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Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope of

Dublin, 1777

Letter LXXXVII. To The Same.

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Are there are no hopes of feeing you in England this fummer, and have you any of getting into the new parliament? I fhall take a longer journey as foon as the feafon will give me leave, for I fhall go to drink the waters of Aix-la-Chapelle and Spa, in hopes of recovering fome degree of my ftrength and fpirits, which my late illnefs robbed me of, not to prolong my life, for which I affure you I would not take fo much trouble, but to make it lefs burthenfome while it lafts. Deafnefs alone is a fufficient misfortune, but weaknefs and difpiritednefs, added to it, complete it. From fuch a being as I am, this letter is already too long, and may probably infect you with the ennui, which the writer commonly feels, except in the moment in which he affures you that he is, with the greateft truth,

Your most faithful humble fervant,

CHESTERFIELD.

Pray, make my compliments to my good friend the doctor.

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L E T T E R LXXXVII.

TO THE SAME.

London, March 15, 1757,

SIR,

HE inftallation is to be at Windfor on this day fortnight the 29th; it is a foolifh piece of pageantry, but worth feeing once. The ceremony in the chapel is the most folemn, and confequently the fillieft, part of the show. The tickets for that operation are the pretended property of the dean and chapter. I will take care to procure you one. I will also try to procure you a ticket for the feast, though it is full late. There you will dine very ill and very inconveniently, but however with the comfort of hearing the ftyle TO HIS FRIENDS. B. III. L. LXXXVII.-LXXXVIII. 417 ftyle and titles of the puiffant knights proclaimed by Garter king at arms. I take it for granted that Mrs. Irwine is to be of your Windfor party, and I will endeavour to accommodate you both as far as I can. She made you too favourable a report of my health which you have too eafily believed, from wifhing it true. It is vegetation at most, and I should be very forry if my fellow vegetables at Blackheath were not in a more lively and promising state than

Your most faithful servant,

CHESTERFIELD.

LETTER LXXXVIII.

To the Honourable Colonel IRWINE.

Indorfed, August 1762.

SIR,

I SHALL be most extremely glad to fee you and the good company you mention to-morrow at dinner. I have not feen the doctor fince he has given himself up to women, and I was afraid that he had forgot me.

Mr. Hutchinfon* is one whom I have wanted long to fee, more than he could to fee me; but what is the worft of it is, that I am in the cafe of ***** with relation to him, which is, that I cannot fee him, without his feeing me. However, you will let him know that I have been dead thefe twelve years, by way of preparing him to fee a mind and body equally decayed. I am, with the greatest truth and efteem,

Your most faithful humble fervant,

CHESTERFIELD.

Sunday night.

* The present provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

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