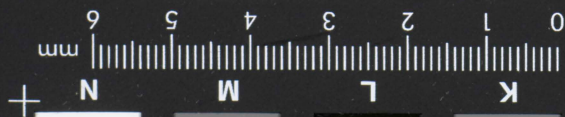


Deal Castle. May 30th 1782.

My Dear Miss Hamilton

This Letter was intended for Yesterday's Post but I found it was too late & therefore was obliged to defer it till to day, when I can have the Satisfaction of continuing the good Account I have been able hitherto to send constantly of our little Prince, & which I beg you to communicate to their Majesties. I think there is no doubt of the Sea bathing agreeing with him, his Nights are so much mended & his Appetite so good, that he must gain ground, & tho his Face is not any thing like clear of the Eruption that disfigured it, yet it rather appears to be the remains of what has been there any fresh breaking out. The Eye-lid that seemed so much affected is also getting better, & therefore I hope will not have any effect of weakning the Eye, which I was a little afraid of. You will have heard of the happiness I have had of seeing my Son at his first Landing, he hurried away to London to be in time for his presentations preparing to appearing at the Birth-day, for which I suppose you are all now very busy in preparing. We shall open our Windows again for the firing of the guns, which shakes the castle so, that if it was



for that Precaution they would all be broke & the Sound is very
tremendous, P. Alfred however is very courageous upon these
-casion & seems rather to like it; we have had the ceremony since
the first time in honor of his arrival, & the last on the Restoration
Day. Mrs Carter I have often the pleasure of seeing, & except her
usual Head-achs, think she appears rantly well & cheerful.
My little girls are quite delightful companions to me, & if
the Weather was not so windy & cold I believe would prevail on
me sometimes to walk upon the Sands with them which they
are very fond of, but I have not yet been able to attempt; but
pass a great deal of my time by a fire side (wh^{ch} you will hardly
credit) in a pretty little room that has a delightful view of the
Sea. I have begun reading Antonio de Solis in Spanish, Mr
Carter having furnished me with a Dictionary, (without which I
could not attempt it,) & am continuing Mad de Genlis's Adèle &
Theodore; these, with my little Childrens Studies, & my own Letter
writing, fill my Day very completely, & I generally retire to my
Bed Chamber by a little after tea, wh^{ch} enables me to rise early in
the Morning. I am glad to hear Mad de la Fite is mending,
& beg you will assure her how concern'd I have been at hearing of

her Illness. I hope the Influenza which is said to be so general, will
not affect the Queen's House or any thing belonging to it. I trust
to you my Dear Miss Hamilton to make all my Duties honors
as you know I should wish to do these, & then will do the kindest
thing I can by you in concluding this, from

Y^r ever faithful & aff^{te}

Servant

C. Finch

Be so good to let the enclosed Letter be sent to Mr Haskins's 'tis
from Mr Chereley.