

Among the Ladies whom I am soliciting
to patronize my book, I ought not to forget
the warm-hearted & once friendly Miss H. —

Will she take the trouble to look into it,
& recommend it to her acquaintances, as con-
taining some pretty light Summer-reading?
This she may safely do without danger
of exposing her own judgment; for the review-
ing ~~some~~ critics have pronounced that its contents
~~are~~ ^{are} at least entertaining; — but as I am
partly ashamed of it myself, I would gladly
get the Impression fold off, without advertis-
ing my Name in the News-papers. —

Being uncertain if I shall be forgiven
for reminding you of a worthless acquaintance,
I shall trouble you no farther with my His-
tory, than that I remain as poor, as un-
settled, & as much your Wellwisher, as when I
was at ~~Newburyport~~

Stockton, 25th May
1781.