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Dear Miss Hamilton

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Bro Frederick Haunke

Nothing but the constant hurry that I have been in since my return to Bath could have prevented my returning you thanks much sooner for your most obliging letter. I can assure you with the utmost sincerity that I was really desir'd in not having an opportunity of assuring you in person that my sentiments towards you are in every respect such as you could wish; I have long felt great satisfaction by the accounts of your excellent conduct; you have not a more zealous friend than Dr Lantry & whose judgement can be better relied upon; he informs me you are to be of his party to Spa. Your account of the danger you was in made me tremble, I hope you have not suffer'd by the sight for I know you have weak nerves. My Daughter is amazingly improv'd & I may say without partiality is a very handsome Girl with many accomplishments. I wish she had a little of your steadiness I mean

being for our departure from Bath, which will be in about three weeks. I have taken a very good House in Dublin for one year & propose to pay two or three months at my living in the north. I wou'd have wish'd to have met with so much indulgence as not to have been call'd upon to residence. I have never as yet experienced the least favor or assistance from my Friends; & it is now owing entirely to Mr. Watson that I am reduced to this disagreeable necessity which I shou'd by no means have yielded to were it not from the attention due on my part to my children. If I can be of any service to Mr. Hamilton in Ireland she will find me heartily disposed to obey her commands. I assure you I never meant to give her the smallest uneasiness nor had I any idea of the business that occasion'd it when I left her at her Hampton. I can not express how much I regret having missed the opportunity of seeing you as I hardly know when I may have another in the mean time. I have real satisfaction in knowing that you have good connections & with persons that are sensible of your merit but as independence is the prime object in this life I shall be happy when you inform me of any decisive step

Daughter desire to join with me in affectionate Compl<sup>ts</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. and you I am with great regard Dear Miss Hamilton  
Bath May 11. 1776.  
Yours faithful & Affect<sup>d</sup> Son  
Frederick Hamilton