

EDITORIAL NOTES.

John Hill, *The Young Secretary's Guide: Or, A Speedy Help to Learning.* *In Two Parts*

- p. 3, l. 22: *Letters of Business*: including business of State as well as commercial business.
- p. 3, l. 29: *Letters of Advice*: Advice here means news of information, as we still say 'advise X that his bank account is overdrawn'.
- p. 4, l. 6: *Friend*: the word was used for kin, patrons and anyone willing to use their influence or interest on one's behalf, as well as in the modern sense of intimate, companion.
- p. 4, l. 17: *prefer*: advance, promote.
- p. 5, ll. 9–10: *who tenders the Welfare of the Party*: who is solicitous about his/her welfare.
- p. 6, ll. 4–5: *Letters Petitory*: Letters of Petition to Parliament (for a bounty, bill or change in policy) or for admission to a hospital, were later included in the back of some eighteenth-century manuals. Usually addressed to some board or governing body, they were far more formal than letters of entreaty written to kin or people one knew, and sometimes included legalistic language too.
- p. 6, ll. 15–16: *Letters of Council ... Advice*: Council in the sense of giving counsel or advice. Hill is trying to distinguish these from the letters of advice (news, information) above.
- p. 6, l. 30: *Insufficiency*: unfitness, incapacity.
- p. 7, ll. 35–6: moroseness, or depravity in Affection: a sour, unsocial temper or lack of affection. Deprave was also used in the sense of deprive.
- p. 9, ll. 34–5: *no sorrow is available*: of avail, effectual.
- p. 10, l. 10: *retaliate it*: return it.
- p. 10, l. 28: *Letter of Visit*: Letters of visit, which apologize for not being able to make a visit, appear to be so-called because they come in place of an intended visit.

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- p. 17, ll. 5–6: thorough-pac'd: accomplished; usually used of a well trained horse.
- p. 29, l. 19: *tedious*: irksome, disagreeable.
- p. 29, l. 31: *abroad*: away from one's home but not necessarily in a foreign country.
- p. 30, l. 14: *sensible*: aware. Strictly speaking, to be sensible of something means that it is perceptible to one's senses or sensations, or to one's mind and inward feelings.
- p. 32, ll. 21–2: *lay my self in conceit at your Feet*: in conception or imagination.