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Description: Small sheet of paper, note on reverse. Receipt for embroidering silver stuff for Duke of Devonshire, 16 Sept. 1761

NB *The existing catalogue entry and card in the box reads 'receipt for silver staff'. This should read 'embroidering silver stuff', i.e. material*

Transcript:

August the 12th 1761

Receiv[e]d of Mr Garrick the Sum of twenty Pounds in full for Embroidering with Gold a Silver Stuff [material] for his Grace the Duke of Devonshire

£20

Sep[tembe]r 16 1761

Receiv[e]d this from his

Grace // D. Garrick

Reverse Delamain P[ai]d by My husband for the Duke of Devonshire

Note: Garrick and his wife were very friendly with William, 4th duke of Devonshire. I. M^cIntyre, *Garrick* (London: Allen Lane, 1999), passim, and see p. 264 quoting the following letter.

David M. Little and George M. Kahrl, *The Letters of David Garrick*, (3 volumes, 1963), I, letter 191, pp. 265-6:

My Lord.

Sep^{br} 10th 1757

M^{rs} Garrick & I are very happy that You are so pleas'd to Express such confidence in our Taste, but our great desire & Endeavour to do nothing that shall displease Y^r Grace has induc'd Us to send the Enclos'd — which I must beg to have return'd to Me by y^e next Post, that the Embroiderer may finish his Work in Time. We think that y^e two pieces of Velvet that are pin'd together will make a most agreeable mixture; the figur'd Velvet for y^e Sleeves & Waistcoat' & y^e plain one, for y^e Coat; but then to be compleat it must be Embroider'd with Silver, for we fear the Gold will be too heavy — the Single pattern of figur'd Velvet would

likewise make waistcoat & Sleeves with y^e Plain one, tho not so Gay; or a whole Suit of it Embroider'd with Silver or Gold, would look well — We shall wait for your Grace's Determination & immediately go to work —

We would certainly choose y^e two pin'd together with Silver, & if y^r grace pleases, the Embroiderer would make ye Stalks of y^e little flowers in Silver, & put a Spangle into y^e Middle of Each little Rose, where there is now a small hole — ...

I am my Lord Y^r Grace's most humble, faithful
and most obedient Servant
D Garrick