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Letter XLV. To The Same.

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L E T T E R XLV.

T O T H E S A M E.

Blackheath, June 9, 1761.

M Y D E A R L O R D,

TO satisfy your kind impatience concerning my health, I am obliged to take up the pen myself, though little able to conduct it. Poor White has been very ill these two months, and part of the time in great danger, from a violent fever, which returned after such short intervals as left him no time to recover any strength; but now fortunately all his complaints have centered in a very severe fit of the gout, which I hope will set all right. He has lived with me now above forty years; we were young and healthy together, we are old and crazy, and seem to be tending to our last stage together. This is the natural course of things, and upon the whole we have neither of us any cause of complaint. As to myself, I am one day better, and another worse; and my state of vegetation, for it is no more, is a lingering and a drooping one.

Lord Halifax will be with you at the end of September, or the beginning of October. I am sure he will make you a good governor, and I hope a popular one; for I know he goes firmly resolved to do all the good he can to Ireland. He understands business, and, what is more, loves it; he has steadiness and resolution to govern you well himself, and he will not be governed by undertakers. Adieu, my dear lord; my head, and my hand, both call upon me to trouble you no longer.

I am your most affectionate friend,

and faithful servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

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