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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 XIX. To The Same.

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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. * * * * *

Has

(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.

Has Kreuningen paid his two *per cent.* and survived it?
Have you seen your old friend? *Bon soir.*

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R XX.

TO THE SAME.

London, Dec. 1, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I RECEIVED but last Sunday yours of the 1st N. S. and there are now two more posts due from Holland.

Though your correspondence cannot, in this season of inaction, be so informing as at other times, it is still the correspondence of a friend; and I value much more what the heart dictates, than what occurrences supply. So write on, when you have leisure, and depend upon your letters being equally welcome to me, however full of, or free from, news. Chetwynd * tells me that you have some doubts, whether you should regularly write your office-letters or not, as you have not great variety of materials for them at present. That is none of your fault. * * * But, however, I can tell you that the king reads your letters with great attention, and is very well pleased with them; therefore continue by all means, and insert every thing, that comes to your knowledge. His majesty loves to hear the little occurrences of every place. * * * *

Pray endeavour to get me an exact account of all the troops now in the service of the republic; distinguishing those that were there before the election of the stadthouder, and those which have been raised since; and likewise an account of the prisoners still in the possession of the French. This account, I know, you can hardly get

* Wm. Chetwynd, esq; under secretary of state in the Northern department.