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Other Articles

Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of Dublin, 1777

Letter XXII. To The Same.

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various hands. Much talking, and very little doing, fanguine folly without force, and obstinacy without judgment. Marêchal de Lowendahl will, I believe, soon talk in a much more effectual manner to Zealand or Breda, though I should rather think the latter; as it is easier, and, with regard to England, of more importance.

If count Nassau will break bones, I presume he will begin with Rodriguez's (a). It is a most scandalous

article.

I have fpoke again about your payment, and have had

fair promises.

I have not yet received Memmon (b); have you read Angola (c)? It is very prettily written. By the first opportunity of a courier, I shall send Kreuningen a cargo of pamphlets, though we have had no good ones of late. Adieu, mon enfant.

LETTER XXII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Jan. 1, O. S. 1747.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

HAVE received your two last letters, and likewise Memnon. I always like the former; but to tell you the truth, I do not so much admire the latter as Kreuningen does, who tells me that he devoured it. I have sent him a load of bad books and pamphlets, by his particular order; for none good have appeared here of late. Pray, make him my compliments, and my excuses for not having yet answered his letter, which I will do soon.

By what you tell me, and by what I hear from other hands, there is much talking and little doing at the Hague; whereas the French, though they love talking as well as other people, feem to be doing, as I fear we shall soon find. I am called away. Good night, dear Dayrolles.

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(a) The writer of the Cologne Gazette.(b) One of Voltaire's philosophical tales.

(c) A very licentious novel, written in the style of Crebillon.