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Other Articles

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Lettres De Mylord Chesterfield. Livre II. Lettre I. A Monsieur Jaques
Dayrolles, résident de sa Majeste Britannique à la Haye.

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LETTRES DE MYLORD CHESTERFIELD.

L I V R E II.

L E T T R E I.

A Monsieur J A Q U E S D A Y R O L L E S, résident de sa
M A J E S T E Britannique à la Haye.

A Londres, ce 5 Juin, V. S. 1730.

M O N S I E U R,

JE suis très-sensible à la part, que vous prenez aux bontés que le roi a eu pour moi, et je voudrois bien qu'elles me donnassent une occasion de vous témoigner, par des effets, la véritable amitié et considération que jai pour vous. Votre neveu, qui est très-digne de la tendresse que vous avez pour lui, peut compter sur mes services dans les occasions, et j'avois pensé à cette heure de le faire secrétaire de l'ambassade à Paris sous mylord Waldegrave, qui est destiné à cette commission ; mais malheureusement le duc de Newcastle avoit justement obtenu du roi cet emploi pour son parent *, qui avoit été secrétaire du congrès à Soissons, et qui y pretendoit comme de droit. Je ne manquerai pas de parler en faveur de votre neveu à mylord Harrington, quoique je crois qu'il ne fera pas de changement dans le bureau ; et d'ailleurs, s'il en faisoit, je fais qu'il a des jeunes gens, qui lui appartiennent. Par rapport à la charge de grand-maître que j'ai, il n'y a à ma disposition que des petits emplois, qui ne lui conviendroient nul-

which would not be worth his acceptance. But we shall talk over this affair more at large, when we meet again at the Hague, which I hope will be soon. In the mean time do me the justice to be persuaded that no man living is more truly

Your most obedient humble servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

Be so good as to present my most humble respects to
Mrs. Dayrolles.

LETTER II.

To SOLOMON DAYROLLES, Esq; at the Hague,

London, June 23, O. S. 1734.

MY DEAR CHEVALIER,

I WON'T make you any excuses for this application, because I am very sure, you are always glad to help an old friend. My business is in short this; I want four dozen of shirts, two dozen of them to be of Holland, that comes to about ten shillings the English ell, the other two dozen about fourteen shillings the English ell. Take the money of monsieur Vanneck, and give him a bill upon me for it. Though I have great regard for your judgment in most things, yet in linen I believe it will not be amiss, if you can get the assistance of madame Dayrolles, to whom I would not apply directly myself, because knowing her politeness, I was sure it would be putting her to the trouble of an answer; which trouble I thought it civiller to save her by your means. I desire you will make my best compliments to her and your uncle, who I hope are both in perfect health.

Do you divert yourself pretty well at the Hague? Do the suppers and parties of pleasure go on in the Welderen family as they used to do? A friend of theirs and yours, lady Denbigh, has had bad diversion here, for she has lost every thing she had in the world, which she had unfortunately left at her house at Twickenham*.

I hope

* Lord Denbigh had lent his house at Twickenham to Mons. de Chavigny, the French minister then in England, which by some accident was unfortunately burnt down to the ground, whilst he was in possession of it.