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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 LXVI. To The Same.

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exercise three or four times in a day; which I could by no means have done when you saw me in my go-cart at Blackheath. I have now been here a fortnight, and am something the better for the water, especially as to bathing, which supples my old, stiff, and almost ossified limbs.

Here is a young man of your country, a lord Mountmorris, whom I take to be a very hopeful one. I am told that he has distinguished himself already in your house of lords, as a speaker, and you are extremely well with him. He is very warm from the honesty of his heart, as a young and honest heart always is.

I find by all accounts that your lord lieutenant is very popular, and will not enrich himself by the lieutenancy. I even question whether he will get so much by it as I did, for I can assure you I got five hundred pounds clear upon the whole.

Good night, my dear lord, I believe I need not tell you that no man living can be more sincerely your faithful friend and servant than

CHESTERFIELD.

P. S. Lady Chesterfield sends you many compliments, or rather truths.

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L E T T E R LXVI.

TO THE SAME.

Blackheath, July 9, 1769.

MY DEAR LORD,

**T**HE only reason that I had for not writing to you sooner, was that I could not, which I dare say you will allow to be a sufficient one. I have, for these last three months, had an inflammation in my eyes, which hindered me from either writing or reading; and this letter is almost the first, as well as the most pleasing service they have done me. You will easily judge how irksome

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it must have been to a man, who has lost his ears these last twenty years, to lose his eyes, though but for three months. It is losing my livelihood, for I live only upon reading, incapable of any other amusement. Nature has laid very heavy taxes upon old age; and I must pay my share of them, be it what it will.

I congratulate you heartily upon your success in detecting and punishing the worst sort of thieves, those sacrilegious robbers of the poor.

As for the papists of Ireland, you know I never feared them, but, on the contrary, used them like good subjects, and to a certain degree made them such, for not one man of them stirred during the whole rebellion. Good usage, and a strict adherence to the gavel act, are the only honest and effectual means that can be employed with regard to the papists.

You do not tell me one word of your family, in which you are very sure that I interest myself very sincerely. Have you another grandson or grand-daughter, and are those you have already all well? I look upon you now as a patriarch. I am sure you have all the virtues of any that I ever read of. I am, with the greatest truth and affection,

My dear lord,

Your most faithful friend and servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

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L E T T E R LXVII.

T O T H E S A M E.

Bath, Nov. 21, 1769.

M Y D E A R L O R D,

**A** Thousand thanks for your kind letter; you inquire after my health, in which I well know that you warmly interest yourself; but I can hardly return you a precise answer; I am turned of seventy six, a sufficient distemper