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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
Other Articles

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Letter LXXXI. To The Same.

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LETTER LXXXI.

TO THE SAME.

London, April 6, 1753.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

* * * * * * * * HERE is a comte de Paar arrived from Brussels, who brought me a letter from my old friend, and your present ally, monsieur Van Haaren §. He dines with me to-morrow, though God knows that, deaf as I am, I am very unfit to do the honors of either my own country, or my own house, to foreigners. He seems to be a very good sort of man, without la morgue

Autrichienne, (the Austrian pride.)

I am now, for the first time in my life, impatient for the summer, that I may go and hide myself at Blackheath, and converse with my vegetables d'égal à égal, which is all that a deaf man can pretend to. I propose to migrate there in about three weeks, and idle away the summer, without fearing, or wishing, the return of winter. Deaf as I am, I would not change the interior quiet and tranquility of my mind, for the full possession of all the objects of my former pursuits. I know their futility, and I know now, that one can only find real happiness within one's felf. Adieu, my dear friend.

Yours affectionately,

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LETTER LXXXII.

TO THE SAME.

London, May 25, 1753.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

Suspended the course of my letters for some time, from mere compassion to you. Dull they must be from one, who has neither business nor pleasure, and whose fancy must consequently stagnate. Our friendship only can

§ The Dutch minister at Brussels.

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