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Consisting Of Letters to his Friends, never before printed, And Various
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**Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of
Dublin, 1777**

Letter LVII. To The Same.

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nistry, who loved a little persecution well enough, was however wise enough not to disturb these madmen, and only ordered one Powel, who was the master of a famous puppet-show, to make Punch turn prophet, which he did so well, that it soon put an end to the prophets and their prophecies.

I have been *unwell* of late, and have been let blood twice this week, which has done me so much good, that I am now better than I was before my disorder; but, well or *unwell*, I am always,

My dear lord,

Yours,

CHESTERFIELD.

L E T T E R LVII.

TO THE SAME.

London, May 17, 1766.

MY DEAR LORD,

I Received your kind letter yesterday, and forwarded the inclosed according to your directions. It is true I was long in your debt; but it is as true too, that I am no longer, as I once was, the pen of a ready writer; both my head and my hand seem to decline writing; in short, *Non sum qualis eram* (I am no more the man I formerly was). My state of health, which you are always kindly inquisitive about, is just as you left it. I am too old to expect it to mend, and thank God it declines but gently, and I rather glide than tumble down hill.

I heartily congratulate you upon the good effects of your bill, and it is almost pity that you have no sins for this act of charity to cover. Adieu, my dear lord.

I am most faithfully yours,

CHESTERFIELD.

P. S. My compliments to your son.

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