



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

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Containing The First of his Letters

**Pope, Alexander**

**London, 1751**

XVII. The Earl of Oxford's answer.

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only copy whereof I send you) but you never shall suppress that great, sincere, and entire respect, with which I am always,

My Lord,

Your, &c.

L E T T E R XVII.

The Earl of OXFORD to Mr. POPE.

S I R, Bramton Castle, Nov. 6, 1721.

**I** Received your packet, which could not but give me great pleasure, to see you preserve an old friend in your memory; for it must needs be very agreeable to be remember'd by those we highly value. But then how much shame did it cause me, when I read your very fine verses enclos'd? my mind reproach'd me how far short I came of what your great friendship and delicate pen would partially describe me. You ask my consent to publish it: to what streights doth this reduce me? I look back indeed to those evenings I have usefully and pleasantly spent, with Mr. Pope, Mr. Parnel, Dean Swift, the Doctor, &c. I should be glad the world knew You admitted me to your friendship, and since your affection is too hard for your judgment, I am contented to let the world



FROM SEVERAL PERSONS. 367

world know how well Mr. Pope can write upon a barren subject. I return you an exact copy of the verses, that I may keep the Original, as a testimony of the only error you have been guilty of. I hope very speedily to embrace you in London, and to assure you of the particular esteem and friendship wherewith I am

Your, &c.

OXFORD.





FROM SEVERAL PERSONS. 307

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