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LETTER VI.

TO THE SAME.

Hague, April 27, N. S. 1745.

DEAR DOCTOR,

I TOLD you, at first, not to reckon too much upon the success of my recommendation: and I have still more reason to give you the same advice now; for it has met with great dissiculties, merely as mine, and I am far from knowing yet how it will end. Pray, give no answer whatsoever to any body, that either writes or speaks to you upon that subject, but leave it to me, for I make it my own affair; and you shall have either the bishoprick of Clonfert, or a better thing, or else I will not be lord lieutenant. I hope to be in England in about a fortnight, when this affair must and shall be brought to a decision *. Good night to you.

Yours,

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* When the king refused his consent to the making me a bishop, he directed lord Harrington, then secretary of state, to acquaint lord Chesterfield that he would comply with his application in favour of any one, except me. His lordship's answer was, that he would not continue lord lieutenant of Ireland, except I had the vacant bishoprick. One of the reasons given by his majesty, was, because he was told I wrote political pamphlets against the administration, which was absolutely false; for I declare, in the most solemn manner, that I never wrote any pamphlet whatever, and I further declare; that lord Chesterfield never employed me to negotiate for him any political transaction, though fir Robert thought fo, because I used to go to his lordship every morning at eight o'clock, and had the honor to flay with him till he was dreffed. In consequence of this, I was informed, upon the best authority, that a person used to follow me upon my going out of his lordship's house; and as I sometimes went from lord Chesterfield to lord Scarborough, fir Robert thought I carried messages from one to the other, which I never did. There was no occasion for my doing it, as lord Scarborough made no fecret of his going to lord Chesterfield; for I have seen him myself go from his lordship to sir Robert, they living opposite to each other, in St. James's Square. Another reason the king gave for his refusal, was because lord Scarborough had complained to him, with some warmth, of the little regard that had been shewed to his recommendation in my favour.

Perhaps another reason was, that his majesty was glad to cross his lordship's recommendation in my favour, knowing the great regard and affection he was so good to have for me.

From the bishop of Waterford.

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