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*I F to effect all these good Ends, in so probable, so natural, so lively a manner, as shall engage the Passions of every sensible Reader, and attach their Regard to the Story :*

*A N D all without raising a single Idea throughout the Whole, that shall shock the exactest Purity, even in the warmest of those Instances where Purity would be most apprehensive :*

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*IF these be laudable or worthy Recommendations, the Editor of the following Letters, which have their Foundation both in Truth and in Nature, ventures to assert, that all these Ends are obtained here, together.*

*CONFIDENT* therefore of the favourable Reception which he ventures to bespeak for this little Work, he thinks any Apology for it unnecessary: And the rather for two Reasons, 1<sup>st</sup>, Because he can appeal from his own Passions, (which have been uncommonly moved in perusing it) to the Passions of Every one who shall read with Attention: And, in the next place, because an Editor can judge with an Impartiality which is rarely to be found in an Author.

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*THE foregoing is the Editor's Preface to the Two first Volumes of this Piece, in Twelves: And there were, moreover, prefix'd to them, Two Recommendatory Letters; as also to the Four latter Impressions, an Introductory Preface, by an ingenious Gentleman, who kindly undertook to answer some Objections, made by well-meaning*

*meaning Persons, to a few Passages in the Work. But it has been thought advisable to omit These, in the present Edition; because the kind Reception which these Volumes have met with, renders the Recommendatory Letters unnecessary; and because the most material of the Objections answer'd in the Introductory Preface, are taken notice of and obviated in the Third Volume, in Letters from the fair Writer to Lady Davers, and others of her Correspondents. And their Place is supply'd, not unusefully, it is presum'd, by the following Epitome of the Work.*

*THE Editor has been much press'd with Importunities and Conjectures in relation to the Person and Family of the incomparable Lady, who is the Subject of these Volumes: All that he thinks himself at Liberty to say, or is necessary to be said, is only to repeat what has been already hinted, That the Story has its Foundation in Truth: And that there was a Necessity, for obvious Reasons, to vary and disguise some Facts and Circumstances, as also the Names of Persons, Places, &c.*

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- Acquaints her, that Mr. *Williams* is about to marry a Lady of Merit, Niece to his noble Patron; and that Mr. *Adams* has asked her Consent to address *Polly Barlow*. Her Puzzles on this Occasion, because of *Polly's* former Conduct. --- Humorously describes the bashful Behaviour of the young Scholar, in a Conference she has with him on this Topick. --- She briefly lays down to *Polly* the Duty of a Clergyman's Wife. 270
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### LETTER I.

*Dear Father and Mother,*

**I** HAVE great Trouble, and some Comfort, to acquaint you with. The Trouble is, that my good Lady died of the Illness I mention'd to you, and left us all much griev'd for the Loss of her; for she was a dear good Lady, and kind to all us her Servants. Much I fear'd, that as I was taken by her Ladyship to wait upon her Person, I should be quite destitute again, and forc'd to return to you and my poor Mother, who have enough to do to maintain yourselves; and, as my Lady's Goodness had put me to write and cast Accompts, and made me a little