

# LETTERS

Written TO and FOR  
PARTICULAR FRIENDS,  
On the most  
IMPORTANT OCCASIONS.

Directing not only the Requisite  
STYLE *and* FORMS

To be Observed in WRITING

## Familiar Letters;

But How to

THINK and ACT *Justly and Prudently,*

IN THE

COMMON CONCERNS

OF

## HUMAN LIFE.

---

CONTAINING

One Hundred and Seventy-three LETTERS;

None of which were ever before Published.

---

L O N D O N :

Printed for C. RIVINGTON, in *St. Paul's Church-yard*;  
J. OSBORN, in *Pater-noster Row*; and J. LEAKE, at *Bath*,

M. DCC. XLI.

allow me to keep, tho' it is the Abhorr'd of my Soul----May you be happier than you have made me!---is the last Prayer you will have from

*Your too credulous Well-wisher.*

---

## LETTER CXXXVIII.

*A Father to a Daughter in Service, on hearing of her Master's attempting her Virtue.*

*My dear Daughter,*

I Understand with great Grief of Heart, that your Master has made some Attempts on your Virtue, and yet that you stay with him. God grant that you have not already yielded to his base Desires ! For when once a Person has so far forgotten what belongs to himself, or his Character, as to make such an Attempt, the very Continuance with him, and in his Power, and under the same Roof, is an Encouragement to him to prosecute his Designs. And if he carries it better, and more civil, at present, it is only the more certainly to undo you when he attacks you next. Consider, my dear Child, your Reputation is all you have to trust to. And if you have not already, which God forbid ! yielded to him, leave it not to the Hazard of another Temptation ; but come away directly (as you ought to have done on your own Motion.) at the Command of

*Your grieved and indulgent Father.*

## LETTER CXXXIX.

*The Daughter's Answer.**Honoured Father,*

I Received your Letter Yesterday, and am sorry I stay'd a Moment in my Master's House after his vile Attempt. But he was so full of his Promises, of never offering the like again, that I hoped I might believe him; nor have I yet seen any thing to the contrary: But am so much convinced, that I ought to have done as you say, that I have this Day left the House; and hope to be with you soon after you will have received this Letter. I am

*Your dutiful Daughter.*

## LETTER CXL.

*To a Gentleman of Fortune, who has Children, dissuading him from a Second Marriage with a Lady much younger than himself.*

*Worthy Sir,*

YOU are pleas'd to inform me of your Thoughts in relation to a Change of your Condition, and to command me to give you freely my Opinion of the Conveniencies and Inconveniencies, that may follow from the Inequality of Years between you, and the young Lady you think of making your second Wife. Indeed, I am so much concerned for your Happiness, that had I heard of such your Intention, and had not your Commands to be free on this Head, I think I should have run  
the