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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
Other Articles

**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
Dublin, 1777**

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LORD CHESTERFIELD'S
LETTERS.

LETTER I.

TO GEORGE FAULKNER, ESQUIRE.

London, September 17, 1748.

MY GOOD FRIEND,

I AM much obliged to you for the marks of your remembrance and friendship which you send me from time to time. The Sermon of Robert Hort, A. M. is certainly of a very singular nature, but as you do not give me your opinion upon it, I shall not give you mine. Possibly indeed we have neither of us formed one. Thus much only I will say, and that very sincerely; that if Mr. Hort is in the right, I heartily wish that you may live to see and feel, that general *Restoration and Perfection of all things*; as by the one you will recover your natural leg, and by the other, the letter of your Journal will be as black as ink, and the paper as white as snow, which I reckon, make up the perfection of a Journal. But whatever may be the state of printing in those days, however black your letter, however white your paper, I observe with concern that you are not likely to have Mr. Hort's custom or interest, his sermon being printed by S. Powell. In the mean time I hope business goes on well, and that you print and sell a great number of books, whether they

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are read or not. If they become but fashionable furniture it will serve your purpose as well, or it may be better; for if people bought no more books than they intended to read, and no more swords than they intended to use, the two worst trades in Europe, would be a Bookfeller's and a Sword-cutler's; but luckily for both, they are reckoned genteel ornaments. Here has been lately published the first volumè of a History of the Popes, by one Mr. Bower, who was a Jesuit at Rome. It is extremely well wrote, and I believe it would be very well worth your while to print an octavo edition of it at Dublin; for our edition here is a large quarto, and consequently an expensive one. When finished, it will be four quartos. As yet no lesser edition has appeared here. In this, or any other undertaking, I assure you, that no body can wish you more sincerely well, than

Your friend and servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

As I know you often see the Chief Baron, whom I esteem and honor much, pray make him my compliments.

LETTER II.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, November 11, 1752.

MY GOOD FRIEND,

YOU judged very rightly (as you always do) in thinking that I have the greatest esteem for the works of the bishop of Cloyne, and you acted very kindly (as you always do too) in sending them to me; I have since received them from the bishop himself, but feloniously printed in London by Tonson and Draper, and like most
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