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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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TO THE SAME.

June 10.

NO, madam, the poor remains of my days are not worth the care you recommend, nor the kind concern you were pleased to express. At sixty-eight, with a broken constitution, and an hereditary and inveterate deafness, I might change climate ever so much, and go the world over, *my sorrows would still follow me close at my heels* \*. I neither do, nor ought to think of any thing but ending my days gently, and killing time the best I can, now that it is become my enemy.

Your friend prince Czartorinsky has brought me the letter you honoured me with, and was so obliging as to partake of a very small dinner at my *Chartreuse*. He began with me in a very agreeable manner, by speaking of you, his protectress, in the same strain as I should have done, if he had not been before hand with me. He has nothing of the Sarmatian about him, for he is good-natured, and aims at pleasing; but then he has not quite got the French sprightliness, which, in moderation, is so becoming to young people. Madam de Boufflers is very much liked here, as I have been told, for I have not seen her, which I am sorry for; but then she has not seen me, which I am glad of. I am told her behaviour is quite natural and easy, that she gives herself no airs, and makes no shew of her wit and learning.

\* A fine line of Boileau, Epistle V. 44, imitated and improved from the following lines of Horace; Carmin. Lib. III. i. 37.

Timor et minæ  
Scandunt eodem quo dominus; neque  
Decedit arata triremi, et  
Post equitem sedet atra cura.

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