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Mr Furness

Dear Sir

Ever since you left the Law, my time has been entirely taken up by it; this ought to be a good Plea in my favour for not writing to you - sooner, especially when you consider the difference between your following the Law & mine, I am always paying & out of humour, you on the contrary ever receiving & pleased.

I am extremely glad to hear from your servant that you are perfectly recover'd, & lest you should relapse for want of what you long for, I have deliver'd him a pound (one half of my whole stock) of Seville Snuff, which I hope you will receive safe, it is the best that can be got, tho' not so good as I wish it was.

We are finishing all Parliamentary business in the greatest hurry; the King is to go abroad in Easter week, & the house to be up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of next month, which I am heartily glad of; not that I have

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attended it much, but I am sure those Courtiers & Patriots who shine in it, can do less harm to the Publick when they have no opportunity of disputing with one another about Straws, which takes off its attention to matters of much higher importance. I have a Letter from Lord Bath, wherein he informs me that he enjoys perfect health, is extremely well dwerked, & carried by every body; indeed, by what I hear, no Englishman ever had so many honours paid him in France, as he has received; he talks of coming over to us in May, but I much doubt it.

I wish you have not forgot the person <sup>(Christopher)</sup> (Clarke) that I recommended to you, for he cannot find his name among the P. Pensioners, tho' you told me you would give orders your self, & that his pension was to begin from Christmas; in consequence of this, I have given the Man a thousand assurances that he might depend on what you promised, & he not finding his name on the List, is perpetually teasing me to write to you about it: Pray be so good to let me know how this affair stands, for I have lost my Reputation, if the thing is not done. I have no

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sort of news to tell you that I like, & what I dislike  
may as well be kept till I have the pleasure of seeing  
You here again, which I hope will be soon. I am

Dear Sir

London 24 March 1749

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Humble servant  
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