

NAM 11/6/71

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My Dear Miss Hamilton

M^r Montagu is
very desirous to have the pleasure
of your company to Dinner on
Wednesday next to meet M^r & M^{rs}
Smelt but says that she is not
enough acquainted with you to
take the liberty of throwing a
cord at you & therefore desires me
to ask the favour in her name
& I hope you will not have
the cruelty to refuse our joint
request — I have a great many
apologies to make to you for
not having profited by the
kind permission you gave me
of writing to you last summer
but it is impossible within the

compass of a cord to state the
case properly but I trust that
when you come to know the various
causes that combined to prevent
my having that pleasure you
will see that I was rather to be
pitied than blamed for my silence
since it did not proceed from
want of inclination — believe me

Much yours

D Gregory

21 St. Street Sunday Morning

28th Jan 1701

Thos Gregory