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3. S. Seymour Street  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
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My dearest Edwardina  
(for I must write as I feel towards you)  
I was just going to introduce myself  
to your notice, when your kind packet  
was put into my hands - believe me my soon  
nothing will efface you from my memory  
and feelings, I have too long sought your  
acquaintance not to wish to cultivate  
it now, and time and distance makes  
no diminution of real Friendship founded  
on esteem, - your excellent heart is  
grateful for very little indeed while I  
feel ashamed that I cannot do more  
for my royal Mistress -

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Now my dear, I find I cannot be  
happy without hearing from you  
sometimes. —

I must always know where you  
are, what you are doing, and though  
I do not least how you do. —

I am a miserable bad correspondent  
and dislike writing much, so never  
wait for my letters in cases of removal  
Dear but repay my real affection for you  
by writing and always put your direction  
in every letter, for fear in my journey  
I should mistaking it — One word ere we  
part for long, could not Lord Brougham  
or some one recover your passion at a  
proper time. —

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By the bye, I claim your direction  
without giving you mine - viz  
East Hill house Hastings. - there I shall  
be next week, as long as my house  
lets for and then - I will tell you  
what becomes of me & Mr. Abine must  
never be in England without finding me  
out, remember me kindly to him because  
he loves you and quote this scrawl  
from you -

— now but true friend.

— — —

(signed) Anne Hamilton

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Copy of one of  
Lady Anne Hamilton's  
letters