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My good Miss Hamilton

I feel myself so much obliged to you for the
Pacquet which Mrs. Newton was so obliging to send me this
morning, that I look upon myself as bound to take the advan-
tage of the very first Post to return you my best thanks.
I very frequently lament the want of opportunities of paying my
respects to you. 'Tis an odd circumstance that tho we are engaged
in the service of the same family, & within a distance less than
twenty miles, we should be as much strangers to each other, as
if we were in two different Countries. I was very happy to
discover the handwriting of Miss Hamilton, & no less pleased
to hear a good account of that very valuable woman Lady C.
whom to know is to admire. Her Letter was particularly pleasing
to me, because I had been anxious about her for several weeks,
past, not having been able to learn a syllable about her, or

Lord Winchelsea in this neighbourhood.

I enclose to you the other Letter you entrusted me with. At present I know not what to say to the principal subject of it. It is so very delicate a matter to venture to recommend a person for so important a Charge, that one ought to use the greatest care & circumspection. I will certainly take the earliest opportunity of paying my respects at Chelsea, but shall say nothing upon the subject, unless it is first mentioned to me. When that opportunity will present itself I cannot tell, as my Colleague is upon his leave of absence: I am not without hopes but that I shall have it in my power to pay my visit on Saturday, as P.E. expects to be summoned to Windsor on that day, and Mr. B. ~~he~~ gives me to understand, he believes my attendance will be dispensed with.

One part of the letter you enclosed to me pained me much; That that, in which great anxiety is expressed about your state of health. I hope to God there is

& I remain Dear Madam - Your Obedient

no reason why your friend should be alarmed.

Pray take care of yourself on the approaching Festivity. I am afraid you will suffer for the necessary consumption of spirits, & exertion on that joyous occasion.

But I ought to recollect that I am trespassing upon time, which I am sure could be much better employed: I shall therefore conclude with signing my self

My Dear Madam

Your much obliged most obedient

Servant.

J. F. or

Miss Hamilton

at the

Queens Lodge

Windsor

