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### **Miscellaneous works Of The Late Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl Of Chesterfield**

Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various  
Other Articles

**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of  
Dublin, 1777**

Letter XXX. To The Same.

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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,  
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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,

**M**Y 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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ous prince, was weary of the war, and particularly of a camp life, which, as he had once adopted, he could not well lay aside, while the war lasted. The French courtiers are not so unskilful, as not to advise what they know their prince wishes, no matter whether it be consistent with, or contrary to, the public interest. \* \* \* \* \*

I do not wonder in the least at the general joy, which you tell me is expressed at the Hague upon this occasion, from the princess and the baron, to the fisherman at Scheveling. \* \* \* \* \*

When you happen to see *l'ami of Amsterdam*, tell him, pray, that I am obliged to him and his *ami*, and that I hope they will continue to let me hear from them. In the hand and the other circumstances in which they write, the devil cannot discover them here; all the care that is necessary is only to put their own letters privately into the post.

I believe the king will set out from hence next Saturday sevensnight; I suppose that you will be at Helvoet to meet him, where I desire you will be particularly attentive to do lady Yarmouth any services that you can; she deserves them from us both, being much my friend, and yours.

*Adieu mon enfant; portez-vous bien.*

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LETTER XXXI.

TO THE SAME.

London, May 13, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

**Y**OU answered the prince of Orange's question, concerning me, perfectly well; far from blaming the peace, I am heartily glad that it is made. I was for making it sooner, and consequently better. I foresaw and foretold our weakness this campaign, and would have prevented, by a timely negotiation last October, those evident dangers, to which it must necessarily expose us, and which we have escaped, more by our good fortune than our wisdom.