

Dear Sir,

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We are extremely disappointed to hear that you and Mr. Dickenson have determined to put off your visit to your Friends in London to so distant a period. I had really promised myself great satisfaction in having an opportunity of assuring you personally how sensible I am of my obligations to you for your very kind attention to me upon a late occasion. My son left us a fortnight ago to join his Regiment at Nottingham, his equipment with his Commission have cost me at least £1500. to which I have to add an Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds a year in addition to his pay, which I hope he will be able to manage so as to make it answer, for further I positively cannot assist him. I have lately made an exchange of my living in the North of Ireland for a very moderate one in the best part of Suffolk, by which I am a loser of about £300 a year. I propose to reside upon it three or five months in the summer as



I have a tolerable House with good accommodations,  
& we mean to look upon it as a country retreat which  
will not only defray all expences attending it, but also my  
Son's allowance, & the satisfaction of my own mind trust  
stand in balance for my loss of income. The living is  
call'd Stanton, equally distant from Thetford & St. Edmund,  
& very beautiful country, with excellent roads & a  
capital neighbourhood. Enclosed is my Bond for the money  
you have lent me it has been executed some time, & is  
attested by a Notary Publick, & his Clerk, half a year's  
interest will be due upon it the 5<sup>th</sup> of April next, which  
I will pay as you may please to direct me. I am to receive  
from the Person L<sup>d</sup> Abercorn presents to my living in Ireland  
£1500 for my House, which he is by law obliged to give me  
Security to pay me in two years in equal yearly payments  
this security I propose to hand over to you in addition  
to my Bond, which I conceive will be better than any col-  
lateral security I could give you upon my Estate in Scot-  
land. At all events when you find occasion for your  
money it must be forthcoming after six months notice  
& in the mean time you may rest assured that the

enclosed Bond alone is security sufficient & indubita-  
ble, for God forbid that I should trifle with in such a  
matter as this! My Son is fully acquainted with the trans-  
action & of your conduct in it. You will please to acknow-  
ledge the Receipt of the Bond as soon as convenient to  
you; I thought it might come to you as safely by Post as  
in the way you proposed, which I prefer'd from my im-  
patience to acquit myself. I am very glad to hear so good  
an account of my little God Daughter, & hope sincerely that  
you may have increasing satisfaction in her. You can not  
well conceive Lady Stormont's happiness upon her acqui-  
sition of a Daughter, which is indeed a very beautiful Child  
& perfectly healthy; I have the honor of being her God Father  
also. All little unfriendly ideas that L<sup>d</sup> L<sup>d</sup> might have  
given foundation for some years ago, are now perfectly  
obliterated. Lady Frances Harpur is beginning to see  
her Friends a little. She is to be with us with M<sup>rs</sup> Graham  
& M<sup>rs</sup> Cathcart in a very private way next Friday evening.  
The Duke & Duchess of Atholl have been in Town about  
a fortnight with their whole Family; they have a



House in Hanover Square, formerly inhabited by the  
Imperial Minister. 'beg that you will remember me affection-  
ately to M<sup>r</sup>. Dickenson. 'am not sure that our not seeing  
you the next Spring is not owing to some of her economi-  
cal suggestions for this however. 'confess she is not to be  
ridiculed, nor am I disposed to do it. M<sup>r</sup>. Hamilton desires  
to be remembered to you & M<sup>r</sup>. Dickenson. I shall say nothing  
from my Daughter as I know she means to write immediate-  
ly herself. I remain with great regards

Dear Sir

Osford Street - 249

February 10<sup>th</sup> 1790.

Your faithful & Obligated

Humble Servant

Frederick Hamilton