

My dear Madam,

The remembrance of the misunderstanding you allude to is very distressing to me. I wish I had acted with more coolness; the past cannot be recall'd but I beg you will assure Mr. Dickenson that I am equally desirous with him, that the unfortunate ^{subject} should hereafter be buried in oblivion, & consequently be no more touch'd upon. I have been much out of order for some time past, but am now considerably better & enjoy much comfort from the society of Mr. Holman. My ^{mind} is as yet too much distracted to think of visiting my friends, indeed I have so much business upon my hands that I could not with propriety be absent from my present residence even for a short time. I have not only to struggle with the great misfortune that has lately befallen me, but I am also at this time surrounded by various domestic grievances, & these bearing upon me at my advanced period of life, occupy my mind with unpleasant reflexions, which I do not possess sufficient strength to exclude. I hope Mr. Holman will not think of leaving me soon, unless upon better prospects; she possesses a strong

kind & much-patience for which she has great occasion. I have
consider'd that every distress that may assail her husband, must
fall equally upon her, I have therefore determin'd to consult her in-
terest in all future occurrences respecting him. I hope to be able
to do something for my daughter, but that at all events must
not be subject to his control. Having sufficiently tried your
patience, I have only to beg the favor that you will present my
respects to Mr. Dickenson & my love to my God Daughter, I remain

My dear Madam,

Your faithful and affectionate
humble servant
Frederick. Hamilton.

N^o. 1 Brock St. Bath.
Feb. 20th 1807.

My Dear Cousin,

I conclude, by my not hearing from you,
that you suspected my stay at Bath would
be prolonged; and I am sure, from the ex-
treme kindness you and Mr. Dickenson have
shown me, ^{that you will be glad to hear} that my dear Father is not as
all inclined to part with me; but, on the
contrary, wishes me to remain with him
as long as I conveniently can. You will
easily believe, my dearest Cousin, how happy
I am, to be able, in any degree, to alleviate
sad situation; and the great satisfaction I
in perceiving, that he is certainly better than
I found him, on my arrival. I was going
to write to you to-day, and to leave him room
for a postscript; but, was agreeably surprised
by hearing that he felt well enough to write
the former part of the letter, which I am
sure, you will rejoice at. I should have
written to you sooner, but that I thought I
might perhaps have a letter from you, forwarded
from London. I dare say, you guessed that

matters would turn out as they have, respecting
my stay. Pray remember me most affectionately
to Mr Dickenson, and my Cousin Louisa; and believe
me, ever, with the highest obligation for all your

Mr Dickenson
Loughton House
Loughton Buzard
Bedfordshire



Kindness, and the truest regard and esteem
your very affectionate
J. Holman.
P. S. I am in daily
expectation of a letter from Mr. H.