



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

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Death

Containing The First of his Letters

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XXI. From Mr. Wycherley.

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FROM MR. WYCHERLEY. 45

of in their absence) yet will give you even in your absence their good word; and the critics only hate you, for being forced to speak well of you whether they will or no: All this is true upon the word of

Your, &c.

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L E T T E R XXI.

From Mr. WYCHERLEY.

Aug. 11, 1709.

**M**Y letters, so much inferior to yours, can only make up their scarcity of sense by their number of lines; which is like the Spaniards paying a debt of gold with a load of brass money. But to be a *plain dealer*, I must tell you, I will revenge the raillery of your letters by printing them (as Dennis did mine) without your knowledge too, which wou'd be a revenge upon your judgment for the raillery of your wit; for some dull rogues (that is the most in the world) might be such fools as to think what you said of me was in earnest: It is not the first time, your great wits have gain'd reputation by their paradoxical or ironical praises; your forefathers have done it, Erasmus and others. For all mankind who know me  
must



must confess, he must be no ordinary genius, or little friend, who can find out any thing to commend in me seriously; who have given no sign of my judgment but my opinion of yours, nor mark of my wit, but my leaving off writing to the public now you are beginning to shew the world what you can do by yours: whose wit is as spiritual as your judgment infallible: in whose judgment I have an implicit faith, and shall always subscribe to it to save my works, in this world, from the flames and damnation.—Pray, present my most humble service to Sir William Trumbull; for whom and whose judgment I have so profound a respect, that his example had almost made me marry, more than my Nephew's ill carriage to me; having once resolv'd to have revenged myself upon him by my marriage, but now am resolv'd to make my revenge greater upon him by His marriage.

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L E T T E R   XXII.

From Mr. W Y C H E R L E Y.

April 1, 1710.

**I** Have had yours of the 30th of the last month, which is kinder than I desire it should be, since it tells me you cou'd be better pleas'd to be

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