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Dublin, 1777**

Letter XXXVI. To The Same.

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L E T T E R XXXV.

TO THE SAME.

Cheltenham, July 18, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

* * * * * I DO not see that things tend to quiet in the republic; the people, having now carried one point *, will want twenty more, of which the stadtholder must refuse at least nineteen. This use, however necessary, of his power, will exasperate those who gave it him; and the confusion which must arise from this is obvious. I thank God, I am out of the galley; but however I wish it fair weather, and a good voyage. I leave this place in two days for London. I have been here three weeks, and find myself much the better for the waters. In about a fortnight, I shall go for a week to lord Pembroke's, at Wilton, which will be my last excursion for this year, and then I shall settle in my new house, under the protection of baron Trenck. I hope, that by next summer, when peace shall have taken a certain consistency, you may get leave to make us both a visit. You will not, I believe, be sorry, and upon my soul I shall be glad. Good night.

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R XXXVI.

TO THE SAME.

London, Aug. 16, O. S. 1748.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I RECEIVED your last, while I was at Wilton, which place Pem has improved so much that I hardly knew it again. It is now in my mind the finest seat in England. I am

* The abolition of all the taxes farmed and gathered by the excise-officers called *Pachters*.

I am returned to a very empty town, which I can bear with very well ; for if I have not all the company that I could like, I am at least secure from any company that I do not like, which is not the case of any one place in England but London. Besides, I have time both to read and to think ; the first I like ; the latter, I am not, as too many are, afraid of. The rest of the day is employed in riding, and fitting up my house, which, I assure you, takes a good deal of time, now that we are come to the minute parts of finishing and furnishing.

I am very glad that the prince of Orange has carried the affair of the *posteries**, at Amsterdam : it is a great point gained for the public, as that revenue must be very great, and much greater than it was ever owned to be, while in private hands. If he will only push such points as are of an evident national utility, he will carry them all, notwithstanding the private or public opposition of particular interests. Queen Elizabeth was, in this free country, as absolute as the sultan is in Turkey ; but then the nation was convinced, that she only desired and exerted that power, for the public good.

I cannot think that the definitive treaty will be concluded so soon as we were told it would ; and I cannot help entertaining certain suspicions, from the queen of Hungary's conduct, which I will not communicate to you by way of letter. * * * * *

Pray tell my baron, that I have received his packet of books, by signior Martinelli, and that I am sorry that I put him both to the expence and trouble of sending me the history of the wars between France and the house of Austria, which is an execrable one, notwithstanding my friend Roussel's panegyric of it in his preface.

Yours sincerely,

CHESTERFIELD.

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* Till this time, the management and direction of the post-office were in the hands of private persons, who had the sole benefit of the profits raising from them.