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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
Other Articles

Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of Dublin, 1777

Letter II. To Solomon Dayrolles, Esq; at the Hague.

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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 foon. 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 fo good as to prefent my most humble respects to Mrs. Davrolles.

LETTERIL

To SOLOMON DAYROLLES, Efq; at the Hague, London, June 23, O. S. 1734.

MY DEAR CHEVALIER,

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 amis, 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 fave her by your means. I defire you will make my best compliments to her and your uncle, who I hope are both in perfect health.

Do you divert yourfelf pretty well at the Hague? Do the fuppers 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 unfor-

tunately left at her house at Twickenham*.

* Lord Denbigh had lent his house at Twickenham to Mons, de Cha vigny, the French minister then in England, which by some accident was unfortunately burnt down to the ground, whilst he was in possession of it. TO HIS FRIENDS BOOK H. LET. I. II. 155

nullement. Mais nous parlerons plus amplement de cette affaire, quand j'aurai le plaisir de vous revoir à la Haye, ce qui arrivera bientôt; en attendant, faites-moi la justice d'être persuadé que je suis plus que personne,

Votre très-humble et très obéissant serviteur,

CHESTERFIELD.

Ayes la bonté d'affurer madame Dayrolles de mes très humbles respects.

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LETTER III.

To SOLOMON DAYROLLES, Elq; at the Hague. London, Aug. 19. O. S. 1734

MY DEAR CHEVALIER,

I HAVE received your letter, with the annexed account. Mr. Vanneck writes by this day's post to his brother at the Hague, to furnish you with what money you shall ask for; so that you may take up what you want to pay for the holland, the making, &c. I should think Mr. Finch's * return would be a good opportunity to fend them over, as he is foon expected home.

If you could perfuade your uncle to folicit Mr. Walpole for leave to refign his employment in your favour, with a provide that he should enjoy the emoluments during his life, that would be a means of fecuring it to you; and Mr. Walpole can very eafily bring it about, if he pleases. Without this precaution, I should be afraid of that Mr. Pelham, that is with him, who would not fail to put in for it, if your uncle should die.

If you can perfuade your uncle to approve of this proposal, he must get Mr. Van Borsele, and some of the members of the regency, to make interest for you with Mr. Walpole; for in the present juncture, he will pay great regard to the recommendation of those gentlemen.

Adieu, chevalier. Fear God, divert yourfelf, and drink

cool as often as you can. I shall always be

Your, &c. CHESTERFIELD.

* The honorable William Finch, envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary at that time at the Hague, but now recalled, and immediately replaced by his excellency Horatio Walpole, as ambaffador extraordinary and plenipotentiary.