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Letter LXXXVIII. To The Same.

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they might still shew me, would only distress me, and make me feel more sensibly my inability of either returning or hearing them. I know comte de Lannoy and others at Brussels; but, in my present situation, I should dread to see them; and I hope I shall have all Spa to myself, and my friend and doctor Garnier, who goes along with me, during our residence there.

I am too much *isolé*, too much secluded from either the busy, or the *beau monde*, to give you any account of either. The accounts of my own microcosm I have given you; a scurvy one it is, much shattered and decayed; but the heart, that still animates it, is, most sincerely and faithfully,

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R LXXXVIII.

T O T H E S A M E.

London, April 2, 1754.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

* * * * * THE preliminaries for our meeting at Brussels have been sooner and better settled, than those for the tarif and barrière were. I am to find myself with sleep, and you are to find me with every thing else, that is, you are to *treat*, you are to furnish the matter, and I am to digest it as well as I can. *A propos*, this suggests to me a little commission, which you must allow me to trouble you with. I shall not carry my cook with me to Spa, both for my own sake and his. He is a very good cook; but as he has no settled aversion to drinking, he would find bad wine and bad company very cheap there, and be spoiled. Besides he would tempt me with things which, as I am resolved not to eat of, I am determined not to see, while I am at Spa. I wish, therefore, that you could find me at Brussels an humble *marmiton*, *tournebroche*,
or

or other animal, who could roast and boil decently, and do nothing more. If you can find such a being, pray engage him for me, at so much certain a week, including wages, board wages, and every thing, from the 30th of this month. As, in going to Spa, I shall stay but one whole day and two nights at Bruffels, I think I need not take any other name for privacy's sake. For let who will know of my arrival, as to be sure comte Lannoy must, *ne bougeant de chez vous je serai à l'abri des visites*, (not stirring from your house I shall escape visits.)

You have heard, no doubt, of the very many removes at court, occasioned by Mr. Pelham's death, more, I believe, than were ever made at any one time, unless in a total change of ministry, which is by no means the case at present, the power being continued, and in my opinion more securely than ever, in the same hands. I will not therefore repeat to you what you have already found in the news-papers, and the office letters. Still less will I trouble you with the millions of absurd reasonings, and speculations, of the uninformed, and almost always mistaken, volunteer politicians. But, when we meet, I will tell you the few things, that have accidentally come to my knowledge, and that I have reason to believe are true. This in the mean time is certain, that the parliament will be dissolved next Saturday, and that the writs for the new one will be issued on the Tuesday following, the 9th. After which day, till forty days afterwards, you may depend upon it, that much the greater part of this kingdom will be uninterruptedly drunk. My boy will be chosen without the least opposition or trouble. * * * It was absolutely necessary for him to be in parliament. He is now at Manheim, and is to come to me at Spa, from whence, in our return to England, he will kiss your hands at Bruffels. I flatter myself that he will do in the house of commons, where *les manières, les attentions, et les graces*, are by no means the most necessary qualifications. Good night.

Yours most faithfully,

C.

L E T.