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Dear Miss Hamilton

Aug. 1778

Your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> of this Inst<sup>h</sup> which I receiv'd yesterday has reliev'd me from much anxiety on your account; what you say of your present State of health, and of the attention that you experience is highly satisfactory to your Friends, as they must esteem it as the best testimony, that your conduct is approved of. I have been settled at my House within 3 miles of Dublin since the 20<sup>th</sup> of May last & find it in every respect a most agreeable & convenient residence, the situation cannot be excell'd as it commands the view of the Bay of Dublin with the opposite Hills cover'd with Villas. I have a little farm of about fifty English Acres, the half of which is in a Lawn in front of my House, pastur'd by sheep & other cattle, which enliven the scene & are very useful in other respects. With regard to the small Parish in my neighbourhood which would be so eligible an acquisition to me, by justifying my absenting myself from my Living in the North of Ireland, of all



place in the world the most detestable, I do not see that I have at present any chance of attaining it, so that I am not without my apprehensions of being at last reduced to the necessity of giving up that Living, if my residence there should be insisted upon; this would be a very distressing reduction of my income, but still of two evils the least.

I am truly concerned to hear that Dr. Dastrey has met with so great an affliction, this is I believe the second within these few years, for if I remember right he lost a son by a fall from a horse.

Mr. Brown has transmitted me the Papers you mention and I have returned them signed. Tho' Mr. Hamilton must enjoy great satisfaction in the thoughts of your present connection, yet she must feel the loss of the comfort of your society very severely, especially as she does not enjoy a good state of health. I beg you will do me the favor when you write to present my compliments to her. Poor Mr. Stratford has disposed of herself very unfortunately to a man of fortune indeed, but so wretched a being that it is impossible for me to keep up any intercourse with him, so that we do not see her as often

as we could wish; she has a daughter about eight months old and is in the way of adding to his family a second time. My second Daughter is a very agreeable child, now ten years old, & will I hope be <sup>more</sup> fortunate than her sister. My son is with us and is at last recover'd from the bad consequences of the inoculation & will be a very well looking boy. When I

was mentioning some particulars of this place, I forgot to inform you that we mean to make it our constant residence for some time at least, and to pass the next winter here. I have been at so great an expence in the purchase, addition, furnishing &c. <sup>that</sup> this is a matter more of prudence than of choice. Mr. Hamilton desires to join with me in complying every good wish.

August 11<sup>th</sup> 1778

Latons - Uentarf  
near Dublin

I am Dear Mrs. Hamilton

Your Affectionate Uncle  
Frederick Hamilton