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

Letter LXXXII. To The Same, at Dublin.

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Christmas at Rome, which, at all events, I think you ought to see; that is, the grand jubilee, which is celebrated but once in fifty years. So that, young as you are, if you do not see it then, you probably never will; and, upon so extraordinary an occasion, I cannot suppose that your father will refuse to prolong your leave of absence. For my own part, I think it so well worth seeing, that I send my young traveller there, though it very much shortens the stay which I originally intended that he should make at the academy at Turin. I return you my sincere thanks for the favour of your letter, with the inclosed speech of monsieur de Richelieu, which is perfectly in character, and, I dare say, all his own.

Any instance of your friendship and remembrance will always be agreeable to one, who is, with those sentiments of esteem, with which I am,

SIR,

Your most faithful humble servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

L E T T E R LXXXII.

T O T H E S A M E, at Dublin.

London, Oct. 26, 1749.

SIR,

YOU judge very right in believing that I take a part in what concerns Ireland; I do, and always shall, though an unavailing one. You judged as right too, in thinking that no accounts of that country could come to me from a more welcome hand than yours. Nothing can be better or more clearly stated, than your account of the present *important* transactions relative to Charles Lucas apothecary at Dublin, who, I believe, is the first apothecary that ever was voted an enemy to his country. That apothecary's stuff, of which, till now, only the recipes were printed, will henceforwards be universally taken, and make a part of the Dublin Dispensatory. In the
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book of holy martyrs, there are many Charles Lucases, whose names would hardly have been known in their own times, but certainly never transmitted down to ours, if they had not been broiled a little; and the obscure Dr. Sacheverell's fortune was made by a parliamentary prosecution, much about the same time that the French prophets were totally extinguished by a puppet-show. Great souls are sometimes desirous to purchase fame at the expence of their bodies. If Charles Lucas, apothecary, is one of those, one should congratulate him upon this occasion. But if his views were, as from his profession I should be very apt to think they were, of a much *lower nature*, one ought to condole with him upon the suspension of them, at least for some time. In this uncertainty I withhold my compliments of either kind, to Charles Lucas, apothecary.

But let us come to a better subject. Pray are you major, or only captain still? For greater security I direct this to you, by the latter title, but if in so doing I injure you, I will publish my recantation upon the back of my next. But in either case, I hope you have not laid aside the thoughts of going abroad again. You have travelled a little with great profit; travel again, and it will be with still greater. The knowledge of the manners, the language, and the government of the several countries of Europe is well worth two years delay of military promotion, supposing that should be the case. I am, with great truth,

Your faithful humble servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

LET.