

Tuesday
afternoon

25th May 1779

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My dearest Miss Hamilton

According to my promise,
I will now inform you who the person
is I meant to speak to you of last
Night, As you have bound yourself
to me by such solemn promises of
secrecy and of friendship I dare
now reveal to you the most secret
thoughts of my Soul, such is the
confidence I place in you. When
I promised to name you the Lady's
you declared you would not think
the worse of me on her account, or
indeed on any, therefore trusting

totally to yr. honor, I now declare
that my fair incognita, is yr dear,
dear, dear Self. Yr. manners,
yr. sentiments, the tender feelings
of yr. heart, so totally coincide
with my ideas, not to mention
the many advantages you have
in point person over many other
Ladies. That I not only highly
esteem you, but even love you more
than words or ideas can express.
Nothing should have drawn this
sent out of my lips, but the mutual
promises of friendship & secrecy

we so lately made each other. Let not
this declaration contribute to ~~add~~
~~any weight~~ ^{with you & yours} as I am convinced
you have already too great weight
upon them. I mean this totally
as an act of confidence, or else
I would not have mentioned ^{it} even
to yourself. Adieu

Dear Mr Hamilton
& allow me to sign myself
him who will esteem & love you
to the end of his life,
J. P.

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To
Miss Hamilton.