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Letter CXIII. To The Same.

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I look upon to be, by this time, in the same situation with Saxony; the fatal consequence of which is but too obvious. The French are masters to do what they please in America. We are no longer a nation. I never yet saw so dreadful a prospect (*a*).

As Colloredo (*b*) and Zöhrn (*c*) are recalled from hence, without taking leave, I suppose you will receive the same orders from hence; which must be very inconvenient to you. * * * * *

I am rather in a better state than I have been in for some time past; and as a proof of it, I went post thirty miles beyond York, to make a visit of four days only to sir Charles Hotham, and was back here, at my hermitage, the eleventh day. However, you must not judge from this, that I have recovered my health and strength of seven years ago; but only that I am a less miserable and uneasy being to myself, than I have been these last two years. If my body will but let me alone, while it lasts, I am satisfied; for my mind, I am sure, will. Adieu, my dear friend.

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R CXIII.

T O T H E S A M E.

Blackheath, Aug. 15, 1757.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I HAVE this moment received your letter, and am, as you will easily believe, much concerned at your present situation, and the more so as I know that no man in Europe has a quicker sense of distresses than you have. This occurs to me, though problematically, to prevent some of the inconveniencies you mention. Why should you not stay at the Hague, till Mrs. Dayrolles is brought to bed, and

(*a*) Subsisting only in the noble writer's imagination, which was rendered somewhat gloomy by his own melancholy situation, and his feelings for his country.

(*b*) The envoy and minister plenipotentiary from the Imperial to the British court.

(*c*) Secretary of embassy from the same court.

and in the mean time have your children inoculated by the professor. Besides, as the war must soon now be at an end, (for it is evident that neither we, nor our only ally, the king of Prussia, can carry it on three months longer;) perhaps you may have a better chance of recovering your old employment, or of getting some other of that sort, by being ready on the other side of the water than on this. All that I can do, you are sure that I will do. I will speak strongly to his grace; but whether he can serve you, or who can, is much above my skill to discover; for, in the present unaccountable state of our domestic affairs, no man knows, who is minister, and who not. We inquire here, as the old woman at Amsterdam did long ago, *où demeure le souverain?* (where does the sovereign live?)

In my retirement, and with my deafness, and other infirmities, I am useless to you, and to every body else; but in my sentiments, I am not the less warmly and faithfully,

Yours,

C.

LETTER CXIV.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, Dec. 10, 1757.

I PASS over lightly the arrival of the young lady, to congratulate you very heartily upon Mrs. Dayrolles's recovery from pain and danger. My compliments to her thereupon.

I am glad that Keith goes soon to Russia; he will execute his orders, I believe, faithfully, but I wish we had somebody there, who could occasionally soften, or invigorate, his instructions, venture to take something upon himself, insinuate rather than propose, and, according to occurrences, say more or less than he thinks; but where is this man? I am sure I do not know him. I wish the king of Prussia could and would send a very able fellow,
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