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

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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

have not yet discovered, nor do I believe that it is settled. Should it be one person, whom I am apt to suspect, I will answer for your being very well with him, and for his doing you all the service he can. The duke of Newcastle will be with you about the same time as this letter will; he relies upon your doing every thing for him at the Hague; you may easily guess what a hurry he will be in, in this beginning of his travels; therefore be officious about him.

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I have had a letter from sir Matthew Decker, full of your praises, and of acknowledgements for your civilities to him.

I am now extremely busy in moving to my new house, where I must be before Michaelmas next, so that, between my old house and my new one, I have really no house at all. As my new house is situated among a parcel of thieves and murderers, I shall have occasion for a house dog, and as madame's son and heir, (a) puts you to the expence of board wages, it may be a conveniency to us both, if you transfer him to me; if you approve of this proposal, write to your gardener (Horace and Boileau both wrote to theirs) to send him to me; and I will take care that by your return, you shall have a hopeful son and heir of his to succeed him.

Pray, give or send the enclosed to sir Matthew Decker, to whom I do not know where to direct. Tell my baron, that I have received his *Droit public de l'Europe* (b), that is, the first volume of it. As far as I have gone yet, I like it mightily. I hope he will send me all the other volumes. I will write to him soon. Good night.

Yours most truly,

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(a) A dog which was called, baron Trenck, from a famous captain of freebooters, employed in the service of the queen of Hungary, and no less distinguished by his bravery than by his violences exerted upon friends and foes, for which he was called to an account, and condemned to a perpetual confinement.

(b) A very good book, on the political interests and claims of the European powers; by abbé Mably.