

Dear Miss Hamilton

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I received the favor of yours of the 9th of March some time ago; I am extremely sensible of your goodness to me in taking part in so kind a manner in my interests. If L^d B. has not been more candid in his publick transactions than in his conduct to me his distinction will not give cause of much regret. By a letter I received at least a year ago from L^d B. wrote by L^d S. to particular direction, he disapproves of what he had not only approved but even corrected himself, I mean my Memorial, which he nearly recommended it to me to apply to you to find a proper person to present it. In short in that letter in many warm-
ing expressions of regard he declined giving me any assistance whatever, as Ecclesiastical Preferments to use his own words, were not in his department. His opinion upon the subject you was so obliging to consult him, is equally frivolous & unwise, he had better have spoke out at first that he had no real regard for L^d B. as that being the case, I could have no claim upon him, which is the construction I must put upon the matter.

I expect to be in London by the 10th of May next where I mean to stay but a very few days, and then proceed.

on my journey to Geneva that we may arrive there before
the great heats come on. If by chance you could procure me a
letter of recommendation to any respectable Family there, it
might be of much use to me, as I would not chuse to depend
entirely upon the acquaintances that I have already there.
I believe there are some very respectable Persons connected
with that Country in the Family with you. There are
some preliminaries of some difficulty to settle before the Propo-
sitions can be surrendered a word too well understood in these
Days, which if they are not agreed to, I am determined to
keep in my own hands. all this will be explain'd when
we meet. I have pleasure in the thoughts of showing you my
Children, and hope you will think them objects well deserving
my whole attention. I hope my Daughter Jane will be more for-
tunate than her Sister, she has a good understanding with
excellent principles, the best foundation for a polish'd education
for which she possesses every requisite Talent.

When I appointed Mr. Balgour to be my Agent in Scotland,
I gave him directions to be particular in making your annual

Premittance which I conclude he will always do at the same
time that he sends my yearly Rent, which I generally receive
in the month of Feb^r nor can the Tenants be brought to make their
payments sooner. What changes the great revolutions in
the Administration will produce here, time will show, and
I shall be satisfied to hear of them at a distance; the subject of
Politics is particularly unsatisfactory at this time, and
I observe you always avoid it. My views are now much con-
tracted, & all expectations being at an end I shall at least be
exposed to fewer disappointments. My spirits are by no means
broken and no one can enjoy a agreeable Society more than
I do, but the kind of Society that I mean, I do not find here.
Pray remember me to the Grevilles you have never mentioned
L. Watheart, I am disposed to think extremely well of him. Adieu

Wickville Street
April 2^d 1742.

My Dear Miss Hamilton believe me,
Your very faithful & affe. Uncle
Frederick Hamilton

I shall be at some Hotel for
the few days that I shall stay in London