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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
Dublin, 1777**

Letter XXIII. To The Same.

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L E T T E R XXIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Jan. 12, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

THREE mails, which came in together, brought me two letters from you; the case of good things, of which it is often said, that but two of them come over in three ships. The abbé de la Ville's letter, for I am sure it is his, is but superficial; he might have made more of the subject; but, however, it is prettily writ. * * * * *

Whether the tone of that court be peace or war, it differs only in point of time; for a peace there will necessarily be. If prudence makes it soon, it will be so much the better; but if sanguine folly delays it, necessity will, before it is long, make it, and make a damn'd bad one. We have not, nor can have, any force to look the French in the face with, till the middle of the campaign; before which time, they will have struck their stroke, and the republic will beg, instead of refusing, a peace.

I have desired Kreuningen to send me any good new French books that come out, and to give them to you, who will pay him for them, and transmit them to me. And I insist upon your sending me the account, that I may pay you. Our bookfellers here import no books worth two-pence. * * * * *

L E T T E R XXIV.

TO THE SAME.

London, Jan. 26, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

THIS letter goes to you, in that confidence, which I always shall, and know that I safely may, place in you. And you will therefore not let one word of it transpire.
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