

I have lately received a long letter from your friend Ulrich, from
Kiel. He appears to be very happy in his situation, which I am
glad to hear, for he is a very deserving young man. My leisure
has been entirely occupied for these last ten months with printing my
translation of Puffendorf's book. I have corrected the press myself, which
I have found the most tedious and unpleasant work I ever was
engaged in, particularly the index, which I have been often tempted
to leave with all its errors. I have often thought of the difficult
task you must have had in preparing the index for Mr. Heynes
Vigil, which has astonished all our literary men. I suppose you
have heard that it will be reprinted in a very splendid manner
in London. The edition will certainly be very profitable to the
bookseller. I wish I could say that it would be profitable to the
learned, and worthy Professor to whom they are so much obliged,
indebted. I am glad to hear that Völkersahm is well. I have
a great respect for the qualities of his heart and head, and feel
interested in his welfare. When you write to him again I beg you
will remember me to him in the most friendly manner. Is it true
that Bürger is married? Drake told me lately that one of his poems
had proved an arrow in the breast of his present lady, and that
a similitude of genius was the occasion of their union. The Ham-
burg papers, which I take up to hear some German news, mention
a dispute between the students and professors of Göttingen. I hope
it was not of a very serious nature. We had a dispute of that kind
once at Oxford in which several lives were lost. I am told that
Count Broglie is gone to finish his studies at Leipzig. He must
be in a very unpleasant predicament, considering the present
state of affairs in France. It is a happy circumstance for many
of the unfortunate fugitives, that they retain their volatile dispo-
sitions in the midst of their distress. They seem but little affected,
if I may judge from those I have been in company with here.