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Dear Miss Hamilton,

The reason of your leaving Town so suddenly makes all apologies unnecessary. We are all rejoiced to hear of Lady Wake's recovery, but not quite so much at the plan you have mention'd of being separated from your Friends here, for the greatest part of the summer. I conclude Miss Walsley has inform'd you of the death of poor Lady Ann Greville; she was seiz'd with an inflammation of the lung, which put an end to her existence last Monday, after an illness of 7 or 8 days. I was with Lady Warwick at the time of the fatal event. She thought her better that day than on Sunday ^{the} ~~she~~ had been speaking of me with great sensibility for my attention to her, as I had visited her three or four times during her illness, at her desire; she behaved with great fortitude for tho' perfectly sensible of her approaching dissolution, she conversed with ease, as far as her faltering voice would permit, & frequently joked; she could not bear the sight of grave faces, or the expression of any kind of anxiety on her account, for which reason Lady Warwick's company was less agreeable ^{to her} than any other Persons. When I left her Room on Sunday, her Clerk presented me with Pope's Homer which she made him read &

listened to with the greatest earnestness, trivial conversations
he said, did not keep up her attention, but that she was highly in-
terested in the heroic exploits of Achilles. She left a very singular
will, very spirited & quite in character. I shall mention but one
particular at present which is a legacy of £500. & all her cloaths
& many other things to her maid, who has been with her near ten
years. She is to be interred at Warwick to which place her corpse
was sent this morning.

My son arrived from Geneva ten days ago improved in
stature, but in no other respect. I had concluded everything
with Mr. Barrow, for his taking him under his care, but on
further consideration have thought it advisable to lay a-
side that plan, which I am sure would not have answered
well for either party. I am as yet undecided how I shall dis-
pose of him. I have made my Apologies to Mr. Barrow, giving
some of my reasons for my change of sentiment. In such a case,
where the judgement must be satisfied, there is no room
for comp^t. This is the third day of incessant rain & per-
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we may soon expect warm weather. I might have mentioned
to you that L^{dy} Ann Greville's death is attended with a circum-
stance of consolation to poor Lord Warwick for he gains
£500 p^{er} An by it, & all demands upon him on her account
are now completely cancelled; he had a saving of £100. five

months ago by the death of Mr. Tatour. You give me an
example of punctuality. Our Account Hands thus. Have re-
ceiv'd of the £600 for which you have my Bond the same
in the order following - I should have forgot any other
sum receiv'd it shall be rectified £ 190. — . —

Interest due to me	350. — . —
	25.
By a Bill on Mrs. Gosling	75. 12
	£580. 12

Mr. Hamilton desires to be remembered to you. Jane says
she will speak for herself. I am Dear Mrs. Hamilton

St James's Street
May 29th 1783.

Your very faithful & affectionate
Humble servant
Frederick Hamilton

My Uncle Frederick
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