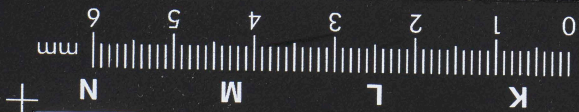


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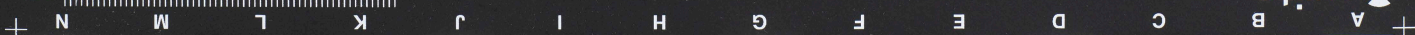
Sturbridge Wells 14 Aug:
1782

my Dear Miss Hamilton

if You have half the rain at Windsor
we experience here, think You will be anxious to know
we are safe, and as yet not washed away by the floods,
which are said to be high; but, upon Mount Ephraim, we
only see the water, without having that inconvenience -
the weather however, is very mortifying, as it certainly must
gouge the spring, and consequently, the water cannot
do the ^{same} service. my Mother is, notwithstanding much
better, a proof of her being so is, that she attended the Duke
of Leeds's invitation to the Ball, which he actually gave on
the Prince of Wales's Birthday. - as I had never been at one
before, was much entertained at the ceremony. tho' the bad
weather, spoilt the gayest part of the show: as the walks, are
dressed with Bows & lights, and filled with company, all drops
in gayest fancy - his grace, was in the room at six, to
receive the company, who all in smartest dress, walk up
to pay their compliments. Lady Morton, as the first Lady here,
was the Queen; after the tea Drinking, the Duke banded her
to the upper end of the room, where he seated himself, next
her, as she thought it staring to sit alone, more chairs were brought
by Lady Bradenell, & Lady Mary Bligh, sat on the other side of his grace



Y^r. Humble Servant near the Countess, L^d. Mary Baulby, my Mother, if Doctors can cure, as there was no less than two Bishops, at the
Miss Manners, Mr. Butler (L^d. Darnley's Mother) behind; the Minuet Ball, with Lower Clergy in abundance, and Physicians, without end.
Then began, L^d. Mary Bligh with a Mr. Beauff, formerly a Quaker, even Doctor Warren. Mr. & Miss Lenth are here, the eldest very
and vinegar Merchant, but now a very fine Beau, opened the Ball, had, that Warren thought her better. The Bishop has been very ill
making their compts (as at least) to the R. & L. of it. the exhibition again, since they have been here, so that they are in a very disagree-
of Dipses afterwards, as well as dancers, (for few kept time) full situation, between the two sick—
was truly amusing. The Master of the ceremony to save himself I have been a party, to see Homelands. (L^d. Sachvilles about 6
trouble, is trying to introduce long Lappets, for the Minuets. so mile off) a very pretty place, but the House, he won't have them
the Ladies, had Lappets long enough, to sit upon, pin'd, under about half a mile Beyond, is Withiam Church, the Burial
little Dance hats, with short petticoats. These indeed, that place of the family. When we saw, a fine old tomb, erected
had trains, not knowing how to manage them, was in danger to a Seventh son, and Thirteenth Child of a Sachville; the
of tumbles. The Minuets lasted very long, but when over, the young man lays on the top, the father & Mother, as big as
Master of the ceremony's came up with his Bow, to notify it. [redacted] creeping on each side, and round the sides, are the
When the Duke and company rose, and he, made his excuse other children; the dead, are distinguished by Palm
hoping he sh^d. be excused as an invalid, for going home so Branches in their hands; the living, by full bottom'd Wig
early, took his leave. Country dances then began, and the it is all Marble, and well executed; tho' the Statuary, has
usual entertainments took place; of cards, &c. it was very been too modest to put his name, his work deserves admira-
full, tho' I don't think the company very brilliant, as you will tion. We also went into the Burial Vault, and saw many
suppose, by the Quaker dancing the first. L^d. and Lady Supper, Coffins, Sir Ed. Sach. is among them, that fought the famous
L^d. Darnley, Lady Mary Duncombe, Sir Sacchierotti, Lady Gray, Duel — the situation of the Church, & Parsonage, is delight-
&c. &c. were there, and such a number of faces, one had never full. Buckhurst Tower, forms a beautiful object, it is part
seen before, or wished to see again! made a sufficient crowd. of an old gateway the only remains, of the ancient seat
Mr. Smith, who I have seen at your parties is here; & disconsol- of the Sachville Family. I took a sketch, which I hope
Widower, has sold his house in the country, and come here for the to show you, & give some idea of a very pretty place. I
Summer, with his children. Miss Finch, I saw on the walks some have been busy with my pencil; & taken another view, which is that



of Mount Misery, which makes a pleasing object, tho' the name
sh^d bespeak the reverse. but the names of the mounts, remind me
of the Pilgrims progress, wish you could come among them, and
ramble about with me, among the rocks &c &c

Mrs. Seland w: have been in hopes of seeing, but fear, the weather
will keep her at Stood. have rec^d a letter, in which she does not seem
in spirits, which I am very sorry for. Mrs. Dozon, is near the Camp
by Barnmouth, they have all been ill, & fear this weather is so unhealthy

Miss Hamilton

Queens Lodge

Windsor

Single sheet

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a country, will not make them very stout — I ought to apologise
for making you pay, ^{for this} but I never have any franko: and you was
so obliging to wish to hear ^{of us}, besides, I flatter myself, you will follow
my example, as I shall take it very ill, if you grudge my pence, & think
me not public spirited enough, to pay with pleasure, for what I like
so much. My mother & sister, join with me in best wishes, and am
Princip Amelia is gone to
St. Delham's near Brightelmotom. sed weather fulen
Sincerely Yours W: King how does Mrs
La Gite?