

Dear Miss Hamilton

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I lost no time in thanking you for your very obliging letter of the 27th of September, and to inform you, that you may depend upon receiving the Balance of your account entire early in the next month, I went to town yesterday to settle that business with Mr. Huband; I assure you there has been no unnecessary delay, as the whole of your money is not yet received from the Tenants, & that from the great distress of the country I have not yet received a shilling of my May Rents of my Lands in the Counties of Liddare & Meath & that I shall be under the necessity of evicting several of the Tenants.

You may be assured that I am highly sensible of the confidence you have reposed in me with regard to the purport of part of your letter, and that no improper use will ever be made of the freedom you may think fit to use in disclosing your sentiments to me upon any subject.

It would be a very long and tiresome detail to inform

you minutely of my expectations & disappointments from a certain
quarter, all that I shall insist upon at present is, that I am
persuaded there is no man living who had better founded
pretensions, resting upon the basis of royal Promises frequently
repeated, how it has happen'd that I have derived so little
good from them, I will not pretend to account for, no impatience
on my part was ever improperly express'd. & when the late L.
Liswich, many years ago had an audience of the H. on
my account, he was pleased to ^{express} his remembrance of me in such
terms as I could have wish'd. I was under the necessity of resigning
the honor of being Chaplain in ordinary, having held it a certain
time, as my residence in Ireland made it extremely expensive
& inconvenient to me, for I had to return to Ireland annually
in the month of November. That this might not be look'd upon
as dismissing myself & giving up all further expectations my
R. H. at my particular desire made my resignation for
me, & explain'd my motives to the H.; this was about fifteen
years ago; to resume solicitations so long suspended tho' my
S. assured me, he mention'd me to his M^y when he was last
in England, seems to me to be an hopeless undertaking, especially
as my ardor for worldly things is now much abated having

hardly attain'd the age of 51 years. It seems to have been the
policy of Ministers to fill almost every department in this
country with very low men, had I by chance been a schoolmaster
or a Tutor in a great Family I might probably have been a
Bishop, for of such materials is that order ^{here} principally composed,
to be deserv'd from noble ancestors, inheriting from them sentiments
of honor & integrity with a respectable landed property if urged
as pretensions to favors wou'd produce nothing more than an army
of contempt. Has he Parliamentary interest what can he do for
or against us? are the questions ask'd. It is hardly to be expected
that Persons of low & mean origin who have risen to high Stations
through worldly craft & servility shou'd have adequate ideas
of honor & dignity of sentiment which in the end are the best
for the interests of a State. I have had frequent thoughts
of making my appearance in London ^{one more} upon the business
of renewing my solicitation, but have always dropp'd them
as I cou'd never so far deceive myself as to entertain hopes of
success. As I have been long forgotten as well as my pretensions
I shou'd be advis'd, I suppose, to proceed in form, by a Memorial
which unless presented & back'd by a Person of consequence,
wou'd have as little weight as the Petition of a mad

Apothecary that I remember to have seen standing in the little chamber
at 1st James's. My S^r Miss Hamilton it is full time to quit this
unpleasing subject. Tho' I have fail'd of advancement in my
Profession. I ought to be thankful for the many comforts I
enjoy, excellent health, admirable spirits, & a competency,
if added to these blessings, I enjoy the esteem of those who
know me, an affection which can not come properly from
myself, you will not think me an unhappy being. I am
sure I should be much affronted to be called so. I return
the letters you enclosed — As your royal elives are not
slow in attaining the stature of women I flatter myself
with the hopes, unless you are honor'd with an additional
supply of them, that the time is not far distant when
you ^{will} be honor'd with some substantial mark of approba-
tion. M^r Hamilton desires to be remembered to you. I am

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Latour October 6. 1779.

Dear Miss Hamilton,
Your Affectionate Uncle
Frederick Hamilton