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### **Miscellaneous works Of The Late Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl Of Chesterfield**

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

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

Letter XV. To The Same.

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to shew their skill upon : but, when once established by Charter, the very advantages which are expected from, and which, I believe, will attend that Charter, I fear may prove fatal. It may then become an object of party, and Parliamentary views ; (for you know how low they stoop) in which case it will become subservient to the worst, instead of the best designs. Remember the Linen-board, where the paltry dividend of a little flax-feed was become the seed of jobbs, which indeed produced one hundred fold. However, I submit my fears to your hopes ; and will do all that I can to promote that Charter which you, who I am sure have considered it in every light, seem so desirous of. Mr. Maccauley, who is now here, has brought over the rough draught of a Charter, which he and I are to meet and consider of next week. I hope your worthy fellow labourers, and my worthy friends, the bishop of Meath and Mr. Prior are well. May you long be so, for the good of mankind, and for the particular satisfaction of,

Your most sincere friend and faithful servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

I hope you will send me the other Cantos by proper opportunities, for I long to see them.

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LETTER XV.

TO THE SAME.

London, November 29, 1748.

S I R,

**A** RETURN of my old complaint of vertigos and pains in my head, which sent me to Bath, from whence I am but lately arrived here, and that with less benefit than I hoped for, delayed till now my acknowledgments



ledgments for your last friendly letter which accompanied the remainder of your poem. I read it with great pleasure, and not without some surprize to find a work of that length continued to the end with the same spirit and fire with which it begins. Horace's great rule of *qualis ab incepto* was, I believe, never better observed. If the public receives the same pleasure from it that I have done, you will have the satisfaction of having discharged every office towards mankind, that a private citizen of the world is capable of. Your example, your fortune, and your genius, will all have been devoted to the service, the improvement, and the rational pleasures of your fellow-creatures.

I make no doubt but that the Charter for the Dublin Society, when once you shall have formed it properly among yourselves, will be granted here; and upon the whole I am much for it, and will promote it to my power; not but that I foresee some dangers on that side of the question too. Abuses have always hitherto crept into corporate bodies, and will probably, in time, creep into this too: but I hope that it will have such an effect, at first, as to make the future abuses of less consequence. The draught, which Mr. Maccauley shewed me here, of the Charter seems to have all the provisions in it, that human prudence can make against human iniquity.

Good health and long life attend you, my good friend, for the sake of mankind in general, and of that country in particular, which will ever have a great share of the warmest wishes of,

Your faithful humble servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

L E T.