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

Letter CXXII. To The Same.

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Since you are your own steward, do not cheat yourself; for I have known many a man lose more by being his own steward, than he would have been robbed of by any other: tenants are always too hard for landlords, especially such landlords as think they understand those matters and do not, which with submission may possibly be your case.

I go next week to the Bath, by orders of the skilful; which I obey, because all places are alike to me; otherwise, I expect no advantage from it. But in all places, I shall be most faithfully

Yours,

C.

LETTER CXXII.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, Jan. 15, 1757.

RECEIVED of sir Thomas Robinson, baronet, two letters, the one bearing date the 10th, and the other the 13th of this present month, both containing great information and amusement; for which I promise to pay at sight my sincerest thanks and acknowledgments. Witness my hand.

CHESTERFIELD.

This promising note is all that, in my present state of ignorance and dullness, I can offer you, for pay I cannot. The attempt upon the king of France was undoubtedly the result of religious enthusiasm: for civil enthusiasm often draws the sword, but seldom the dagger. The latter seems sacred to ecclesiastical purposes; it must have a great effect upon him one way or other, according as fear or resentment may operate. In the former case, he will turn bigot, which

which is the most likely. In the latter he would turn man, which I do not take to be easy for him. In either case, the priesthood or the parliament must be desperate. And with all my heart.

I am impatient to read some of the 209 letters addressed to your humble servant, under the name of Fitz Adam; for God forbid that I should read them all.

Though Archibald Bower, esq; has used a great deal of paper, he has not, in my opinion, wiped himself clean; a noble friend of ours loves sudden and extraordinary conversions; but, for my part, I am very apt to suspect them.

I shall so soon have the pleasure of seeing you in person, that I will spare you upon paper, and only assure you, *en attendant mieux*, that I am most faithfully

Yours,

C.

L E T T E R CXXIII.

T O T H E S A M E.

Bath, Nov. 30, 1767.

S I R,

I CANNOT conceive why you will not allow your letter to have been a news letter; I am sure I received it as such, and a very welcome one too. However, I am glad you do not reckon it one, for that makes me expect another very soon, according to a good custom, which I hope you will not break through now.

I ask no politics, they are both above and below me. I have quite lost the clue to them, and should only bewilder myself, if I were to put my head into that labyrinth. The three great strokes of lord ——— I approve of. The inclosure of the king's

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forests,