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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 VII. To The Same.

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time; for you must go on Friday. *Je vous en félicite.*
Adieu.

C *

LETTER VII.

TO THE SAME.

London, June 9, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I HAVE received your two last separate letters of the 13th and 16th, N. S. and thank you for the informations they give me. * * * *

You did right in putting yourself in the prince of Orange's way, and at the same time in not obtruding yourself upon him for a private audience. Whenever you have one, give him all possible assurances of my attachment; but keep to generals, unless before that time I should send you some particular instructions. I find by what Ligonier said to you, that the French have that superiority, which I apprehended they would have: and I own that I dislike the prospect in Flanders: for I cannot think that marechal de Saxe has brought the French king to the army, to be either a spectator of inaction, or to attempt what he has not a moral certainty of succeeding in. The king, I can assure you, approves of your office letters; so continue to write in that manner, and put in every circumstance relative to the affairs of the republic, though seemingly trifling. As for what you hear from other quarters of Europe, you will insert it or not, in proportion as you give credit to it, or as you think it deserves notice. The application, concerning the ship *Eendragt*, you should have put in your office letter, because that now the memorial will appear in the office, without any letter relative to it. Therefore put all those sort of things for the future in your office letters. Without complimenting your honor, you do extremely well, and an experienced minister could not have done better.

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Vos

* Lord Chesterfield was at this time secretary of state for the Northern department.

Vos pareils à deux fois ne se font pas connoître,
Et pour leurs coups d'essai, veulent des coups de maître (a)

I need not tell you, that I love you sincerely, and am convinced of your attachment to

Yours,
C.

LETTER VIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, June 16, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

IACKNOWLEDGE at once your two separate letters of the 20th and 23d, N. S.

You answered the princess royal very well, when she recommended monsieur de la Millerie to you; and when you have an opportunity, acquaint her (with my most humble respects) that I will not fail to put lord Harrington frequently in mind of her royal highness's orders, but however, without answering for the success.

As the prince has lately spoke to you as freely as usual, it is very probable that his former coolness was through inadvertency or *distraktion* only. At least, seem to think so.

Far from disliking the dissolution of the parliament, I approved of, and promoted, it, as much as any body, and do think it a very right measure, as will appear, I dare say, by the majority which we shall have in the new one. Our enemies have not time to work, nor money to work with, as they would have had, if this parliament had died a year hence of a natural death. * * * * *

If the Dutch will declare war, it will be now, that the French have embargoed their ships. I conceive why the prince does not care to press them to it; but I don't conceive why

(a) Two verses of Corneille's *Cid*, which may be rendered thus:

Such forward talents no improvement need;
'Their first attempts are master-strokes indeed.