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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

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*T*HE correspondence with Mr. Dayrolles being mutilated in some parts, as will appear by the asterisks, it is necessary to inform the public, that, great friendship having subsisted between Lord Chesterfield and Mr. Dayrolles's family, some of the omissions related to private concerns, which would not be interesting to the public; other parts were written for his own private information, when his Lordship was secretary of state, and Mr. Dayrolles in a public character at the Hague; and some other parts again are a continuation of such political and private correspondence, after his Lordship had quitted public business, in which some measures, operations, and persons concerned in them, are too particularly descanted upon, for Mr. Dayrolles to allow himself to give them to the public, as they were communicated to him in the most confidential manner.

It will not be improper likewise to add, that having desired my friend Mr. Dayrolles to favor me with notes and observations, in order to make some passages of these very interesting letters more intelligible to the reader, he was so good as to comply with my request. I have likewise added here and there a few of my own, where I thought some information about persons and books might be agreeable to the public.

M. M.