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In Nine Volumes Complete. With His Last Corrections, Additions, And Improvements; As they were delivered to the Editor a little before his Death

Being The Third of his Letters

Pope, Alexander

London, 1751

CXI. Relating to the projected edition of his works.

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any in contributing to make me a scribler again^a, I know not.

LETTER CXI.

April 23, 1742.

MY letters are so short, partly because I could by no length of *writings* (not even by such as lawyers write) convey to you more than you have already of my heart and esteem; and partly because I want time and eyes. I can't sufficiently tell you both my pleasure and my gratefulness, in and for your two last letters, which shew your zeal so strong for that piece of my idleness, which was literally written only to keep *me* from sleeping in a dull winter, and perhaps to make others sleep unless awaken'd by my Commentator; no uncommon case among the learned. I am every day in expectation of Lord Bolingbroke's arrival: with whom I shall seize all the hours I can; for his stay (I fear by what he writes) will be very short.—I do not think it impossible but he may go to Bath for a few weeks, to see (if he

^a He had concerted the plan of the fourth book of the *Dunciad* with the Editor the summer before; and had

now written a great part of it; which he was willing the Editor should see.

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be then alive, as yet he is) his old servant—
In that case I think to go with him, and if
it should be at a season when the waters are
beneficial (which agree particularly with him
too) would it be an impossibility to meet you
at Mr. Allen's? whose house, you know, and
heart are yours. Tho' this is a mere chance, I
should not be sorry you saw so great a genius,
tho' he and you were never to meet again.—
Adieu. The world is not what I wish it; but
I will not repent being in it while two or three
live.

I am, &c.

LETTER CXII.

Bath, Nov. 27, 1742.

THIS will shew you I am still with our
friend, but it is the last day; and I would
rather you heard of me pleased, as I yet am,
than chagrin'd as I shall be in a few hours. We
are both pretty well. I wish you had been
more explicite if your leg be quite well. You
say no more than that you got home well. I
expect a more particular account of you when
you have repos'd yourself a while at your own
fire-side. I shall inquire as soon as I am in
London,

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