

LETTERS
TO THE
KING,
THE
Prince of ORANGE,
THE
Chief Ministers of State,
AND OTHER
PERSONS.

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THE P R E F A C E.

5 **T**HE following Papers are the last of this, or indeed of any kind; about which
 the Author ever gave me his particular Commands. They were Corrected
by Himself; and fairly Transcribed in his Life time. I have in all Things
followed his Directions as strictly as I could: But Accidents unforeseen having
 10 since intervened; I have thought convenient to lessen the Bulk of this Volume. To
which End I have Omitted several L E T T E R S Addressed to Persons with whom
this Author Corresponded without any particular Confidence, farther than upon
account of their Posts: Because great Numbers of such L E T T E R S, procured out of
the Office; or, by other means (how justifiable I shall not examine) have been already
 15 Printed: But running wholly upon long dry Subjects of Business, have met no other
Reputation than meerly what the Reputation of the Author would give them. If I
could have foreseen an End of this Trade, I should upon some Considerations have
longer forbore sending these into the World. But I daily hear, that new Discoveries
of Original L E T T E R S are hasting to the Press: To stop the Current of which,
 20 I am forced to an earlier Publication than I designed. And therefore I take this
Occasion to inform the Reader, That these Letters ending with the Author's
Revocation from his Employments abroad (which in less than two Years was
followed by his Retirement from all publick Business) are the last he ever intended
for the Press; having been Selected by himself from great Numbers yet lying among
his Papers.

THE / PREFACE] PREFACE / TO / THE SECOND PART / OF / SIR W.
 TEMPLE'S LETTERS. 1775 7 farther] further 1775
 16 Reader, That] 1720, 1775; Reader; that

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If I could have been prevailed with by the Rhetorick of Booksellers, or any other little Regards; I might easily, instead of Retrenching, have made very considerable Additions; and by that means have perhaps taken the surest Course to prevent the Interloping of others. But, if the Press must needs be loaded; I had rather it should not be by my means. And therefore I may hope to be allowed one 5 Word in the Style of a Publisher (an Office lyable to much Censure, without the least Pretension to Merit or to Praise) that, if I have not been much deceived by others and my self; the Reader will hardly find one Letter in this Collection unworthy of the Author, or which does not contain something either of Entertainment or of Use.

7 Pretension] pretensions 1775

From Sir William Temple's Letter to the first Duke of Ormond, 2 July 1678

Text:

And for his Majesty, I have some particular Reasons* (which I cannot entertain your Grace with at this Distance) to believe that he
5 is perfectly cured of ever hoping any thing well from *France*, and past the Danger of being cajoled by any future Offers from thence
10 (pp. 355-56; p. 464 1720).

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Swift's note:

**The Secret of the King and Dukes being so eager and hearty in their Resolutions to break with France at this Juncture, was as follows:*

France in order to break the force of the Confederacy, and elude all just Conditions of a general Peace, resolved by any means to enter into separate Measures with Holland; to which end it was absolutely necessary to engage the good Offices of the King of England, who was look'd upon to be Master of the Peace whenever he pleas'd. The Bargain was struck for either 3 or 400 Thousand Pounds. But when all was agreed, Monsieur Barillon the French Ambassador, told the King; That he had Orders from his Master, before Payment, to add a private Article; by which his Majesty should be engaged, never to keep above Eight Thousand men of standing Troops in his Three Kingdoms. This unexpected Proposal put the King in a Rage, and made him say, —'d's fish, does my Brother of France think to serve me thus? Are all his Promises to make me absolute Master of my — come to this? Or, does he think That a Thing to be done with Eight Thousand Men.

'Tis possible I may be a little mistaken as to the Sums of Money, and Number of Men; but the main of the Story is exactly as I had it from the Author.

1 Dukes] Duke's 1720 4 follows:] 1720; follows. 1703 23 fish, does] fish! Does 1720
28 Men.] Men? 1720