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Other Articles

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Letter XXXI. To The Same.

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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.

LETTER XXXI.

TO THE SAME.

London, May 13, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

YOU 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.

dom. I may add that my resignation made this peace, as it opened people's eyes with relation to the imminent dangers of the war. * * * * *

The republic is saved by it from utter ruin, and England from bankruptcy.

The king sets out this night or to-morrow morning for Holland, attended only by Mr. Stone. It is given out that the duke of Newcastle is to follow in three weeks: but that is only given out, but not intended; for I have reason to be pretty sure that he will not go at all. The king would not let either of the secretaries go to Hanover: but as the duke of Bedford has strongly solicited to go, in case the duke of Newcastle did not, it is to be said that the latter is to go, in order to put off the former without offence.

Sir Matthew Decker goes in the yacht with Stone, and will be some time at the Hague, where I desire that you will do him all the service, and shew him all the civilities, that you can. * * * * *

Lord Sandwich has asked leave to come over here for a little time upon account of his own private affairs.

I have heard of no new minister named for the Hague, but I am told that there is to be one. I should guess lord Fane, who solicits much to go to Spain, but has been refused. The duke of Richmond, I believe, will go to Paris as ambassador for the representation part, which part he will certainly do well.

Yours most truly,

CHESTERFIELD.

LETTER XXXII.

TO THE SAME.

London, June 10, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I WAS glad to find by your last, that the king and you are so well together, though, if you are to be demolished, that intimacy will not serve you. An ambassador will certainly be sent to the Hague; but who it will be, I have