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My Dear Miss Hamilton

it gave me very sincere pleasure to hear before I left London
that you was got perfectly well, I hope you have continued so all.
This very fine summer we have had, I have often thought of making
my inquiries after you, and should certainly have done it before now,
but tho this is a very charming Place, and Lady Elizabeth Anker
and I amuse our selves very agreeably with work, reading and
most delightful amusements yet it affords very few incidents to
make a letter amusing or what I would wish to entertain
my friends, makes me often deny my self what is one of the greatest
pleasures I have, writing them or hearing from them,
but I cannot help now my dear Madam giving you the trouble
of this scing in the news papers, Prince Alfred has been dangerously
ill, tho I hope in god by this time his Royal Highness is better

and I hope will soon get well, but I cannot ^{help} being anxious to hear
of the most excellent and amiable Queen has not suffered from
her concern, her Majesty has a great deal of fortitude but her
Excellent heart would feel the pangs of a charming child,
pray be so good to write me a few lines, as there cannot be
a greater enthusiast than I am in every thing that concerns
the happiness of my King and Queen, I hope all the Royal
family are in perfect health, I shall rejoice to hear it,
and pray write me a little of your self is Lady Charlotte Finch
returned or is her son like to recover poor woman. She is much to
be pitied, Lady Stormont writes me Mr and Mrs Graham and Miss
Cathcart are to stay all winter in the South of France, Mrs Federley
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SALISBURY, OCTOBER 1. 1781

William Beckford, Esq. coming of age on Saturday
last, (the 29th of September) gave a splendid ball and
magnificent entertainment, at his seat at Fonthill, in
this county, the preceding evening, to which a great
number of the first Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and
the Mayor and Corporation of this city, were invited.
The company assembled about eight o'clock, and were
first received in the great hall, (most beautifully illu-
minated) with a fine miscellaneous concert of music,
by the best performers from London, Bath, Salis-
bury, &c.

At nine, coffee, tea, negus, &c. were served round
to the whole company in the several apartments with
great attention; and at ten the ball began, and was
opened by Mr. Beckford and Lady Margaret Gordon,
and continued till twelve; and soon after (notice be-
ing given by a concerto on the organ that supper was
upon table) the company retired into the grand Din-
ing-room and Grecian Hall, where the most elegant
entertainment, consisting of all kinds of delicacies, and
variety of the finest wines, was provided, that can pos-
sibly be conceived. After supper the company re-
turned to dancing, and continued till past four in the
morning, when some began to retire, and between
five and six the whole broke up, in number about 250.

A grand entertainment was also made on Saturday
for all Mr. Beckford's Wiltshire and Somersetshire ten-
ants, and the inhabitants of the neighbouring town
of Hindon, in two spacious booms erected for the
purpose at the front of the house, and many hogheads
of beer were given to the populace.

The same evening, a Pastoral Cantata, written by
Sig. Tonioli, and set to music by Sig. Rauzzini, pur-
posely for this occasion, was performed, and being a
most elegant composition, met with universal applause.

A charming Terzetto, by Sig. Rauzzini, was also
performed; for the whole of which some of the first
voices were engaged, particularly, Sig. Pachiarotti,
Sig. Bertoni, Sig. Rauzzini, Sig. Tenucci, Sig. Cer-
vetto, Sig. Soderini, Miss Gueli, Mont. Salomon,
Mr. Burton, Mr. Corfe, &c.

The north front of the house, the banquetting-
room, the grove, and the whole lawn, near 150 yds
in length, were illuminated both nights in the most
splendid manner, with upwards of 30,000 lamps; and
grand fire-works, by engineers from London and
Bath, were played off with great applause, about nine
in the evening, while very large bonfires were seen
blazing on the down at a proper distance from the
house, in and about which, 'tis supposed, were assem-
bled on this joyful occasion, not less than 10,000
people.

On Thursday Mr. William Stephens was elected

the fine young lady that bears the near in full imputation of
carrying the bride, now my dear Miss Hamilton I hope you will
be me the favour to write me soon and believe me with very sincere
regard and esteem,

Yours by Townson With
Oct, 1781

so much, as if any of Lady Cathcart
all, as I had the very highest satisfaction
pleasure to see them all really enjoying
themselves)

some very lately she has been much taken
sorrow, and since that with the very
Fonthill, upon your sincere wish

his coming of age, I have sent
the Salisbury to inclose you, that
you account of it, and I do so.

my dear madam
your most affectionate and
much obliged Cath: Walpole

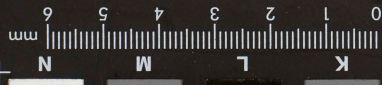
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very few things would hurt me so much, as if any of Lady Cathcart's
Children was not to have well, as I had the very highest attachment
for their Mother, but I have the pleasure to see them all really thriving
and I hope they will ever continue so,

we have not seen Lady Mary Anne very lately. She has been much taken
up with the music at Salisbury, and since that with the very
superb entertainment at Fonthill, upon your Cousin Mr
Buckford's birth day upon his coming of age, I have cut
out the paragraph out of the Salisbury to inclose you, that
you may have the very superb account of it, and I do say all
the fine young Lords that bear they bear in full imputation of
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Or acquired by a certain detestable vice, too early or excessive venery, the effects of mercury, frequent debauches, and in nervous complaints; also the diseases occasioned by a residence in a hot climate, and those secret infirmities which attack persons advancing in years, have been by this remedy removed, and the natural powers of the whole vital system nourished, comforted, and prolonged. It is by these virtues that the causes of impotency in one sex, and barrenness in the other, have been removed by this medicine.

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