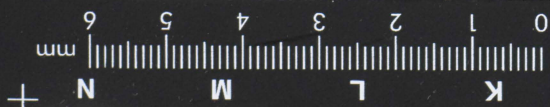


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Bordeaux Nov^r 19th 1781.

My Dear Miss Hamilton

To write a few Lines only in answer to so long kind,
& entertaining a Letter as that I rec^d from you at Madrid, I'm
afraid will make me appear but unworthy of it, & yet the
hurry I write in to see the Post, could you but know it, would ex-
-cuse me. In few words therefore be assured it gave me great
pleasure in every sense & that I feel very sincerely all your
kindness & friendship, & value it as it deserves. Your Love-
letter contain'd an Inestimable Treasure, in the dear Prince
of Wales's gracious remembrance of us all in his own hand-
-writing, & I believe had not the distance between the Lines
allow'd of dividing the Paper, Harriot & I sh^d have been of
-varience for the rest of our Lives about the Possession of
it. pray with the Grateful Duties of P^rincess Anne & myself
tell his Roy^l Highness how happy he made us; Harriot is to
Speak for herself on the other Side of this Paper. I must
just mention without entering into the Detail of our Journey
that we had the good fortune to meet M^r & M^{rs} Graham



at Madrid, & to continue our travels together all thro
Spain to Bayonne where is posted, they to go to Toulouse
for the Winter where Lord Winchilsea will join them, then
we lean Bordeaux. Mrs Graham bore all her fatigues most
well. Adieu my dear Miss Hemilton, tho I hope not for
long, as you may expect to see me soon after you receive
this, in I mean while believe me

Most Affly & sincerely

Yours

J. Finch

Bordeaux Nov. 19

My dear Miss Hemilton I receive your inquiries, & begin by saying, that I do
not always find it easy, after having been so long, without seeing, or speaking
to you. But I have no time, nor any paper - & yet cannot receive such a
little note, as did on my arrival at Madrid, & did instruct you to say
the B. M. from me - How much I thought myself honored by your
remembrance of that I was worthy to be remembered by it. I am now heartily
into my plan of returning to dear England - where I have too many
friends, & pleasant friends, & interesting concerns, not to be much
anxious to visit it & enter into ^{them} - I cannot however say I am
of one of the 3 countries I have visited since I left my own / But this
one, of which I am now speaking, has been to me of any thing in
my life - It is a charming little Kingdom of Portugal & its

