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Letter XVIII. To The Same.

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LETTER XVII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Sept. 22, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

* * * * * I AM concerned for the public, which I take to be in a very dangerous situation; as to myself in particular, I am extremely easy. I will continue in public life, while I can do it with honor; and when I cannot, I shall enjoy private life with pleasure, and I hope some reputation. The republic talks and looks big; but neither does, nor I fear can act up to it. And how they will repel dangers of this year, by the force which they are to raise the next, I am at a loss to discover.

I have spoke to Mr. Pelham about your payment, and will take care you shall be paid as soon as, or sooner than, any other foreign minister; and more you must not expect, for a very strong reason, which is, that there is not money.

The parliament will meet the second week in November; till when the town will continue as empty as it is now, and I never knew it emptier. My only amusement is my new house, which has now taken some form, both within and without. There is but one disagreeable circumstance that attends it, which is the expence. Adieu.

LETTER XVIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Oct. 22, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

INCLOSED is a letter for Mr. de Bochat (*a*), which I desire that you will direct properly, and forward to him; for the proper titles are of great importance all over Germany. My letter is an answer to

(*a*) A professor of history and civil law in the university of Lausanne, whose lectures young Mr. Stanhope attended,

to a very civil one, which you sent from him, and at the same time conveys my thanks for his book (a), which, as far as I have read, is, I think, an excellent one. He gives me in the main a good character of the boy, and he has very kindly wrote to professor Mascow (b), to inform him previously of what the boy does or does not know, of his dispositions, character, &c. all which it is right that the professor should know before hand, in order to take his measures the better. * * * * *

Though things go now smoothly, and to the wish of the stadthouder in Holland, I suspect that they will not long continue to do so. The heads, that govern now, are too hot for the old ones that are to obey; and I foresee that the string will be pulled till it breaks. Make my compliments to your aunt. Yours most faithfully,
C.

LETTER XIX.

TO THE SAME.

London, Oct. 16, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

YOU allow me the privilege of a busy man, which is not to write, when he has not time to do it; and that of a lazy man, which is not to write, when he has not a mind to it; but for the two last posts I claim the privilege of a sick man, for I have had confounded rheumatic pains in my shoulder, for which I have been let blood, physicked, and confined; but I am now pretty well again. * * * * *

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(a) *Critical researches into the antient state of the Helvetic body; with an account of the monuments of antiquity found in Switzerland.* That gentleman had published, ten Years before, a critical and political enquiry into the origin of the custom of letting national troops to various powers, practised by the Swiss cantons.

(b) Professor of Laws at Leipsic.