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Letter LXIX. To The Same.

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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 Bruffels. 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,

who, I am determin'd, shall be at it; and I would adjust the other parts of my plan for his motions, to that circumstance. He is to leave Paris in about six weeks, and to go through the courts upon the Rhine in his way to Hanover, where I did not propose his arrival till September. But if the election should be sooner, he must be there sooner, because he is to go to that election in the *suite* of one of the king's electoral ambassadors, the only way, in which strangers, who are otherwise excluded the town upon that occasion, can see that ceremony. Next March, he shall make his court to you at Brussels for a month or two, where I will beg of you to employ him in your *bureau*, in the things of no importance, and also that you will make him read those pieces, and give him those verbal instructions, which may put him *au fait* of the affairs of the *barrière* and the *tarif*.

I am of your opinion, that your conferences upon these points will break up, as they have often done already, *re-infecta* §. Nay, considering the resolution, which you think is taken, of making Flanders once more a commercial country, it will be well if insensibly the Schelde be not opened, and the port of Antwerp restored, like that of Dunkirk, though contrary to treaties. That would be the last finishing stroke to the commerce of the United Provinces, and would extremely affect ours.

I have been extremely deaf, and consequently extremely dull, this last fortnight. I am something better now, though far from being restored to my former hearing. As I have no cold, nor any bodily disorder to ascribe this deafness to, as symptomatical only, it makes me the more uneasy, by reviving in my thoughts my strong hereditary right to it; a right, which, as I do not indefeasibly allow even in kings, I would by no means exert as a private man, but would very willingly part with it to any minister, to whom hearing is often disagreeable, or to any fine woman, to whom it is often dangerous. But, whether deaf or dumb, blind, or lame, for I am come to the period, at which one has only one's chance of different ills, I shall be invariably and sincerely,

Yours,
C.

§ Which actually proved to be the case,

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