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### **Miscellaneous works Of The Late Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl Of Chesterfield**

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

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

Letter LXIII. To The Same.

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L E T T E R LXIII.

T O T H E S A M E .

London, March 29, 1768.

M Y D E A R L O R D ,

I AM ordered by my little boy to fend you the inclosed for your son, which I hope you will do with my compliments: I thank you for your letter, and also for your red flannel, which I have received, and in which I am at this time very comfortably wrapped up.

It is not either worth your while or mine to tell you of the riots and tumults, which the general election produces in this island, as you will soon see a duplicate of them in Ireland. In this country it is Wilkes and Liberty, for ever, huzza! in that of Dublin, I suppose, it will be Lucas and Liberty for ever. For my own part, I say, *Beatus ille qui procul negotiis!* (Happy the man who lives remote from public business!)

I am, my dear lord,

Most faithfully yours,

C H E S T E R F I E L D .

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L E T T E R LXIV.

T O T H E S A M E .

Blackheath, June 25, 1768.

M Y D E A R L O R D ,

I Cannot fend you a satisfactory answer to the inquiries your friendship prompts you to make concerning my health; for I am not ill, and very far from being well. I suffer no pain nor sickness, but on the other hand I enjoy

joy no health : I feel what the French call a general *mal-aise*, and what we call in Ireland an *unwellness*. This awkward situation I impute to seventy-five, which will account for any physical ill ; and mine is, thank God, more a privation of health than any one positive ill. *J'en connois de plus miserables* (I know some that are worse off), though the greater sufferings of any of my fellow creatures, will never be the least comfort to me under mine.

I am very glad you have placed your son upon the first step of the ecclesiastical ladder. *Felix faustumque sit!* may he rise as high as he wishes himself! I chid my boy for not acknowledging his letter, but he excused himself, by saying that he had so much writing of his task upon his hands that he had very little time. The truth I take to be, that to so young a penman a letter is a laborious work, and requires time.

I congratulate the poor upon your being their champion, and you upon your success in so good a work. It becomes your honest and compassionate heart, and your character in the church. Adieu, my dear lord. I am,

Most sincerely and affectionately,

Yours,

CHESTERFIELD.

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L E T T E R L X V .

T O T H E S A M E .

Bath, Oct. 30, 1768.

M Y D E A R L O R D ,

**T**HIS morning I received your most friendly inquiry after my wretched constitution ; the best that I can say of it is, that it is not worse, but I think, rather a shade better than it was six months ago. I can walk upon my three legs half an hour at a time, and repeat that exercise