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2.H. 23^d of June 1780.

My dear Miss Hamilton. When a child is naughty, a good parent corrects it, in order to make it the better behaved, Pray, can You tell me? what punishment is to be made use of, when the Physician recommends bathing in the sea and it is not complied with? I am very impatient to have that point determined, as I intend practising it upon a certain Miss. M. H. who promised Dr. Furton to wash herself quite clean, and who since her arrival at Eastbourne pretends to be a little fearfull, for I dare not make use of the Word which begins with a F for fear of Shocking Your delicacy, that I am the more anxious to avoid as at best my correspondence can be but little entertaining, when I know that You have so many Friends which are such good scribes and can make their letters so much more interesting.

Our head quarters are still in town, and not

very likely that the King will leave it soon, it is certainly not so agreeable as the Country, yet to a well thinking mind it is always pleasing to fulfill its Duty, and though I have frequently found that the fulfilling that duty is very often connected with Difficulty, it is nevertheless attended with a secret inward satisfaction, which none but those that act right can enjoy, and which no earthly power can deprive us of, and can we want any better approbation than our own Conscience? I think not! it is the sincerest friend we have, I found it so at all times, & shall endeavour to keep it all alive, for fear my indolence should make it slumber, and my fears should prevent me ever warning it again: that I am afraid has been the case with many, and as I pity them sincerely, I will try to avoid getting into the same difficulty.

Lady Warwick is come and lives at her own

house in town, she intends leading a very retired life and is ready to receive all her Family, Lady Francis Harper is however by the "directions - or orders" of her Husband to deprive her Mother of this pleasure, which mangles both parties very unhappy. *il y a du pour & du contre dans tout ceci; the duty's of a child to a parent is one thing, and the making oneself a party in the indiscretions of a Mother is another, this last can happen, and the first should be done, car je ne voit pas que la mauvaise conduite d'une Mere, excuse l'enfant a remplir ses devoirs vis a vis d'elle.* This remains amongst ourselves, but my dear Miss Hamilton must feel that I am not quite wrong in what I have said.

Lady King & her Daughter were both at court last Thursday, Your old Friend seems to recover both good looks & strengths which I was very glad to

see, she bore the heat of the room even better than a great
many Young people present. Lady Darby was also at
court Yesterday, she looks well & talks with great pleasure
of being settled at Chelsea. Lady St. Mont looked beautiful,
when I saw her at court, she is backwards & forwards every
day in the country and the air seems to agree with her.

Princess Tschrow took leave Yesterday, she still intends
travelling two years longer in France, Italy, & Germany.
as she is so very delicate a Lady I cannot help men-
tioning what she said to Lady Egmont when talking ^{about} ~~open~~
the riots, where a natural brother of hers ^{acted} ~~played~~ a very
ungentleman like part at Monsieur Cordons. she said. *je ne*
serai pas fâché Milady de le voir un petit pendu. it
is so sisterly & feelingly expressed that I am sure you are
not sorry to know it, it makes one thoroughly acquainted
with the Princesses superior character, which appears to
me to be above humanity & feeling.

Pray my dear Miss Hamilton let not this Paper be
read by any body but Yourself, I know it to be full of faults
both in expressions and writing, and if I had time would correct
it immediately, but I am not Mistress of that nor of myself, there-
fore excuse the faults & do not expose my ignorance or rather my
inattention.
Charlotte