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Dear Miss Hamilton

Feb 1779

I have inadvertently deferred thanking you for your last letter much longer than I ought to have done, but shall not offer any further apology, as it might have the appearance of treating you with too much formality. I am happy to find that you have borne your late loss with such proper resignation; your dutiful affection to your Parent was too evident to leave any doubt of the distress you must have felt in being deprived of her. It must have been a very great satisfaction to you at that crisis, to find that your conduct had created you so many Friends, which without Flattery I may say, that I am sure you will know how to retain.

The Papers you mention can be of no use to you or to me, so that you may destroy them if they are

an incumbrance. I have already recommended it to
Mr. Fetherston to remit to you as soon as possible half
a year's Jointure due to Mr. Hamilton the 1st of November
last tho' I fear it will not come as soon as you may
expect for the poverty and distress of this Country is not
to be conceiv'd & Rents cannot be got in as formerly; if
Ireland does not get some relief soon as its trade and
manufactures are totally at a stand all ranks of peo-
ple must suffer in proportion in the general calamity,
you will also receive an Arrear of Jointure money
from Scotland in which I hope Mr. Brown will be parti-
tial tho' I have also receiv'd from him great complaints
of the scarcity of money in that Quarter. Mr. Fetherston
mention'd to me that he had receiv'd no acknowledge-
ment for his last remittance, but said he would write
to you himself. If you should think at any time that
my advice could be of service to you in your Affairs
you may command it and be assur'd that it will
be given with perfect sincerity.

I have pass'd the winter here in great solitude, not

by choice for after my great expences upon this Place
I could not afford to keep two Houses. Mr. Hamilton is
well & desires to be affectionately remember'd to you; my two
Children are also in perfect health and are in every
respect as promising as I could wish. My Daughter
Jane so call'd after Lady Cathcart is between 10 & 11 years old
is very handsome & has uncommon abilities. My Son is between
7 & 8 & as he is now thoroughly recover'd I intend to put him
to a very good school in the spring. Adieu D. Brys.

believe me ever

Labas, near Dublin

Feb: 4 16th 1779.

Your faithfully Affect^d Uncle
Frederick Hamilton

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I have fixed the counter here on great water de pot

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