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

Letter XVIII. To Samuel Derrick, Esq.

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future and permanent profit. Acquire the public confidence in the goodness and reasonableness of your manufacture, and your fortune will be solid and lasting, both to you and your family, if they will tread in your steps.

I know a thread merchant at Rotterdam, who hath got above thirty thousand pounds by his industry, punctuality and integrity. He never let a yard of bad thread go out of his hands, and never took a farthing more than reasonable profit; by these means he hath acquired such confidence, that people make no difficulty of sending a blindman, or a child for what thread they want, sure not to be deceived either in the quantity or the quality of it. At first he got little, but then he lived low; his profits increased faster than his expence, and his expence now bears a just proportion to his fortune. Most trades-people in Ireland begin just at the other end, and therefore end so ill, as they frequently do. By what you have done it is plain you do not want these hints, and I hope your example will suggest them to those who do. I am, with that esteem, which you deserve from all Ireland, and from all those who wishes it as well as I do, Sir,

Your faithful servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

LETTER XVIII.

TO SAMUEL DERRICK, ESQ.

London, February 6, 1767.

S I R,

WHEN I left the Bath, I thought I left your throne as solidly established, as any throne in Europe. You ruled with lenity, and your subjects obeyed with chearfulness.
But

But such is the uncertainty of human affairs, that it seems a conspiracy has broke out, to distress, and even to subvert your government. I do not see what I can do at this distance to assist you, knowing no body at Bath but my brother and lord Ancram, who are both, as I am informed, much in your interest. There is a committee, you say, formed against you; form a counter committee of your most considerable friends, not forgetting two or three of our tough countrymen, who are *Mamquam Consilio promptiores*. Among gentler, but perhaps not less effectual measures, you may call ridicule into your assistance, and give their committee the name of The Committee of Safety, which was manifestly formed to destroy the then established government, and (avert the omen) did so. They begin with the reformation of your music, the Round-heads did so with the organs; but the latter meant more, and so do the former. The profit is the real cause of discord, and therefore I am afraid that some man of quality and fortune should avail himself of those civil dissentions, and come and swallow the oyster, and leave you and your antagonist only the shells. For my own part, I say, O king, live for ever. I am,

Your faithful, and loyal subject,

CHESTERFIELD.

LETTER XIX.

TO THE SAME.

London, March 17, 1767.

SIR,

DID I not tell you when first these little convulsions shook your throne, that they would tend to fix and establish it upon solid foundations. This hath happened, and