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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
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THE originals of the letters to the bishop of Waterford were entrusted with me, by that venerable prelate, after he had sent me copies of all, made under his eyes.

The letter to Dr. Whitecombe, and that to the late Dr. Madden, are only printed from copies, for which I am indebted to the same benevolent friend.

From him also I received the six original letters to Thomas Prior, esq; a man, whose philanthropy, and zealous attachment to the real interests of his country were deservedly applauded, and strenuously encouraged, by the earl of Chesterfield.

Most of the notes subjoined to these letters were sent me by the bishop of Waterford, and contain such informations, as he alone could give. A few of my own I have ventured to add, but only in cases where some elucidation seemed requisite.

Sir John Irwine, knight of the Bath, and commander in chief of his majesty's forces in Ireland, was pleased to communicate such of the letters from his noble friend, as he judged worthy of the attention of the public. Though several of them were written while the general was either in England or abroad, yet, as most relate to Irish affairs, it was thought proper to insert them in this book.

The three last letters, viz. two from Dr. Swift to lord Chesterfield, and one from his lordship to the Dean, though printed before, were too remarkable to be detached from a collection, intended in a great measure to preserve the original features of persons, equally distinguished by their humor and their wit.*

** Those of the Dean, in his Works, vol. VIII. in 4to. lord Chesterfield's, in Hawkesworth's Collection of Dr. Swift's Letters.*

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