

My Dear Miss Hamilton,

NAM 11/7/12/13

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I was ill in bed yesterday when I received your very obliging note and tho' I am better to day, my cold is still but very annoying, and I am sorry to have been so much in the sick room, & why blame it is the complaint that is so much about,

Believe me my Dear Madam, I have regretted extremely the being so little as I have done for some time past, but when you know the real distress I have been in, from the death of a very precious sister, I am sure your humanity will make you pity me, for four weeks I expected every post would bring me the news of her death, and during that ~~whole~~ whole time, I had not spirits to go any where or do any thing, so that my own health has been much hurt, and now this last weeks illness has almost over-set me, but I hope I shall now soon get the better of it, I am very sensible there is but one

Topic of Comfort, and that will never fail in any calamity,
if properly applied, I mean submission to the will of god
in time that most operate its effects,

but pray tell me when you ~~do~~ go out of Iowa, and when
first, I hope I should be able to see you tomorrow if you
could call, but if it should so happen that you have not
time to come before you leave Iowa. that you will be assured
without flattery or compliment, that it would give me
a very real pleasure, to have any opportunity to convince
my Dear Mrs. Hamilton that I am
her most affectionate friend and old friend

and son. But

Saturday 1st June 1882

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