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Letter LIV. To The Same.

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defire that I will recommend them to you, becaufe they are fure that I have great intereft with you. My anfwer to which is, that I verily believe I have intereft with you, and for that very reafon will not recommend to you an impertinent or an impoflible thing.

I am now affured that lord Holderneffe, though he has not yet kiffed the king's hand, will go in three weeks at fartheft; fo that in fix, I hope to fee you here. I need not tell you how glad I fhall be of it. We have not been fo long afunder fince we loved one another, as we flill, I believe, do. Adieu.

LETTER LIV,

TO THE SAME.

London, June 9, O. S. 1749.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

A S I find by your laft, that your flay in Holland will now be but fhort, my letters will be fo too. We can talk more fully as well as more freely than we can write.

Hop* fhewed me yefterday the print of your fireworks; they feem to be fo fine and fo expensive, that, confidering the prefent neceffitous condition of the republic, they put me in mind of a good *fanfaron* motto upon a French ftandard, *Peream modo luceam*; (I will fhine though I perifh). I fhould have told you first, that the device was a burfting grenado.

My boy, who was going to the carnaval at Venice, was fuddenly feized with a violent inflammation upon his lungs, at a miferable poft houfe, two pofts 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 foon as the heats are over, that is, at the latter end of September, I intend to fend him to Naples, the beft place in the world for

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

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for tender lungs, and his are fo yet. I fhall fend him a letter of recommendation to marquis Fogliani, who is the only perfon I know there; and as there is no Neapolitan minifter here, that will be the only letter I can give him. Could you eafily get a letter or two for him, from monfieur Finochetti ? If you can, you may bring them with you here, and I can fend them to him time enough from hence. You will remember to call him my nephew. I am told, that the princefs Strongoli and general Mahoni are the two beft houfes there.

The parliament is to be prorogued next Tuesday, when the ministers will have fix months leifure to quarrel, and patch up, and quarrel again. Garrick and the Violetti will likewise, about the fame time, have an opportunity of doing the fame thing, for they are to be married next week. They are desperately in love with each other. Adieu; je languis de vous voir.

LETTER LV.

TO THE SAME.

London, June 23, O. S. 1749.

DEAR DAYROLLES.

HAVE this inftant received your letter of the 27th N. S. which I am very little able to anfwer, having been ill of a fever ever fince Sunday laft, and this being the firft day that I have been allowed to go out of my bed-chamber. I am very weak, partly from the diftemper itfelf, and partly from being ftarved. On Monday, I fhall go to Blackheath for a week, which I hope will reftore me. But I would not delay making you eafier than you feem to be at prefent, about the event of your letter to the duke of Newcaftle. I happened to meet him laft Saturday at Boden's country houfe, where he told me that Stone had that morning delivered him a letter from you, afking leave to come here for a very fhort t me. I told him, that I fuppofed

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