give you when I have the pleasure to see you in our walks in your gallery, which and yourself I shall revisit with exceeding joy. Believe me ever with the sincerest attachment,	
		(HW to Montagu) My galiery and cabinet are at a full stop till spring.—but I shall be sorry to leave it all in ten days; '9 398 Toynbee Accounts p 109	
		(HW to Mann) I know nothing more; but a Spanish war will make my letter as heavy as if it contained eight pages. Young Mr Pitt [FN 8] is arrived; we have exchanged visits, put have not met yet, as I have been the last four days at Strawberry: the Parliament is adjourned [FN 9] to the nineteenth of January. My gallery advances, and I push on the works there, for pictures and baubles and buildings look to me as if I realized something-I had rather have a bronze than a thousand pounds in the stocks, for if Ireland or Jamaica are invaded, I shall still have my bronze; I would not answer so much for the funds; nor will I buy into the new loan of glory.	Introduction of Pitt
	i	[HW to Mann] My Gallery and Tribune will be finished this summer. And then I shall trouble you about the brocadella. Th T. Pitt has taken a sweet little house [FN 17] just by me at Twickenham, 2218 toynbee Accounts 109	Wall hangings
		[HW to Mann] Mr. T. Pitt has taken a small house [FN 14] at Twickenham within a stone's throw of me. This will add to the comfort of my Strawberry-tide. He draws Gothic with taste, and is already engaged on the ornaments of my Cabinet and Gallery. [FN 15 The 'chimney-piece [for the Gallery] was designed by Mr John Chute and Mr Thomas Pitt of Boconnoch'; 'the grated door [of the Cabinet, later called the tribune] was designed by Mr Thomas Pitt' ('Des. Of SH, ' Works ii. 461 471).] Adieu!	

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	1762 May 6 'p ^d for the building of the gallery, cloyster, Oratory, Servant's hall, cellar, larder, staircase by the Kitchen, privey, Screen to the little garden, & finishing Kitchen, Larder, Scullery & Serts hall 1241 8 0' Toynbee Accounts	
	1762 May 15 'p ^d Peckitt of York for the five painted tops of the gallery windows & the yellow Star in the ceiling of the Cabinet 34 14 0 Toynbee Accounts	GLAZING - windows GLAZING - star
	1762 May 20 [HW to Mann] I should name the earliest day possible; but besides hat some visits to make, I think it will be more pleasant to you a few we hence (I mean any time in July) when the works with which I am finishing house [FN 1 The chief of these works were the Gallery and Cabinet (later of Chapel and Tribune). Because of strikes (see HW to Mann 1 July 1762) they delayed.] will be more	eks my illed
	advanced and the noisy part, as laying floors, and fixing wainscots, a end, and which now make me in a deplorable litter. As you give me led I will send you notice.	t an
	[HW to Mann] I am in distress about my Gallery and Cabinet: the latter on the point of being completed, and is really striking beyond descrip Last Saturday night my workmen took their leave, made their bow, and me up to the knees in shavings. In short, the journeymen carpenters the cabinet-makers, have entered into an association not to work ur their wages are raised; and how can one complain? The poor fell whose all the labour is, see their masters advance their prices every and think it reasonable to touch their share. You would be freighted a dearness of everything; I build out of economy, for unless I do now, in years I shall not be able to afford it.	ion. left like li
	1762 Aug 5 [HW to Cole] if you please therefore, we will postpone our meeting the first of September, by which time I flatter myself we shall be green, a shall be able to show you my additional apartment (FN 3) to madvantage.	nd I
	1762 Aug 5 [HW to Lord Strafford] "Your château, I hope, proceeds faster than n The carpenters are all associated for increase of wages; I have had bu men at work these last five weeks. 35 Toynbee Accounts	
	1762 Aug 10 [HW to Lord Strafford] It has rained such deluges, that I had some thou of turning my gallery into an ark, and began to pack up pair of banto a pair of cats, in short, a pair of every living creature about my house it is grown fine at last, and the workmen quit my gallery today with hoisting a sall in it.	ams, but

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	1762 Sept	In the five windows of the new beautiful Gothic Gallery, at the Top, in each are 4 Single Coats or Crests, belonging to the Family of Walpole, & quartered by them: they were painted by a man at York & beautifully set in mosaic of various colours & cost Mr Walpole 35lb. In the middle Window are only the single coat of Walpole and two crests on the sides, & motto at Bottom, Fari qua sentiat. Or, on a Fesse inter two Cheveronels Sable three Cross crosslets Or, & a mullet argent under the upper Cheveronel for a Difference of the 3d Son. being the proper arms of the worthy & ingenious owner of this House. The first Crest, is a man's head & breast proper, on his head a Coronet Ducal Or, & from it issues a Cap & Tassel at the End of it, & bending towards & over his forehead, Gules, on the Cap is a St. Catherine's Wheel Or, being the proper crest of Walpole. The other Crest is a Griffon's Head & Neck Sable, Collar Argent, winged Or, being the Crest of [Cole's ellipses]	
		In the First Window at the Bottom of the Gallery, in the Gothic Work at Top are these 4 Coats. Ist. Sable a Lion rampant Or, crowned Argent inter 3 Battle Axes Argent, Handles Or, for Shorter. 2a. Party per Saltire & an Orie, Sable & Or, all counterchanged, for Shorter also. The first coat was given by King James the 2d as Mr Walpole told me, to Sir John Shorter, Lord Mayor of London in 1688, for receiving the Pope's Nuntio in the City. 3d. Argent, a Sattire A pure inter 4 Griffon's Heads coupe pate fiche sable, a Crescent inter two Roses. Or for Birkenhead. In the 2d Window from the Bottom of the Gallery, are these 4 Coats. 1st. Argent a Fesse inter 3 Crosses Patriarchal or Cross Crosselets	
		fiche Gules, for Crane, as I suppose, for there is some confusion in my notes as I had made it a cheveron for a Fesse. 2d. Vert, a Saltier Or, for Le Hunt of Suffolk. 3d. Argent on a Fesse engrailed inter 3 Escocheons Gules, 3 mullets pierced Or, fro Bacon. 4th Or a Cheveron Ermines inter 3 Leaves Vert, for Burwell. I think in the Glass it is a Fesse. In the first Window from the Top of the Gallery, in the Gothic Work at the Top, are the 4 following Coats. 1st. Checay Gules & Or a Bend Argent for	
		Cayley. 2d. Gules, a Bend Argent debruised by a Fesse Or for Fitz-Osbert. 3rd. Or a Chief indented Sable for Harsick/Harsich? 4th Quarterly 1 & 4 Checquy Or & Azure a Fesse Ermine for Calthrope. 2d & 3d Ermine a maunch Sable for Gestinthorpe. In the 2d windows from the Top [of the gallery] are these 4 following Coats. Gules a Saltier engrailed Argent for Siderston. 2d. Vert a Lion rampant Or, for Robsart. 3d. Azure a Cheveron inter 3 Crosselets Or for Calibot. 4th Barry of 6 Or & Azure a Bend Gules over all for Gaunt. viz: Gilbert of Gaunt, as Mr Walpole wrote it in my Paper: but by my MS Book of	
		Heraldry they belong to Gaunt Earl of Lincoln; & those assigned there for Sir Gilbert de Gaunt are thus blazoned, Barry of 10 Or 7 Gules 3 Escocheons Ermine. So query.	

ПЕМ	HISTORICAL DET	[AIL	WORKS
	1763 Sept 9	[HW to Conway] My Lady A. Is abominable: she settled a party to come hither, and put it off for a month; [FN 31] and now she has been here and seen my Cabinet, [FN 32 MANN vi 49] she ought to tell you what good reason I had not to stir. If she has not told you that its is the finest, the prettiest, the newest and the oldest thing in the world, I will not go to Park	TRIBUNE - VISIT
		Place on the 20 th , as I have promised. (FN 33) Oh! But tremble you may for me, though you will not for yourself—all my glories were on the point of vanishing last night in aa flame! The chimney of the new Gallery, [FN 34] which chimney is full of deal-boards, and which Gallery is full of shavings, was on fire at eight o'clock. Harry (FN 35 Henry Hones, HW's servant 1752 (Montagu I, 132) to 1762. The same day as the present letter (9 Sept.), HW wrote to Grosvenor Gedford that 'my servant, Henry Jones, is grown old and wants to retire,' setting forth the qualifications and duties of a successor, who is to be steward and	GALLERY - construction SERVANT's HALL
		buttler.' As of 28 Sept., however, Jones was still in HW's employ (post 28 Sept. 1762, sub 30 Sept.), had quarrelled with the other servants, and would not sit in the kitchen; and to keep up his anger had lighted a vast fire in the servant' hall, which wis under the gallery. The chirmney took fire; and if Margaret [FN 36 Margaret Young (fl. 1760 - 86) had not smelt it with the first nose that ever a servant had, a quarter of an hour had set us in a blaze. I hope you are frightened out of your senses for me: if you are not! will never live in a panic for three or four years for you again.	KITCHEN - USE
	1763 Mar 25	[HW to Montagu] I am going to Strawberry for a few days pour faire mes pâques [FN 11]. The gallery advances rapidly. The ceiling is Harry VII's chapel [FN 12] in propriâ personâ: the canopies are all placed. I think three months will quite complete it [FN 14]. I have bought at Lord Granville's sale [FN 15] the original picture of Charles Brandon and his queen [FN16]; and have today [p 54] received from France a copy of Madame Maintenon [FN 17] which will my La Vallere [FN 18], and copies of Madame Grammont [FN 19] and of the charming portrait of the Mazarine [FN 20] at the Duke of St Albans's, is to accompany Bianca Capello [FN 21] and Ninon Lenclos [FN 122] in the round tower. I hope now there will never be another auction, for I have not an inch of space or a farthing left. As I have some remains of paper, I will fill it up with a song	Ceiling
	1763 April 6	[HW to Montagu] Young Mr Pitt [FN 5] has been dying of a fever in Bedfordshire. The Bishop of Carlisle, whom I have appointed Visitor of Strawberry, is gone down to him. You will be much disappointed if you expect to find the gallery near finished. They threaten me with three months before the gilding can be begun	NEAR FINISHED FINISHES -Gilding
	1763 May 16	[HW to Cole] As I shall be a good deal here this summer, I hope you did not take a surfeit of Strawberry Hill, but will bestow a visit on it while its beauty lasts; the gallery advances fast now, and I think in a few weeks will make a figure worth your looking at. I am, Dear Sir, Your obedient	

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	1763 May 17	[HW to Montagu] We are as severe also produpes as one construction to be earn also obtained by tank, with Except town, also can be a smallest less that cause of a face from the personal and the earn also can be a smallest personal and the earn also and that passed as traitives. If any time gallery is not advanced enough to give them any idea at all, as they are not apt to go out of their way for one; became access and they are yellow of sear too, who is not a desiration search and all as an early way and assert too, who is not a desiration search and all as a many way and market by the Dadsers of Alance while not assert supported to be the early or the assert to the early of the analysis of the early of the	
	1763 May 17	[Montagu to HW] \$44 to present can deflation will your acceptance of the galantiv of the Strawsberry attended. I wish the gallery had been ready for all the foreigners to have seen it, though they have but little idea of anything but what they have been used to. As to myself, I shall be about the time your curtain will draw up, for Charles and the Viscountess leave Frogmore on Wednesday for Ireland,	
	1763 May 17	[HW to Conway] MY Gallery claims your promise; the painters and gilders finish tomorrow, and next day it washes its hands, You talked of the 15 th ; shall I expect you then, [FN 1] and the Countess, [FN 2] and the contessina, [FN 3], and the Baroness? [FN 4]	GILDING - completion PAINTING - completion
	1763 June 16	[HW to Montague] a DG rotate year pating on your will before large. Indeed by September the gallery will probably have all its fine clothes on; and by what have been tried, I think it will look very well. The fashion of the garments to be sure will be ancient, but I have given them an air that is very becoming. Princess Amelia was here last night while I was abroad and if Margaret is not too much prejudiced by the guinea left, or by natural partiality to what servants call our house, I think was pleased, particularly with the chapel'; Toynbee ACCOUNTS 116 10	To be finished by September
	1763 June 23	[Montagu to HW]! cannot but say the finding your gallery complete and liveable is just what I should chose, for I don't love to postpone and am for the present time. I hope her Royal Highness had the honours of the chinacloset. [FN 3] I am shure she must hae been pleased, and had you been there, there would have been a gallantry from the press. Adieu; 1083	
	1763 July 1	[HW to Montagu] The journey you must accept is as a great sacrifice either to you or to my promise, for I quit my gallery almost in the critical minute of consummation. Gilders, carvers, upholsterers, and picture-cleaners are labouring at their respective forges, and I do not love to trust a hammer or a brush without my own supervisal.' Toynbee Accounts 110 84	

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	1763 July 10	[HW to bishop Lyttelton] for this day sennight I begin a ramble [FN 6] to George Motagu's, Drayton, Burleigh, Ely, Peterborough, and I don't know where. This is very necessary, for with impatience I have spoiled half the frames that are new gilt, and do ten times more harm than I mean to do good. However, I see shore; three weeks will terminate all the workmen have to do—I shall long to have your Lordship see it, though I shall blush, for it is much more splendid than I intended, and too magnificent for me.	Gilding
ļ	1763 July 23	[HW to Montagu] on Monday I hope to be in town, and on Tuesday I hope much more to be in the Gallery at Strawberry Hill, and to find the gilders laying on the last leaf of gold. Good night. Yours ever	
	1763 July 30	[HW to Mann] My Gallery occupies me entirely, but grows rather too magnificent for my humility; however, having at no time created myself a philosopher, I am at liberty to please myself without minding a contradiction or two. Adieu!	
	1763 Aug 5	[Gray to Wharton] My slumbers were disturbed th other day by an unexpected visit from M'W: who dined with me, seemed mighty happy for the time he stay'd & said he could like to live here: but hurried home in the evening to his new Gallery, which is all Gothicism, and gold, and crimson, and looking-glass. He has purchased at an auction in Suffolk ebony-chairs & old movables enough to load a waggon.' Toynbee Accounts 122	
	1763 Aug 8	[HW to Cole] The painters and gilders quit my gallery this week, but I have not got a chair or a table for it yet; however I hope it will have all its clothes on by the time you have promised me a visit. Toynbee Accounts 110	FINISHES- Gilding
	1763 Aug 9	[HW to Conway] My gallery claims your promise; the painters and gilders finish to morrow, and next day it washes its hands. Toynbee Accounts 110	FINISHES - Gilding / Painting

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	1763 Aug 15	[HW to Montagu] THE most important piece of news that I have to tell you, is, that the Gallery is finished; that is, the workmen have quitted it. For chairs and tables, not one is arrived yet. Well! How you will tramp up and down in it! —me thinks, I wish you would. We are in the perfection of beauty 10 92 11 orly-development lade very appear to a fire now to when a different and the keepers and the very appearance of the great and the keepers are the set of a montage of the great and the keepers and to be a set of a montage of the great and the keepers and to be a set of a montage of the great and the keepers and the set of a montage of the great and the keepers and the set of a montage of the great and the keepers and the set of a montage of the great and the set of a montage of the great and the set of the great and the set of the great and the set of the great and the great and the set of the great and gr	WORKMEN left CHATTELS - none arrived
	1763 Aug 26	p ^d Guichard for new gilding the frames in my gallery, & for some new frames 86 6 0 Toynbee Accounts 10	
	1763 Aug 27	p ^d Langlois for the two Commodes & the two coins in the gallery 73 10 0 Toynbee Accounts 10	[encognures]
	1763 Sept 21	p ^d Carter for marbles to Do. [commodes and coins] 31 6 6 Toynbee Accounts 10	
	1763 Sept 3	[HW to Montagu] I have but a minute's time for answering your letter my house is full of people and has been so from the instant I breakfasted, and more are coming – in short, I keep an inn; the sign, the Gothic Castle - since my gallery was finished, I have not been in it a quarter of an hour together; my whole time is passed in giving tickets for seeing it, and hiding myself while it is seen-take my advice, never build a charming house for yourself between London and Hampton Court, everybody will live in it but you.	

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	[HW to Montagu] I have given my assembly, to show my galler glorious; but happening to pitch upon the Feast of Tabernacles of my Jews [FN 14] could come, though Mrs Clive proposed change their religion. So I am forced to exhibit once morning spectators, the crowd augments, instead of diminishing true that Lady Hertford called there to their morning, and I was bring her by the back gate into the kitchen; the house we company that came to see the gallery, that I had nowhere her. Adieu! 18. Those traineds and has never appear from the soculous of the that Leafbe pair where soft in 15 that put me that such to confusion the morning they breakfast here. If they did inscription, I am sure they must have seen too how it distress next assembly [FN 16] will be entertaining; there will be five couplishops, fourteen Jews, five papists, a doctor of physic and are to mention Scotch, Irish, East and West Indians.	in to them to be a few to them to be a few to them to be a few to the ang. It is really as reduced to the area of
	I 763 Nov 12 [HW to Montagu] I My gallery is still in such request, that though of November, I gave out a ticket today for seeing it. I see little for I cannot sit alone in such state; I should think myself little Duchess of Albebarle [FN11] who fancied herself Empress of C	e of it myself, ke the mad
	1763 Dec 2 p ^d for the Damask for the Gallery 102 16 6 Toynbee.	Accounts 10 hangings
	1763 Dec 10 pd Langlois for 2 more coins 21 0 0. Toynbee.	Accounts 10
	[HW to Montagu] Never mind the town and its filthy politics; we the gallery at Strawberry-stay, I don't know how your mountai can take a boat, and always be gay there; 10	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	1764 Feb 3 ^d p ^d for finishing the Gallery, Cabinet, & passage to Gallery 1415 6 6. Toynbee,	WORKS - paid Accounts 10
	1764 [Feb 3 ^d] p ^d Langlois for 2 more coins 21 0 0. Toynbee.	Accounts 10 CHATTELS - Coins
	1764 [Feb 3°] p ^d the Glazier for the Chimney, niches & doors In the gallery, finished with looking glass 84 0 0. Toynbee.	WORKS - Glazier
	1764 [Feb 3 ^d] p ^d Carter for Marble to 2 more Commodes 16 6 6. Toynbee.	CHATTLES Accounts 10
	1764 [Feb 3 ^d] gave M' Robinson, Architect 52 10 0. Toynbee.	Accounts 10 WORKS - Fees
	[HW to HERTFORD] The Duchess of Bedford asked me before in Gerchy, if I would not give them a ball at Strawberry? Not for What! Turn a ball, and dust, and dirt, and a million of care charming new Gallery! [FN 23 completed August 1763 (ante 9 Aug I could not flatter myself that people would give themselves the going eleven miles for a ball— (though I believe they would give then,' says she, "it shall be a dinner"—With alt my heart, I have no but no ball shall set its foot within my doors.'	the universe! dies into my 1763)] i said, he trouble of go fifty)Well,

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		[James West to HW] I am just returned from a most delightful morning at Strawberry Hill Your library instructs, your gallery delights, and your cabinet makes one wonder, how all the fine things 40 311 of this country should come there. But let me ask you who did the ceiling of the gallery, and the wainscotting, gilding and glass work of It. [FN 7 For the ceiling of the Gallery HW paid Thomas Bromwich (d. 1787), the fashionable decorator, £115.0.0 on 2 April 1763; for the five painted tops of the Gallery windows and the yellow star in the ceiling of the Cabinet' he paid William Peckitt (1731-95), glass painter, originally a caver and gilder of York, £34.14.0 on 15 May 1762 (Strawberry Hill Accounts kept by Mr Walpole, ed. Paget Toynbee, Oxford, 1927, p. 9). Among the West MSS at Alscott Park near Strafford-upon Avon, is a sheet containing sketches of Gothic 'patterns of Strawberry Hill' (information from the late Sir Lewis Namier).]	
		[HW To HERTFORD] The Bishop of Carlisle has been with me two days at StrawberryIn the evening, the Duke of Devonshire came with the Straffords from t'other end of Twickenham, [FN 2] and drank tea with us: they had none of them seen the Gallery since it was finished; even the Chapel was new to the Duke, and hew was so struck with it, that he desired to offer at the shrine an incense pot of silver filigrain.	
		[HW to Mann] I am writing to you in my lovely Gallery, with sufficient indifference to all those squabbles 22 219	USE - first recorded
		[HW to Montaeu] Strakberk, whose goals perhaps vergo low ordatives realized by an one of the sumptions to day that concerns, and add soft a the response relief in a safety of human or a fine transfer and Standard de Querchy. Madernakele as Nange (FN 1) the advante transfer from the principle internet (FN 1), are Place of Managera (FN 6) as brother (FN 7), and subject to standard or the Anne internet and my near evolve grove. The refeatory was never to see that the principle seewing the great free transfer under the closter, and after coffee I treated them with an English and to them very new collation, a syllabub, milked under the cows that were brought to the brow of the terrace. Thence they went to the printing-house, and saw a new fashionable French song printed (FN 10). They drank tea in the gallery, and at eight went away to Vauxhall.	USE
		[Cole to HW] and be here again on Saturday [Biechley], and if I should call and not find you at home, I will just give a peep into your gallery and leave a volume of my MSS.	VisiT
	1	p ^d VIIe's bill for chairs, tables, stools, &c for the gallery & odd articles 146 14 0. Toynbee Accounts 10	Chattels - chairs, stools and tables
xxx	1765 [Mar 20]	p ^d Ramsay for pictures of my 2 Nieces 84 0 0. Toynbee Accounts 10	
xxx	1765 [Mar 20]	p ^d Reynolds for Ld Waldegrave's picture 21 0 0. Toynbee Accounts 11	
xxx		p^d the two carpets for the gallery & the Cabinet 87 19 0. Toynbee Accounts 11	CARPET

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XXX	1765 Aug 23	I wished for you today; Mr Chute and Mr Cowslade dined here; the day was divine; the sun gleamed down into the chapel in all the glory of popery; the gallery was all radiance; we drank our coffee on the bench under the great ash, the verdure was delicious; our tea in the Holbein room, by which a thousand chaises and barges passed; and I showed them my new cottage and garden [FN 14] over the way, which they had never seen, and with which they were enchanted.	USE
xxx	1765 Aug 26	p ^d for frame for the picture of Mrs Keppel & Lady Huntingtower & other frames 23 1 6. Toynbee Accounts 10	Chattels - frame
	1766 July 21	'[HW to Montagu] Strawberry is in perfection; the verdure has all the bloom of spring, the orange trees are loaded with blossoms, the gallery all sun and gold, Mrs Clive all sun and vermilion [FN 4]-in short, come away to	decoration
	1768 June 6	[HW to Cole] I wish I could return these favours by contributing to the decoration of your new old house; but as hoy know, I erected an old house, not demolished one, I had no windows, or frames for windows but what I bespoke on purpose for the places where they are. My painted glass was so exhausted, before I got through my design, that I was forced to have the windows in the gallery painted on purpose by Pecket. What scraps I have remaining are so bad, I cannot make you pay for the carriage of them, as I think there is not one whole piece,'	
	1768 Aug 20	[HW to Cole] My gallery is not only finished, [FN 4] but I am going on with the round chamber at the end of it; [FN 5] and am besides playing with the little garden on the other side of the road, [FN 6] which was old Franklin's and by his death come into my hands. When the round tower [FN 7] is finished, I propose to draw up a description and catalogue of the whole house and collection, [FN 8] and I think you will not dislike lending me your assistance.	completion
	1769 May 11	[HW to Montagu] Strawberry has been in great glory – I have given a festino here that will almost mortgage it. Last Tuesday all France dined therein short we were four nd twenty 10 278 After taking a survey of the apartments, we went to the printing house where I had prepared the enclosed verses, with translations by Monsieur de Lisle The moment they were printed off, I gave a private signal and French horns and clarinets accompanied the compliment. We then went to see Pope's grotto and garden, and returned to a magnificent dinner in the refectory. In the evening we walked, had tea, coffee and lemonade in the gallery, which was illuminated with a thousand, or thirty candles, I forget which, and played at whisk and loo till midnight. Then there was a cold supper, and at one the company returned to town saluted by fifty nightingales,	USE - entertainment refreshments in the Gallery
	1769 May 14	[Montagu to HW] I am sure the gallery must have been in great beauty; they will long to come and see it from Richmond. 10 281	beauty

ІТЕМ	HISTORICAL DET	AL	works
	1770 June 24	[HW to Paul Sandby] AS YOUR brother [FN 2 Thomas Sandby (1721-98), architect; elder brother of Paul Sandby.] was so obliging toos to promise to come and draw the perspective of my Gallery, [FN 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. Sandyby's fine view of the Gallery, to whihc 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 ws. (Hazen, Cat. Of HW's Lib., No. 3582). The drawing was engraved by Thomas Morris or the Description.] and as I do not know where to write to him, [FN 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. [FN 5HW planned to]	VIEW
	1770 July 29	[Lady Mary Coke's Journal] We had two beaux besides Mr Walpole at Strawberry Hill, We had a great dinner very ill-dressed, yet Mr Walpole had sent for a cook on purpose, who certainly knew but little of his trade:Lady Blandford arrived, and very soon after the servants told Mr Walpole the Princess Amelia was coming: this put all in confusion. Lady Blandford desired to be shut up, but none of the company agreeing to be shut up with her, she was obliged to remain in the Gallery. I went down to meet the Princes:H.R.H. went over all the house: the Gallery last, as she did not care to disturb the company, and therefore did not stop to look at any of the pictures, desiring they would set down and not mind her	
	1775 June 9	[Cole to HW] These are the same arms which are in your second window of the gallery at Strawberry Hill, which are the very same with those of Gilbert de Gaunt, Earl of Lincoln temp. Henry III, [FN 13] who was a benefactor to Spalding Abbey near Whaplode, from whom, perhaps, as was not unusual, the family of Whaplode, form alliance or descent, might take the same bearing	GLAZING
	1777 Sep 29	[HW to Lady Ossory] The weather and my young nieces made the Gallery very splendid, for Mrs Keppel is a glorious creature and handsomer than any of her cousins. [FN 4] 32 382	
	1778 Oct 11	[HW to Mason] To be sure the illumination of the Gallery surpassed the Palace of the sun; and when its fretted ceiling, [FN 12] which you know is richer than the root of paradise, opened for the descent of Mrs Clive in the full moon, nothing could be more striking. In presence of wear been, as many or the tollards since energies have continued as defect to discuss the flavor of \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as the flavor of \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as a first shape of \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as \$1.00 with the richest word restricted to \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as \$1.00 with the richest word restricted to \$1.00 with the richest word restricted as \$1.00 with the richest	DESCRIPTION Ceiling