



## **The Works Of Alexander Pope Esq.**

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Being The Second of his Letters

**Pope, Alexander**

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XIV. To the Hon. Mrs. ---

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*Some Joy still lost, as each vain Year runs o'er,  
And all we gain, some sad Reflection more!  
Is this a Birth-day? — 'Tis, alas! too clear,  
'Tis but the Fun'ral of the former Year.*

Your, &c.

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L E T T E R XIV.

To the Honourable Mrs. ———

June 20.

**W**E cannot omit taking this occasion to congratulate you upon the encrease of your family, for your Cow is this morning very happily deliver'd of the better sort, I mean a female calf; she is as like her mother as she can stare. All Knights Errants Palfreys were distinguish'd by lofty names: we see no reason why a Pastoral Lady's sheep and calves should want names of the softer sound; we have therefore given her the name of Cæsar's wife, Calpurnia: imagining, that as Romulus and Remus were suckled by a wolf, this Roman lady was suckled by a cow, from whence she took that name. In order to celebrate this birth-day, we had a cold dinner at Marble-hill<sup>a</sup>, Mrs. Susan offered us wine upon the occasion,

<sup>a</sup> Mrs. Howard's house.



and upon such an occasion we could not refuse it. Our entertainment consisted of flesh and fish, and the lettice of a greek Island called Cos. We have some thoughts of dining there to-morrow, to celebrate the day after the birthday, and on friday to celebrate the day after that, where we intend to entertain Dean Swift; because we think your hall the most delightful room in the world except that where you are. If it was not for you, we would forswear all courts; and really it is the most mortifying thing in nature, that we can neither get into the court to live with you, nor you get into the country to live with us; so we will take up with what we can get that belongs to you, and make ourselves as happy as we can, in your house.

I hope we shall be brought into no worse company, when you all come to Richmond: for whatever our friend Gay may wish as to getting into Court, I disclaim it, and desire to see nothing of the court but yourself, being wholly and solely

Your, &c.

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