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L E T T E R L X I I .

T O T H E S A M E .

Bath, Oct. 5, O. S. 1751.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I AM heartily glad to find that you nicked your passage to Holland so well; for a day or two later, it would have been a bad one, I mean for madam Dayrolles, *car pour vous, vous avez le pié marin*, (for as to you, you are used to the sea) and moreover are minister to the master of the seas.

I have been here now just three weeks, though I have drank these waters but a fortnight, upon account of a most confounded cold, which I got at my first arrival. However I find *du mieux*, as Rodrigue happily expresses himself in his gazettes, and I expect a thorough vamp, before I leave this place, which I shall do just time enough to exhibit a brown suit, with a very rich gold button, at the birth-day. * * * *

I am astonish'd at Slingelandt's being displeas'd, that I did not answer, or rather reply to his letter, for mine was an answer to his. He tells me an anecdote, a fact, which I dare say is a very true one; well, what answer is to be made to it? none that I know of, unless I had laid hold of that opportunity to have kept up a regular correspondence with him; and, to say the truth, my literary correspondence is already more extensive, than my eyes, my head, or my laziness will admit of.

I am glad of the accounts you give me of my baron and Duncan, both whom I love; and pray tell them so. I will write to the former soon, though this is not a place from whence I can write him a letter to his mind. Here I neither enquire, nor know any thing of the busy world. I hardly read a news-paper. Thank God, I am safe and quiet on shore; and as I do not intend to put to sea again, why should I study navigation any more? I read here a great deal; but then it is partly for my own amusement, and partly for
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for the improvement of my little friend, who is with me. In that way he labours most willingly, and is even for more of it than I desire to give him. But what I labour at most, and find the most difficulty in is, to give him *les manières, la politesse, et la tournure* of a man of fashion. He thinks that knowledge is all; there I differ from him, and endeavour to convince him, that, without manners and address, it is very useless. However, I gain ground, and he is already very different from what you saw him. He makes his compliments to you and madam Dayrolles. Pray make mine to her too, and tell her, that, time out of mind, there has always been, *un vieux Dayrolles, et un jeune Dayrolles*, and that, as you cannot now claim the latter appellation, it is incumbent upon her to make us a *jeune Dayrolles, dans la fabrique duquel je la prie très instamment de mettre beaucoup du sien*, (in the fabric of whom I earnestly beg she would contribute a good share). Before you leave the Hague, pray remember to beg or steal for me some melon-seed of the *largest* and best canteloupes. The older it is, the better. *Adieu, mon cher enfant*. I am, with the truest affection,

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R LXIII.

TO THE SAME.

London, Oct. 28, O. S. 1751.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I Arrived here but last night from Bath, which journey delayed till now my answer to your last. I have brought with me from Bath a stock of health, which, with my œconomy, will, I think, last me for a year, and I pretend now to no more. Formerly I was foolish enough to think of no more than *au jour la journée*, and now I am wise enough to expect no more than *de l'an à l'année*.

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