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LETTER XVI.

S I R,

IT was an extraordinary satisfaction to me to meet with your Letter in this place; for besides the pleasure I had to learn good news of you; you have done me a singular kindness, in proposing Questions to me, about those things concerning which you desire to be most particularly inform'd. Assure your self, Sir, my best endeavours shall not be wanting to answer your Demands exactly: I entreat you to continue the same Method hereafter, that I may be better enabl'd to send you such Accounts as may be acceptable to your self, and those of our Friends, to whom you communicate them.

You desire me to tell you sincerely, whether our present Travels be really pleasant to us, or at least whether the pleasure we take in them be not over-balanced by the trouble which they give us. I am not at all surpris'd that you should entertain such a doubt of it; for tho' we are neither among Wild Bears, nor in the Desarts of *Arabia*, we have sometimes the mortification to meet with some Difficulties. The Weather is very rough; the way of Travelling ordinarily unpleasant, and the Days so short, that we get late in at Night, and rise very early: We oftentimes meet with hard Lodging, and worse Diet; and besides, we are expos'd to many Dangers. Nevertheless, with a good Stock of Health, Money, Chearfulness, and Patience, we have surmounted these Difficulties, even almost without taking notice of them. Custom makes all things easie,