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LETTER III.

TO THE SAME

DEAR DOCTOR,

London, March 6, 1742.

I WILL not tell you that I am sorry for your Southwark disappointment *, because, as the Irishman said, I think you have got a loss; and considering the charge of removing, and the increase of your expence by living in London, I am sure you would have been no gainer by your preferment, and yet you would have been looked upon by the court as provided for. I need not tell you, I am sure, how much I wish to be able to contribute to the advantageous change of your situation; but I am sure too, that I cannot tell you when I shall; for, till I can do it consistently with my honour and conscience, I will not do it at all, and I know you do not desire I should. The public has already assigned me different employments, and among others that which you mention; but I have been offered none, I have asked for none, and I will accept of none, till I see a little clearer into matters than I do at present: I have opposed measures, not men, and the change of two or three men only is not a sufficient pledge to me that measures will be changed, nay rather an indication that they will not; and I am sure no employment whatsoever shall prevail with me to support measures I have so justly opposed. A good conscience is in my mind a better thing than the best employment, and I will not have the latter till I can keep it with the former: when that can be, I shall not decline a public life, though in truth more inclined to a

* "The Southwark disappointment, which his lordship alludes to, was my not getting the parish of St. Olave's, when it became vacant, which had been promised me, upon his lordship's first coming from Holland, by sir Robert Walpole, on the recommendation of lord Chesterfield and lord Scarborough. On this promise not being kept, the latter complained to the king himself, and in a strong manner, of the little regard which had been paid to his recommendation in my favour."

Letter from the bishop of Waterford.

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private one. You did very well to hinder your friend, Mr. Hutchins*, from taking a useles journey. I have heard a very good character of him, and shall be very glad to do for him when in my power; but he must naturally suppose too, that I have some prior engagements to satisfy, and you will possibly think it but reasonable that you should be my first care; at least I think so, for I am very faithfully yours,

CHESTERFIELD,

My compliments to Mrs. Chenevix.

L E T T E R I V.

T O T H E S A M E.

London, Nov. 3, 1743.

DEAR DOCTOR,

AS this is a begging letter, I think I should begin in the usual style of those epistles, and tell you that past favours embolden me to ask for new ones, and that your ale was so good that I wish you would send me a little more of it. By the time it lasted me, (for I drank the last bottle yesterday,) you may judge, that I mean literally but a little more; and if you send me more than you did last time, it will only be spoiled before it is drank.

My brother John told me he left you at Nottingham in perfect health, which I was extremely glad to hear, it being in my mind impossible for a man not to be happy with good health and a good conscience like yours. Money may improve, but cannot make happiness; and though I wish it would improve yours, yet in the mean time, I am convinced that there are many more people in this kingdom that have reason to envy your situation, than to prefer their own to it.

* Mr. Hutchins was a very worthy clergyman beneficed in Leicestershire, and a distant relation of his lordship.

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