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My Dear Miss Hamilton

M<sup>rs</sup>. Montagu  
is extremely sorry it is not in  
her power to have the pleasure  
of waiting on you this Evening  
but on Wednesday she was taken  
ill with a spasm in her stomach  
to which she is very subject  
& has been a good deal indispos-  
ed since & being obliged to do  
the honours to a large company  
at Dinner yesterday fatigued  
her so much that she was  
apprehensive she sh<sup>d</sup> not be  
able to come to you this Evening  
& has in vain tried the power

the morning  
of a long airing, for she still  
finds herself so indifferant that  
however unwillingly she must  
relinquish the pleasure of  
coming to you & hope you  
will accept her apology  
— I must advise by you to  
accept my excus for a great  
cold & little sore throat obliging  
me to keep home this evening  
but if you will give me  
leave to make myself amends  
by coming to breakfast with  
you some morning the beginning  
of the week you will greatly  
oblige your affec<sup>t</sup>

I am ble<sup>s</sup>sed

Saturday  
at 10 o'clock 12<sup>th</sup> May 1781  
D Grayson