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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 XV. To The Same.

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L E T T E R XIV.

TO THE SAME.

London, Aug. 21, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I AM very glad to find the cannon-balls, bombs, shells, and mines, which you went to visit at Bergen-op-zoom, received you so civilly, as to give you all the entertainment they could afford, without playing you those tricks, which they are apt to do to those, with whom they are more familiar. In short, you are well off, and I am glad of it.

I think, as you do, that the town must fall, and soon, it being impossible for the whole army to march to its relief: at least the duke is convinced of it, though I find that the prince of Orange is of a contrary opinion. That is not, I doubt, the only point, upon which they differ.

I see the 2 *per cent.* tax is not yet laid, and that the states of Holland are separated to deliberate upon it. I own, I much doubt, whether it will be laid, and still more whether it will be levied if laid. Adieu.

L E T T E R XV.

TO THE SAME.

London, Aug. 25, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

* * * * * THE taking of the Russians is, in my mind, eventually a right step, provided we make the right use of it, that is, to treat seriously of peace, with force in our hands for war. For I am convinced that every thing, that does not tend to a peace, is absurd, and will in the end prove fatal.

I have

I have no opinion of your new tax ; and though it may be laid, I believe it will be so lamely collected, that it will not produce any thing like what is proposed. Pray tell me what impartial people think of it.

Don't be distrustful of yourself ; for every body here allows, that it is impossible to do better than you have done. So good night.

Yours,

C.

LETTER XVI.

TO THE SAME.

London, Sept. 11, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

IDON'T acknowledge separately the several letters I have received from you since my last, as you are sensible that I must have received them, and have not always time to answer them.

* * * arrived here the day before yesterday ; but what his business is, is yet a secret to me. * * * * *
He talks more extravagantly than ever poor lord ----- did. Bergen-op-zoom is no loss, the Dutch have more resources than they want ; and though they should lose a province or two this year, they will recover that and a great deal more the next. * * * * *

Adieu, mon cher enfant. (Adieu, my dear child.)

C.

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