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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 XIX. To The Same.

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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.

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LETTER XIX.

TO THE SAME.

London, March 17, 1767.

SIR,

**D**ID 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

and I look upon your power to be, since your restoration, more permanent and more extensive than ever. It was the cause of king Charles the second upon his restoration, when all his subjects were in haste to surrender into his hands, all their rights and privileges. You are now in possession of all those at Bath, in as full and as ample a manner, as the most absolute of your predecessors (Nash) ever enjoyed them. But I must recommend to you to use your unlimited power with moderation and lenity, and to reflect, that despotism is a state of violence, which human nature abhors. How could you think me so bad a courtier, as not to be willing that my name should appear in the list of your flatterers? Make what use you please of it, but do not put me down in the list of your ministers, for I do not like that profession. I cannot say that I approve of your Poll Tax, as a fund for your Civil List, for I am convinced it will prove a deficient one. Your Balls were a much better. Your balls took in every Body, and many could not refuse taking a ticket from you *Ore tenus*, who will slip and shuffle out of the way of your subscription book.

I should be unworthy of my peerage, if now that you are king indeed, I were not,

Your loyal subject,

and faithful servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

L. E. T.