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

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LETTER II.

TO THE SAME.

DEAR DOCTOR, Spa, July 4, N. S. 1741.

I T was with real concern that I heard you were ill, and it is with equal truth that I hope this will find you perfectly recovered: that virtue, which makes you fit, and it may be, willing to die, makes those who are acquainted with it, as I am, unwilling you should; therefore take care of your health, and let it not be affected by a too great sensibility of those misfortunes that inseparably attend our state here. Do all you can to prevent them, but, when inevitable, bear them with resolution; this is the part I take with relation to my own health: I do all I can to retrieve and improve it, and if I acquire it, I will do all I can to preferve it; my bodily infirmities shall as little as possible affect my mind, and so far at least I will lessen the weight of them.

These waters have already done me so much good, that I have reason to expect a great deal more from them, and I expect still more benefit from passing my autumn afterwards in constant travelling through the south of France: thus you fee I anticipate eventually the good, which is at least so much clear gain, let what will happen afterwards; do fo too, dear doctor, and be as well, and as happy, as you are fincerely wished to be by,

Your most faithful friend and servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

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