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

Letter XII. To The Same.

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which we have been in, that I have not had a minute's time to pay my separate duty to you. * * * * *

Lord Sandwich embarks for Holland on Sunday night, or Monday morning at farthest. After his arrival, I cannot find in my heart to refuse your visit to Ubbergue*, where I wish I could attend you, and where I desire you would present my respects *a tutte quante*. But I would have you contrive to set out on some Wednesday morning, and return to the Hague on the Monday night, or the Tuesday morning following, by which means you will miss but one post; and so we heartily wish you farewell for to night.

Yours,

CHESTERFIELD.

P. S. I have this minute received yours of the 25th; by the last paragraph of which I find you are a little angry, but not angry enough.

LETTER XII.

TO THE SAME.

London, July 31, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I HAVE received yours of the 4th of August, N. S. but I have so little to say to you by this post, that it is only the satisfaction which I have in writing to you, makes me write to-night.

I have writ to Mr. Harte to inquire at Laufanne of some of monsieur de Bochart's friends, in what way to make him a compliment for the trouble he has been at, and to act accordingly, and likewise to make some present to monsieur de Brenles, when they leave Laufanne, which will now be very soon, for I have ordered them to be at Leipzig by Michaelmas N. S. As they will therefore leave
Laufanne

* The country seat of count Welderen's family in the province of Guelderland.

Lausanne in three weeks, I shall be obliged to you, if you will write to monsieur de Brenles in about a fortnight, to desire that he will send you in the utmost confidence, but with the greatest freedom, the entire analysis of the boy's heart, mind and manners; which in all this time he must know thoroughly, having seen him every day, and in his unguarded hours. It will be of infinite use to me to know all these particulars. I have not yet mentioned, either to the boy or Mr. Harte, any thing of what madame de Bouchat writ to you, that they might not suspect from whence it came, or endeavour to fish it out. But as soon as they are got to Leipzig, they shall hear of it with a vengeance, but so, as that it shall be impossible for them to guess from whence I had it.

I am astonished at the not sending prince Waldeck's corps into the lines of Bergen-op-zoom, where they would, with those troops that were in the lines before, have formed a strength, which might probably have saved the town, whereas, divided as they are, I fear that neither corps is strong enough separately for any purpose. Adieu.

Yours, C.

L E T T E R XIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Aug. 11, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,*

I WAS in doubt, whether I should write to you to-night or not, it being doubtful, whether by this time you have a head upon your shoulders or not. But upon mature deliberation, I determined to write eventually, knowing, at worst, my letter would by no means be the first that had been sent to a minister without a head. I confess the hopes which I have, that the French will raise the siege of Bergen-op-zoom, arise from the apprehensions which they may entertain of you, and the bishop of Raphoe; for otherwise, I see no one thing, that should induce them to it.

I suspect

* An excursion of M. Dayrolles to Bergen-op-zoom with the bishop of Raphoe (Twisden) was the occasion of this letter.