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To The Right Honourable The Earl Of Chesterfield

7th February, Year.

My Lord, I have been lately Verb Past Tense, by the Noun of The World, that two Noun Plural, in which my Proper Noun is recommended to the public, were written by your lordship. To be so Verb Past Tense is an honour which, being very little accustomed to favours from the great, I know not well how to receive, or in what terms to acknowledge.

When, upon some slight encouragement, I first visited your lordship, I was Verb Past Tense, like the rest of mankind, by the enchantment of your Noun, and could not Verb Base Form to wish that I might boast myself Le vainqueur du vainqueur de la terre; --that I might obtain that Verb Base Form for which I saw the world contending; but I found my attendance so little encouraged, that neither pride nor modesty would suffer me to continue it. When I had once addressed your Lordship in public, I had exhausted all the art of pleasing which a retired and uncourtly scholar can possess. I had done all that I could; and no man is well pleased to have his all Verb Past Tense, be it ever so little.

Number years, my lord, have now passed, since I waited in your outward rooms, or was Verb

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from your door; during which time I have been pushing on my work through _____ Noun Plural _____, of which it is useless to _____ Verb Base Form _____, and have brought it, at last, to the _____ Verb Base Form _____ of publication, without one act of assistance, one word of encouragement, or one _____ Noun _____ of favour. Such treatment I did not expect, for I never had a _____ Noun _____ before.

The shepherd in _____ Proper Noun _____ grew at last acquainted with Love, and found him a native of the rocks.

Is not a patron my lord, one who looks with unconcern on a _____ Noun _____ struggling for life in the water, and, when he has reached ground, encumbers him with help? The notice which you have been pleased to take of my _____ Noun Plural _____, had it been early, had been kind; but it has been delayed till I am _____ Adjective _____, and cannot enjoy it: till I am _____ Adjective _____, and cannot impart it; till I am _____ Adjective _____, and do not want it. I hope it is no very cynical _____ Noun _____ not to confess obligations where no benefit has been received, or to be unwilling that the public should consider me as owing that to a _____ Noun _____, which providence has enabled me to do for myself.

Having _____ Verb Past Tense _____ on my work thus far with so little obligation to any favourer of learning, I shall not be disappointed though I should conclude it, if less be possible, with less; for I have been long wakened from that dream of hope, in which I once _____ Verb Past Tense _____ myself with so much exultation, My Lord,

Your lordship's most humble, most obedient Noun,

Sam. Johnson.