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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
Dublin, 1777**

Letter VIII. To The Same.

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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.

L E T T E R VIII.

T O T H E S A M E.

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.

why those, who wish well, and who have spirit, don't do it of themselves. * * * * *

Don't distrust yourself; for, upon my word, you do perfectly well. Good night.

P. S. I send you the inclosed from poor Chataigné my page; if you can do him any service, by speaking in his behalf to any of the prince's people, pray do.

LETTER IX.

TO THE SAME.

London, June 23, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

AS the letters of the 30th N. S. are not yet come in, I have little to say to you by this post, and should hardly have written, but that I love to write to you, because I know that you love to hear from me.

I expect bad news every day from Italy, and wish more than I hope for good news from Flanders. Something, I think, must soon happen there.

I have had a very satisfactory letter from Mr. Harte, and am convinced there has been no gaming at all in the case. However, when you hear from Mr. de Bochat or Madam, in answer to the letter you write, pray send me their letters. A propos of monsieur Bochat, pray tell me in what way I can reward him, for the lectures that he has read to the boy. Should I send him money, how much? If no money, what must I present him with, and to about what value? Tell me without reserve. Make my sincerest compliments to your aunt. Good night.

C.

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