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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
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Letter XXIX. To The Same.

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really believe, and many desire, that it should be believed, to have been written by my direction at least: but, upon my word and honor, so far am I from having any hand directly or indirectly in it, that I do not so much as guess at the author, though I have done all I could to fish him out. * * * * *

Pray do not buy me any claret, till you hear further from me, for I am lately informed, that there is great difficulty in importing it here, even in an English bottom. But in the mean time you may be tasting eventually if you please. * * * * *

It is time to finish this letter. Good night then, my dear Dayrolles.

Yours faithfully,
C.

L E T T E R XXIX.

T O T H E S A M E.

London, April 19, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I HAVE received yours of the 19th N. S. The situation of the republic is now exactly what six months ago I foresaw, and foretold, it would be; there was indeed no conjuration in that prediction, nothing having happened since, that was not the necessary effect of causes well known then. * * * * *

If you should by accident know or hear of a *Vander Pol*, pray let the person know, that I am very much obliged to him for his correspondence, which is very instructive, and that I beg he will continue it. I do not know who he is, and if you should, do not send me his name in a letter by the post; for I know that most letters from, and to, me are opened.

I am not yet able to guess who wrote my apology, which I am the more surprized at, as it must be somebody pretty well informed, all the facts being very near true. An answer to it is advertised, but not yet published. I am
impatient

impatient to see it, that I may know, as I easily shall when I read it, whether it is written by order or not; if it is not, I shall not meddle with it; but if it is, it shall have a reply.

Pray tell my baron, that I have received his letter, and will answer it before it is long. He will be able to send me all the little French books that come out, when marêchal de Saxe, with his army, will be at the Hague; for then all the French officers will be at the baron's levee, and glad to shew him those little civilities.

The duke of Devonshire will, I believe, resign soon, and be succeeded by the duke of Marlborough. Adieu, dear Dayrolles.

Yours sincerely,
C.

L E T T E R X X X .

T O T H E S A M E .

London, May 3, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

MY prophecy, as you observe, was fulfilled *sonica*, which I heartily congratulate both you and myself upon; for, had not that part of my predictions come to pass in the moment that it did, the other part would, which was inevitable ruin. Had not the French politely signed the preliminaries when they did, but resolved to profit of the advantages, which they had in their hands, we were undone. Most people here are astonished at the moderation of the French court, and cannot account for it from any known rules of policy. Deep and profound historians, who must assign some great and political cause for every event, will likewise, I believe, be at a loss to assign such a one for this. But I, who am apt to take things in a more simple light, and to seek for their causes more in the weaknesses than in the wisdom of mankind, account for it in this manner. The king of France, who is a quiet, unambiti-
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