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LETTER LXXIV.

TO THE SAME.

London, July 15, 1746.

SIR,

I Acknowledge the favour of your two letters of the 3^d, and 5th; they were doubly welcome to me, as coming from one, who I know wishes so well to the public as you do, and as they brought me good accounts of the progress you make in your public-spirited views. The manufacture of glass bottles cannot possibly fail, but from want of care and industry; for as the price of glass bottles is risen considerably here, upon account of the new duty, if you would but make them in Ireland, you are sure of sale for them; and I should hope, at least that, considering the close connection there is between bottles and claret, this manufacture, *though your own*, may meet with encouragement. I think you are in the right to do it as quietly as can be, and to give your premiums without publishing them, not to alarm our glass people here; though in truth it could never be thought reasonable, nor would it, I dare say, ever be attempted here, to prohibit any manufactures in Ireland, merely for home consumption.

The paper you gave me in Ireland, though good, was not so good as it should, and as I am sure it might be with care. It was too spongy and bibulous, which proceeds only from want of care, in chusing and sorting the best rags. Some premiums for this purpose will have a great effect; and I am convinced that, if this manufacture were carefully and diligently pursued, you might in time not only entirely supply yourselves, but us too, with great part of that paper, which we now take from Holland and other countries. But then, indeed, you must make it cheap as well as good, and, contrary to your custom, content yourselves with less present profit, in order to get possession of a future and permanent advantage.

I have

I have not yet taken any step concerning the charter for the Dublin society, and I confess to you I have great doubts about it. Your society, as it is, does so very well, that I am afraid of touching it. However if you and others, who, I am sure, mean well, and can judge well, think upon the whole that a charter would be beneficial, I will endeavour to get one.

You did extremely right to open the Spaniard's letter to me, and, in consequence of it, to proceed in that humane manner with him. His post was a very considerable one in the West-Indies, and is never given but to people of consideration. In that light he deserves to have regard shewn him; but still more, in my mind, from being unfortunate. I have writ to him by this post, in answer to his. As you tell me that part of the cargo of the ship is snuff, which I should think, must be good, I shall be obliged to you, if, when it comes to be sold, you will send me twenty pounds of the strongest and deepest coloured, and ask Mr. Lingen for the money.

The death of the king of Spain must produce good effects in Italy at least.

I received a very kind letter from my charter-school apostle, the bishop of Meath, which I have not time to answer by this post, but I will soon.

I am, with the esteem which you deserve,

Your faithful friend and servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

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