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XXIV. Mr. Pope to the Earl of Halifax.

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berly—A curse on the word Party, which I have been forc'd to use so often in this period ! I wish the present reign may put an end to the distinction, that there may be no other for the future than that of Honest and Knave, Fool and Man of sense ; these two sorts must always be enemies ; but for the rest, may all people do as you and I, believe what they please, and be friends.

I am, &c.

L E T T E R XXIV.

To the Earl of HALLIFAX^a.

My LORD,

Dec. 1, 1714.

I Am obliged to you both for the favours you have done me, and for those you intend me. I distrust neither your will nor your memory, when it is to do good : and if ever I become troublesome or sollicitous, it must not be out of expectation, but out of gratitude. Your Lordship may either cause me to live agreeably in the town, or contentedly in the country, which is really all the difference I set between an easy fortune and a small one. It is indeed a high

^a See the note on *v* 116. of his Imit. of the first Satire, Book ii. of Horace.

strain of generosity in you, to think of making me easy all my life, only because I have been so happy as to divert you some few hours: but if I may have leave to add, it is because you think me no enemy to my native country, there will appear a better reason; for I must of consequence be very much (as I sincerely am)

Yours, &c.

^a L E T T E R XXV.

Dr. PARNELLE to Mr. POPE.

I Am writing you a long letter, but all the tediousness I feel in it is, that it makes me during the time think more intently of my being far from you. I fancy, if I were with you, I could remove some of the uneasiness which you may have felt from the opposition of the world, and which you should be ashamed to feel, since it is but the testimony which one part of it gives you that your merit is unquestionable. What would you have otherwise, from ignorance, envy, or those tempers which vie with you in your own way? I know this in mankind, that when our ambition is unable to

^a This, and the three Extracts following, concerning the Translation of the first

Iliad, set on foot by Mr. Addison, Mr. Pope has omitted in his first Edition. P.

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