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

Letter LIII. To The Same.

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I am in debt, at least three, if not four, letters to my baron, who is a most excellent correspondent. I will pay him soon in much better coin than my own letters, for I shall send him, by the first opportunity, a good cargo of good books and pamphlets. Pray, make him my compliments, and tell him that I will write to him soon.

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I hear nothing yet of lord Holderneffe's going to Holland.

Yours most faithfully,

C.

LETTER LIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, May 9, O. S. 1749.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

THE person, who will give you this letter, is the nephew of monsieur Boissier, a rich, and for all that a very honest, merchant of the city, from whom I have received many civilities. He is a Swiss, and probably you know him by name and reputation. This nephew is desirous to get into the service of the republic; and I wish that you could be useful to him in that view. I do not mean, nor does he, that you can procure him a commission; but we think that you may be able to point out to him *le moyen d'y parvenir*, (the way of succeeding) whatever that may be. If it be sollicitation, you will tell him where to address it; if a private tip, you will tell him where to apply it. In short, I am sure that, from the part I take in him upon his uncle's account, you will do him what service you can.

By the way, do not apprehend from this, that I shall plague you often with recommendations of this kind; for I have refused them to several people, and shall continue to do so to nine in ten. They desire impertinent, unreasonable, or impossible things, and then desire

desire that I will recommend them to you, because they are sure that I have great interest with you. My answer to which is, that I verily believe I have interest with you, and for that very reason will not recommend to you an impertinent or an impossible thing.

I am now assured that lord Holderness, though he has not yet kissed the king's hand, will go in three weeks at farthest; so that in six, I hope to see you here. I need not tell you how glad I shall be of it. We have not been so long asunder since we loved one another, as we still, I believe, do. *Adieu.*

L E T T E R L I V,

T O T H E S A M E.

London, June 9, O. S. 1749.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

AS I find by your last, that your stay in Holland will now be but short, my letters will be so too. We can talk more fully as well as more freely than we can write. * * * * *

Hop* shewed me yesterday the print of your fireworks; they seem to be so fine and so expensive, that, considering the present necessitous condition of the republic, they put me in mind of a good *fanfaron* motto upon a French standard, *Peream modo luceam*; (I will shine though I perish). I should have told you first, that the device was a bursting grenado.

My boy, who was going to the carnival at Venice, was suddenly seized with a violent inflammation upon his lungs, at a miserable post-house, two posts beyond Laubach, in Carniole, where he remained in great danger for twelve days. He is now recovering at Laubach; and by this time, I hope, out of all danger. However, as soon as the heats are over, that is, at the latter end of September, I intend to send him to Naples, the best place in the world for

* Lieutenant-general Hop, envoy extraordinary from the States General.