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Tues June 16th 1775

My dear Miss Hamilton

I am always in my Peni-

tentials, when I write to you. I know, I am the worst
Correspondent in the World, & that, I do not deserve to
hear from you; this makes me quite ashamed of myself,
whenever you are so obliging to favour me with a letter.
you'll say then, that I ought immediately to set about
answering it, very true; but I have added ingratitude
to neglect in not returning Mr. Hamilton & yourself
my best thanks for your great civilities to each, &
the good Opinion you are so obliging to entertain
of him. He is at present a Dutiful good Lad, & I hope
will continue so, & be a comfort to his Friends, the
Notice you took of him made full amends for the
Mortifications he suffered from other circumstances in
his Visit to Northampton. & he is at length return'd full
of Acknowledgements for your Politeness & Hospitality.
& desires me to present his best Comp^s to you both.
but I believe he intends to send you a few Lines in
this Packet which I shall inclose. I am sorry to hear
any thing has happen'd to give you uneasiness; you

have too much tenderness in your disposition & I am sorry you are removing so far off us, but it w^d
have often thought on this occasion that the loss give me pleasure to hear you had fixed yourselves
of human Happiness is more equally dispensed than agreeably.

People generally imagine, & that the dull & insens^{ible} as I do not know whether Mr. ^{Lynton} be returned from London
ble the incapable of the refined pleasures of friend I should take it as a favour (if he is not) that you
ship do at least pass through the World with more give leave for your ^{or} to put the inclosed into
ease to themselves, than they whose delicate sensible the Post Office.

tivities make them so deeply affected with the loss or
distress of every Friend in a World where there
are so many opportunities to grieve than to rejoice.
I have not yet look'd among my old Friends Letters
since she died, I intend to do it very soon, & will send
you one or two of them, but I find myself utterly
incapable of drawing a Character, tho it was what
I always wish'd I could have been M^r. of. if you have
any Talent that way I beg you will exert & improve
it for it is both entertaining & useful.

we have got very sultry hot Weather which disagrees with
me excessively & I am but very lame & poorly at pre^s
but I hope when it is more moderate I shall be better
M^r. D. joyes me in comp^t to good M^r. Hamilton
& yourself & beg you will believe me

Your sincere friend
J. Dubenson

Miss Hamilton

Northampton