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L E T T E R LXVIII.

, T O T H E S A M E .

London, March 17, O. S. 1752.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

WERE you half the œconomist you are supposed to be, you would not pay for my letters, but return them to the postman. If they only tell you, that I am your sincere friend and servant, they tell you nothing new. You have known it long, and the repetition of that assurance is not worth the shilling it costs you. Any news, they can tell you, will, I fear, not be new news, and nothing is so dull as old news. Fresh virgin news, whether of a public or a private nature, does not come to my share; nor is it the object of my enquiries.

The chapter of the garter, as I dare say you already know, was held last Friday. I was at it, and so was at least half the town. The countess of Coventry appeared as such, for the first time, at the chapter, and was afterwards presented to the king, and, in the news-paper style, met with a most gracious reception.

The king sets out for Hanover as soon as ever he can, and that, I believe, will be within three weeks. Much business is intended to be done at Hanover this year: the election of the king of the Romans is to be attempted, which, I think, will now meet with very great difficulties, and two years ago would have meet with none. France and Prussia have had time to work against it, and I fear with success, at least with so much, that it will now be the most contested, and the most important affair, that hath happened these many years. It must have great, and God knows what, consequences. France is able, but, I hope, at present not inclined, to quarrel. The house of Austria is always inclined to quarrel, though seldom able. The king of Prussia is inclined to fear Russia; but Russia is inclined to English subsidies, which England cannot pay, and without which he will not fear Russia. The republic of the United Provinces is totally impotent. Three of the electors will
 protest

protest against the other six, and the *princes* will protest against all the electors, as to the question *an*. This great business will engross the attention of all Europe this year; so that, I believe, the *barrière* and the *tarif* will be pretty much neglected till the next. In the mean time, I advise you and Mr. Mitchell to divert yourselves as well as ever you can at Brussels. But whenever you do proceed to business, remember to put the Dutch ministers in the front of the battle, and sustain them in every thing. As they are the most immediately concerned, you may trust to them as to their demands; but then you must take care to support them with so much vigor, that wherever they fail, as in many points they will, they may not lay the blame, which they would be willing enough to do, upon the slackness and indifference of the English commissaries, which would hurt you both here.

My compliments to madame Dayrolles; and so we bid heartily farewell.

C.

L E T T E R LXIX.

T O T H E S A M E.

London, April 17, O. S. 1752.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I DID not expect to have heard from you so soon, well knowing the variety of trifling business, which always takes up more time than great business, that you must have been plagued with of late. I wish you joy of your good delivery from it. * * * *

I am very glad to hear, that the election of the King of the Romans is in so fair a way. It tends eventually to preserve the peace of Europe, which, I am sure, is very necessary for this country in particular. Pray, let me know as soon as you know, when and where that election is likely to be. My reason for thus interesting myself, as to the time and place of it is upon account of my boy,
who,