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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
Dublin, 1777**

Letter LXXVI. To The Same.

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I have ordered Mr. Stanhope to pass six weeks in Flanders, making Bruffels his head quarters. I think he cannot know it as he should do in less time; for I would have him see all the considerable towns there, and be acquainted and *faufilé* at Bruffels, where there is a great deal of good company, and, as I hear, a very polite court.— From thence he is to go to Holland for three months. Pray, put him *au fait* of the Hague, which nobody can do better than you. I shall put him into Kreuningen's hands there, for the reading, and the constitutional part of the republic, of which I would have him most thoroughly informed. If, by any letters, you can be of use to him there, I know you will. I would fain have him know every thing of that country, of that government, of that court, and of that people perfectly well. Their affairs and ours always have been, and always will be, intimately blended; and I should be very sorry that, like nine in ten of his countrymen, he should take Holland to be the republic of the seven united provinces, and the states-general for the sovereign. *Mais a force d'être sourd je deviens bavard,* (deafness makes me loquacious,) so a good night to you with madame Dayrolles; and I think that is wishing you both very well.

Yours most sincerely,

CHESTERFIELD.

L E T T E R LXXVI.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, Oct. 25, 1752.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I Have this instant received yours of the 17th. If you are not partial to what belongs to me, I will hope, by your account, that your little friend is improved in his air and manners; there was undoubtedly great room for it. If he does not divert himself so well at Bruffels, as from the reputation of Bruffels one might expect, he will

will only have the more time to inform himself of the very many things, that he ought to know relatively to Flanders. I am as much obliged to you for your intentions to lodge him in your *hôtel*, as if he were actually lodged there; but I do seriously and earnestly insist that he be not your lodger. When he comes even to London, he shall not lodge in my house, though it is full big enough to hold him; but youth and spirits never do well under the same roof with age and gravity. Do not think from this, that I call you an old fellow. God forbid! but you will allow yourself to be something older, and rather graver, than a boy of not quite one and twenty.

I think I gain a little ground by pumping my head, and by all the other operations which I undergo here; but it is very little. *Adieu, mon cher enfant.*

Yours faithfully,

C.

L E T T E R LXXVII.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, Oct. 30, 1752.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I Am very sure that you are much more concerned than I am, at the accident, that happened between you and marquis de Botta, relatively to my boy. My greatest concern arises from the apprehensions, that it may possibly affect you at that formal court; if it does not, there is no harm done. You conducted yourself in the whole affair, with all the prudence of a man much less irascible than you naturally are, especially where your friends are concerned. As for the boy himself, people in his situation must sometimes expect disagreeable things of that nature; and I have made use of this incident in my letter to him, to shew him how necessary it is for him to counterbalance this disadvantage, by superior merit and knowledge,