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

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

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## L E T T E R XX.

TO THE SAME.

Bath, Nov. 14, 1754.

MY DEAR LORD,

**K** NOWING, by long experience, the kind part you take in whatever concerns me, I delayed acknowledging your last letter, in hopes of being able, in some time, to give you a better account of my health than I could then have done. I had just at that time, had a very severe return of my old vertiginous complaint, which, as usual, left my whole animal system weak and languid. The best air in England, which I take that of Blackheath to be, a strict regimen, and a proper degree of exercise, did not restore, I might almost say, revive me. I sought therefore for refuge here, and thank God, I have not only found it, but in some measure recovery too. The disorders of my head and stomach are intirely removed by these waters, which I have now drank three weeks; so that I may reasonably hope that the three weeks more, which I propose passing here, will set me up for part of the winter at least: for at my age, and with my shattered constitution, I am not fillily sanguine enough to expect a radical cure. I consider myself here, as an old decayed vessel, of long wear and tear, brought into the wet dock, to be careened and patched up, not for any long voyage, but only to serve as a coaster for some little time longer. How long that may be, I little know, and as little care; I am unrelative to this world, and this world to me. My only attention now is to live, while I do live in it, without pain, and when I leave it, to leave it without fear.

I hope that you, your young family, and *tutti quanti*, are all well. May you long continue so! I am, my dear lord,

Your most faithful friend and servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

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