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Letter XCII. To The Same.

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Spa, June 12, 1754

DEAR DAYROLLES,

OTHING is changed in my arrangement as to this place; and I believe that you are very fure that nothing is, as to my defire of feeing you here or any where. I will complete my two months, however unwillingly, in this deteftable place, that I may have nothing to reproach myfelf with when I leave it, which will be about the 17th or 18th of next month. You shall have good beef here, and fuper-excellent mutton, one entire sheep weighing but fix and twenty pounds. You fhall alfo have admirable champaign and rhenish; every thing elfe is as detestable as the place or the company. * * * * * * * *

Pray make my compliments to my old and good friend your aunt, and to all others at the Hague, who may chance to remember and inquire after fo infignificant a being as

Your faithful servant,

LETTER XCII.

TO THE SAME.

Blackheath, August 1, 1754.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

. Thousand thanks to you and Mrs. Dayrolles, for your kind and friendly reception at Bruffels, and your company at Spa. As those fentiments are the first in my mind, my first letter from England shall convey them. a third and the second the second states

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My journey home would have been as good as I could have wished, had I not been immediately preceded by lord and lady Cardigan, who, travelling with fix and thirty horfes, fometimes left me none, but at best tired ones. However I fcrambled to Calais about noon on Sunday, where I found the wind directly contrary, but polite enough to change exactly at the time I wanted it the next morning, and to waft me to Dover in lefs than five hours. From thence I fet out for my hermitage, and arrived here on Tuesday evening, fafe and found, my ears excepted. This, I find, is my proper place; and I know it, which people feldom do. I converfe with my equals, my vegetables, which I found in a flourishing condition, notwithftanding the badnefs of the weather, which has been full as cold and wet here as we had at Spa. I wish I could fend you fome of my pine-apples, which are large and excellent : but without magic that cannot be done, and I have no magic. Contentment is my only magic, and, thank God, I have found out that art, which is by no means a black one.

I have neither heard nor afked for news; and fhall certainly tell you none, when I tell you that I am, most faithfully and affectionately,

Yours,

LETTER XCIII.

TO THE SAME.

Blackheath, Sept. 25, 1754.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

GOULD my letters be lefs dull, they fhould be more frequent; but what can a deaf vegetable write to amufe a live man with? Deaf and dull are nearer related than deaf and dumb. This, though the worft, is not all that hindered me from acknowledging your laft fooner, for I have been very much out of order