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My dear M^{rs} Dickenson —

Mr Greville din'd here last Friday, and deliver'd your Letter to me. I am very glad to hear you are as well as possible — indeed, I have lately, had very good accounts of you, from your friend, Miss Anne Clarke. M^{rs} and Miss Glover are come to Town for the winter — I have seen them — they are both well. I was too young when I was in Ireland to have any acquaintance with M^{rs} Preston — we have the pleasure of knowing and seeing frequently, her Brother, Governor Hamilton.

Our House is cover'd in, which is a good thing, for I suppose we may now expect frequent falls of snow — we like this situation better and better every Day — it is certainly, a delightful one!

I remember you enquired after Mrs Walkinshaw in your last Letter but one - I saw her the other Day - she was very well, and remarkably cheerful, and agreeable. I saw the Dowager Lady Warwick lately - she too, is very well. I intend to get a Frank for this Letter, from Mr. Greville, whom I expect to see to-morrow - I wish you were here, for we are to have a pleasant Music - Party to-morrow Evening - I think you would like it.

I had a Letter from my Sister, a little while ago - she and her children were very well. I hope Mr. Dickenson has receiv'd benefit from the Bath waters, which I conclude, he began drinking soon after he got to Bath. Don't you think Bath a very pretty Place? I remember thinking it so, and I have heard that it is much improved since I left it. My sweet friend, Mrs. Siddons, is quite well - she has just got over the anxiety of the Small - Pox with her youngest child - she chose to inoculate him thus young, and I think she was perfectly right, for the sooner the Small - Pox is

got over the better - I have had the pleasure of seeing her perform, only twice this season, as yet - In Belvidera, in the Tragedy of Venice preserv'd, and in Hermione, in that of The Distress'd Mother - it is unnecessary to say, she is as enchanting as ever. My Brother is so grown that were you to see him, you would hardly know him - I never saw him better than he is at present - and he improves very much, in every respect. We see him a great deal oftener, than we did, when we liv'd in Bedford Square, we are so considerably nearer to him. Lord and Lady Warwick are not yet come to Town, but I hear they are to come. - Lady Stormont is to be with us to-morrow, and is to bring William Murray with her, who is at home, for the Christmas Holydays - he is quite pleas'd with the Idea of coming here - you know, it is always a great event to Children to come out of an Evening. So you heard of my speaking Italian - I speak it now with great facility, I have so much practice - I have left off taking Lessons in it. I lately,

saw, a Lady who made many inquiries after you -
Mrs. Turton - I met her one Evening at a Party
that I was at. Tho, it is a very trite thing, I cannot
write to you at this season, without making you
and Mr. Dickenson, the Compliments of it - I wish
you, very many, and happy, returns of it.
My Father and Mother beg to be remembered kindly
to you. My Mother says, she is quite happy that
you are to be under the care of Mr. Randall, for
that he has been for a long time, the most ~~the~~ emi-
nent Person in his business, in Bath.

My Father and Mother beg to be very particu-
larly remember'd to Mr. Preston - she is a great
favourite with them.

Adieu, dear Mr. Dickenson, I am yours sincerely

J. Hamilton.

We all beg kind Compl.
to Mr. Dickenson.

J. Hamilton
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