

Russian ambassador's nephew (f. 103). Given the relative few princes and counts whose surnames begin with *P* and *V* respectively, it is frustrating not to be able to suggest possible candidates. The same applies to "M. de K.". Possibly, he was Stepan Alekseevich Kolychev (1746-1805), who had been in England years earlier but seems also to have been there in July 1783. (a)

One identification which may be advanced with confidence is that of Prince Andrei Ivanovich Viazemskii (1754-1807), who was "le Prince W." whom the author mentions on two occasions and is not to be confused with the "le Cte W". The diarist and Prince P. arrived in Portsmouth on 31 August, where they encountered Viazemskii (f. 60), who had set out from London two days earlier "pour y voir les chantiers" and was about to leave for Cornwall. (b) Viazemskii had been in England for some months and had travelled to Scotland earlier in the summer. He left England in September for Portugal and Spain and subsequently travelled in Italy, where he fell in love with a married Irishwoman, Eugenie (Jenny) Quinn, whom he later married and

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(a) In a letter, dated Paris, 1 August 1783, De la Coste mentions what appear to have been recent meetings of a Prince Gagarin and "M Kalitchoff" with Reginald Pole Carew, seemingly in London (Cornwall Record Office, Truro, CC/J/13, no. 18).

(b) Letter, dated London 8 September 1783, from Ivan Simolin to Reginald Pole Carew, Antony House, Cornwall (Cornwall Record Office, Truro, CC/J/13, no. 42).