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### **Miscellaneous works Of The Late Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl Of Chesterfield**

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

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

Letter CIV. To The Same.

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though indeed but little, better than I was. I am still excessively weak and dispirited, and do not expect to regain much strength or spirits, till I have been a few days at Bath, which never fails to vamp me for a time. I set out for it to-morrow morning.

My nephew, sir Charles Hotham, either now is, or will be very soon at Bruffels. I recommend him to your care, during his stay there. I am told by those who have seen him lately, *qu'il a l'air, et les manières d'un bonnête homme* \*, but that he is rather of too grave and solitary a turn; therefore, pray thrust him into company as much as possible, and when you have analysed him thoroughly, send me freely and sincerely your opinion of him. Pray, remember, no lodging in your house.

Yours most sincerely,

C.

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L E T T E R C I V .

T O T H E S A M E .

London, April 5, 1756.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I HAD but one reason for not acknowledging, long before now, your last letter, which reason was that I could not. I went, as you know, ill to the Bath; I continued ill there, and returned from thence still worse. I am now very far from being well, and am this moment going to settle at Blackheath, for the sake of sleeping in a purer air, and more exercise, though I believe to very little purpose; for, if I do not much mistake, I think I am very near *le bout de mon latin*, (the end of my career.) In this languid and miserable state, you will easily judge that I am little informed of public matters, and must consequently

\* *Honnête homme* means no more in the French style than a man of fashion.



consequently be little informing, so I shall not pretend to send you any news from hence.

I suppose that sir Charles Hotham and Tollot (*a*) are by this time at Bruffels, to both whom I desire that you will make my compliments; and pray tell Tollot, that I received his letter, which I will answer as soon as I am able, if ever I am able.

Do you think of coming over this year with your family, as you intimated when I saw you at Bruffels, or will the present strange situation of affairs keep you there this summer? Whatever you do, may it be for the best! for all happiness both to you and yours, is most sincerely wished by, dear Dayrolles,

Your most faithful friend  
and servant,  
CHESTERFIELD.

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LETTER CV.

TO THE SAME.

Blackheath, April 30, 1756.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I DELAYED answering your kind inquiries after the state of my existence, in hopes of being able to have given you by this time an account of it more satisfactory to us both, and I now write these few lines, in order not to give you a worse some time hence, than I can at present. In truth, I am in so miserable and fluctuating a state, that I can in no one hour judge what, nor where, I shall be the next.

It would undoubtedly be improper for you to ask leave to come here this summer; and were I in your place, I would

(*a*) Dr. Tollot of Geneva, travelling governor to sir Charles Hotham.