

My dear Sir

NAM 11/4/20

I am much flattered by your very kind letter which indicates the goodness of your heart in the oblivion of past misunderstandings which I equally regret there ever having taken place; too ardent a disposition frequently leads us beyond the bounds of discretion, but ^{this} is a subject to be no longer dwelt upon.

I am very sorry to hear so unfavorable an account of Mr. Dickenson's health. I cannot say much for myself on that score; the consequences of the great I have sustained still bear very heavy upon me, which with the weight of years render me almost unfit for society to which the circumstance of increasing deafness adds much to the uncomfortableness of my situation & makes me totally averse to troubling my friends with my visits. I live in great solitude having even given up card parties so that I may
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my chief amusement is in trivial reading which goes on but heavily at night on account of my eyes which are failing as well as my other faculties. M^{rs}. Holman has left me less six weeks ago, she was but just recovered from a very dangerous illness by the great skill of Dr. Parry who as well as myself had very serious apprehensions for her; her disorder was brought on by the constant & severe agitation of her mind, owing to the cruel treatment of her husband whose plan seems to be no less than a total dereliction of her, leaving her without any provision but in entire dependence upon me. This is a very cruel situation as I am certain her conduct towards him has always been most affectionate & proper. I have not neglected this opportunity of assuring M^{rs}. Holman that as long as I live she may depend upon my effectual assistance, & I have already made very ample provision for her after my decease by a considerable Annuity in Trust out the reach of her husband, she will therefore, if she survives me be in good circumstances if she does not suffer herself to be ^{out}cajoled of this Annuity

or any part of its produce, upon which subject I have given her my exhortations in very solemn terms. This Annuity has cost me a very large sum by which I am totally deprived of ready money tho' with an advanced Income. My Trustees in this business are Cha. & Rob. Greville the former having conducted it. The idea of my unfortunate daughter being totally deserted after my decease, & depending upon the benevolence of her relations for her support, presented itself to me in all the horror attending such cruel circumstances, & the goodness of God inspired me with the desire of rescuing my child really a deserving object, from such dreadful misery. She was hardly recovered when she expressed an improper impatience to return to London, not very flattering to me, & as she seems to have a very great dislike to Bath. I have have advised to endeavor to find out a residence suitable for her in London & to consult me upon the subject in short nothing shall warp my affection from her. her address without comment is h^o. 35. Aldgate High Street London. I beg you will present my most affectionate regards to M^{rs}. Dickenson & to my worthy God daughter whose behavior to her Parents must

command universal approbation. I hope you will believe that
 I am sensible of the kindness of your invitation. In my present state
 of depress'd spirits I should be a most unpleasant visitor I remain

No. 1 Brock St. Bath.
 November 12. 1807.

My dear Sir, your faithful humble serv.
 W. Frederick Hamilton
 to Mr. Dickenson.

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John Dickenson Esq

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As I am in the habit of writing to you in the most private manner
 I am sorry to find that the contents of your letter have been
 brought to the notice of the public by some of your friends
 I am therefore sorry to hear that you are not at present
 in the habit of writing to me in the most private manner
 of all possible