

answer'd would have given him. The Letter after having been a pretty while in the above Gentleman's hands was at last transcrib'd, and what is contain'd having excited the curiosity of a Person of distinction among us the Letter was communicated to him, and he was prevail'd upon to write an Answer to it, which he did in French, since in English it would have been unintelligible to the Gentlewoman and the Priest for whom it was chiefly design'd. The manuscript of both Letter and Answer after having been seen by some in this Town, was translated into English at the desire of others who did not understand the French Tongue, and having met with a general approbation from those who read it, it could not but raise the curiosity of many more, at whose desire I made application for the Copy, and with much ado, as I said before, obtain'd it; this difficulty I can no otherwise account for, than by acquainting the Reader that the Author of the Answer having no desire of appearing in Print in a matter that had given him but little trouble, and could be of no benefit to him, and besides had been done pretty hastily, did not do it out of choice, but to oblige such as signified their earnest desire to him, especially a Lady of considerable figure in this Town.

