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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 CXVII. To The Same.

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This is the season of compliments, consequently of lyes, I will therefore make you none, at such a suspicious time. You know, I love you, Mrs. Dayrolles, and all who belong to you both: guess the rest.

Yours, faithfully,

C.

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L E T T E R C X V I I .

T O T H E S A M E .

Blackheath, June 10, 1763.

DEAR DAYROLLES,

I Heartily congratulate you upon your gout, it is a certain cure for all your other complaints.—It is a proof of present riches, and a certain pledge of their future increase.—It is a sign of long life; for it is well known that every man lives just as long after the first fit of the gout, as he had done before it.

Though this fit has been a very slight and short one, it is, however, an earnest of frequent and beneficial returns of it.

It is a grant of health for life, not in the power of kings and courts to give or take away; and therefore more valuable than all the places and reversions, which his majesty has been pleased to grant lately to so many of his faithful subjects.

As an introduction to this last favour, it pleased heaven to grant you previously a great share of exemplary patience, to enable you to make a right use of it.

But after all, if comparison lessens calamities, and that you should grumble a little at some trifling shootings and throbbings in your foot, any lady can assure you, that they are nothing when compared to the pangs of child-bearing.

God bless you and Co. very seriously; for I am very seriously and sincerely

Yours,

CHESTERFIELD.

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