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Tunbridge Wells 19 July
1782 —

my Dear Miss Hamilton,

You will be surprised, by a letter from
the mountains of Ephraim; & I dare say with not scruple
paying postage, tho' it came from the promised land,
as You are always ^{so} ~~too~~ anxious to hear from Your
friends: tho' I ought to apologise for intruding on Your
time, unless there was something worth amusing with.
We arrived here the th 10, since which time the weather
has had a Persian Ague, and continually spoilt
our prospect of the haymaking which is a beautiful
scene interspersed on the Hills all round. We have a
comfortable House (for this place) on the top of Mount
Ephraim Stone inside as well as out: for the owners
have thought it too fine to hide in the parlours
with any thing more than a little paint - the floors
partake of the Hilly situation, so that in the center
of the room, we can sit or walk on the slope - the

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outside is as singular as the in, having no top, or roof: it appears very odd but as we have had very heavy rain and found ourselves safe from the storm have been satisfied we are well secured, tho' it makes no figure. The Hill is all interspersed with Lumps of rock among which are squeezed little cottages & Houels which form a picturesque view, and at the Bottom we look over the Well, Mount Lion, Mount Pleasant &c. &c. to talk to you of views is rather presumptuous who walk the Terrace and command that beautiful one of the Thames &c. but should be glad to raise your curiosity to come and see it, as well as les Roches that proche, which are so celebrated, we would give you, a comfortable room and sincere welcome, perhaps, a little Gunbridge Water, might be good for your nerves! my Mother was very weak when we came, and has already found great Benefit from them, and the air, which is allowed to be very fine. We flatter ourselves she will return so recruited and that that you will be quite pleased at the improvement - there is a great deal of company, Lady Morton, L^d May, Bowly, L^d Darnley, L^d Robert Manners, L^d Beas, Heathcote, Grosvenor, Lord & Lady Parker but they go very soon, M^{rs}

John Pitt's daughter, M^{rs} Wyndham, ^{Widow} will tell you no more that you may have a curiosity to come and see, particularly our Beaus, that I won't say any thing about till you come here are some great Chess Players, L^d Bowdler who belongs to Count Stables club, M^{rs} Aufrenze &c. - the Physician we left here two years ago L^d Wright has left the Place, and has said his practice, in order to enter the line of Matrimony with M^{rs} Gray, who perhaps you know something of. She was Maid of Honour to the Late Prince of Orange and Sister of Sir James Gray: her Mother who is lately Dead was ^{was} always against the match and her daughter tho' near or quite 70 was too dutiful to dispose of herself, but that obstacle being removed 'tis expected to take place very soon - have you heard of Lady Hamilton yet? Lady Morton complains of the loss of Letters sadly, and as Drina Caramanico says about all day he is of little use to employ about sending them more safely - I hope now we are removed so far asunder you will find time to send me a few lines to say how you do and whether you approve our hints of a trip to Gunting, I hope the news story about Drina William is like most



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other false, and that you and all the B. Family are quite
well -

My Sister is but indifferent and has not been out since
her, so only my B. 2 I have attended the tea drinkings
and Parties, the Balls are but just began & as have

Miss Hamilton
Queens Lodge
Windsor

2 single sheets

not exhibited them as yet -

My Mother and Sister join with me in best wishes
and in hopes of a few lines to tell me these were
acceptable I remain my Dear Miss Hamilton

Yours sincerely
W. King