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L E T T E R LXV.

TO THE SAME.

London, Dec. 6, O. S. 1751.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

OUR long friendship neither requires nor allows ceremony and compliments. We are, I dare say, reciprocally glad to write to each other, whenever business does not interfere on your part, or laziness on mine; in either of which cases be it understood, that the party at leisure, or in humour, *va toujours son train*, whether the other answers or not.

Colonel Yorke has, I suppose, brought you your pass to Brussels, which I suppose too that you will soon make use of. The sooner the better; in the present situation of affairs in the United Provinces and at St. James's, that of an English minister at the Hague is not to be envied, *elle sera scabreuse*, (it will be difficult). * * * * *

In all events you will be out of the scrape, and I am very glad of it. If you get into any at Brussels with monsieur le marquis Botta d'Adorno*, it will be of no great consequence, as he is not in very good odor here.

Our parliament is so unanimous, that the house of lords hardly sits at all, and the house of commons seldom till three o'clock, to the infinite grief of the speaker, who, I believe, would now willingly change with the first president of the parliament of Paris, which makes a greater figure at present. The *beau monde* is not quite in such a state of inaction. * * * * *

I have sent my baron some bad books by colonel Yorke, whose departure did not give me time to send him the others, that he desired, which I will do by the first opportunity. I will send him two copies of *Hammond's elegies*, of which he will send you one to Brussels, if you are there before he receives them. His tender turn is a new one, and may possibly remove his fear of collision with human

* Her imperial majesty's minister plenipotentiary in the Low Countries.
bodies.

bodies. Pray, return him my thanks for *les mémoires de Brandebourg*, which I have at last received from lord Holderness, with a sybil's leaf, which I snatched and saved from the wind. Pray, make my compliments to Mrs. Dayrolles.

Yours faithfully,

C.

L E T T E R LXVI.

TO THE SAME.

London, Jan. 14, O. S. 1752.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

YESTERDAY I received yours of the 21st, N. S. You have done very wisely in leaving the Hague, and presenting your memorial without further order; for had you waited here, for the return of it revised, corrected, and amended by his grace, you would have seen not only the funeral of the late, but the majority of the present, stadthouder; two objects that appear very difficult to be settled. If the *gouvernante* be not both in earnest and in haste to have a proper provision made for the probable case of her death, she must be mad. Her son's life possibly may, but his power certainly will, depend upon that previous care. The *quomodo* will not be so difficult there as it was here, there being no uncles in the question.

By all that I have heard of the character of the prince of Brunswick*, I should wish him to be the intermediate stadthouder under proper restrictions. A prince supported by any considerable power, or a Dutchman by any considerable party, might be equally dangerous; as on the other hand, a number of guardians of the several provinces would be so like the former republican government, that it might possibly revive it. * * * * *

* Prince Lewis of Brunswick.

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