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my Dear Miss Hamilton

I return you a great many thanks for the favour of your
obliging letter which I had the pleasure to receive by last post, your
agreeable account of the Queens perfect health, and of all the young
Royall family gives me a most instant satisfaction, as it is impossible
any body can have all their happiness more at heart then I have, as
to the Charmin Queen, is it possible to know her and not to love
respect and esteem her, it may perhaps be taking too great a liberty to express
my self so freely of a great Queen, but the warmth of my heart for her makes
me say so much, I rejoice at the description of the beautiful Prince Alfred
I was much pleased with his having that good old English name,
I am sure all those attentions his Majesty bestows upon England, in
distinguishing them by the names of his Royall children, ought to please
and I hope it does, I have never had the honour of seeing Prince Adolphus,
my unfortunate bad health for two years past, has prevented by being able to attend

at the times they were to be seen, but I have always heard with pleasure
of his being a charmer in Chile; and shall hope some time this winter to be able
to pay my duty as I hope for my health is now better a great deal than it
has been a great while, I was glad to hear you had the pleasure of seeing
so many of our friends well, I like your description of Lady Catharine
I think it is much preferable to being a Beauty, if he likes her and
she behaves well, that is sufficient, I own to you I feel so interested for
that family, that I can never be indifferent about any thing concerns
them, the long uninterrupted friendship my dear Lady Catharine has with
me will make me love every thing that belongs to either my Lord or her,
I am glad Mrs Graham is better, and think she did right to prefer
Lisbon, I have known more people recover Consumption there than
have gone there, then to the south of France, poor Father of St. Hel
wrote me a very melancholy letter about her, apprehending her poor
throat was the cause, I was afraid the nursing would keep her in bed
this winter which I am sorry for, as you don't mention Lady
Hornor's two sons I hope they are well, Father's letter told me
my Catharine was to go with Mrs Graham

I must now my dear Madam give you a little trouble again about
this lame knocking sick, Cadman must have given you a fine
flattering message, I don't think we shall be in town before
new year's day, and therefore should be much obliged if you will get
me some of the silk, and give it to Mr Cadman he knows how to send
it safe, it is fine & he works at candle light, and I don't strip
my eyes with any thing better, what I have is all finished, and if
her Majesty wants it before I come, please send it very safe, so kind
good to let me know, and send the other soon, I hope you have
had perfect health your self, the sea air is charming, I think it did
me much good, and this going constantly upon the road is very fine
for weak nerves, all which I hope you have got in riding the better
of, and I was very glad to hear Lady Charlotte Finch was so perfectly
recovered, Lady Mary Anne told me she was really perfectly well, I
respect Lady Charlotte and was glad to hear it, adieu
Hale by Bowdon with
Nov^r 29/1780
my dear Miss Hamilton
ever sincerely your affectionate and
much obliged Cath: Walsingham