

March 22^d. 1792.

My dear Friend -

I know not how to Express to you the Consolation
I have derived in reading your Letter - to preserve your
Affection, so to preserve it - is my Principle, & I should
wonder - this I am sure will be the Case, if I strictly
follow the Line you mark out -

The Object of this Letter which I send by Express -
is to know precisely what Idea you annex to the Term
fair Credit, which you use in your Letter - The Practice
of usury has so infected all Clauses in this City, that this
Doctrine is maintained by Persons whose names, you would
be astonished to learn - "Then their Claims ought to come
in for an equal Division with an other" - At present nothing
my Judgment, or Feelings accord with this Opinion; and I
have repeatedly opposed it in the spite of all menaces, (and I shall
I tell you my Friend) ~~be as firm~~ as the Rock of Life I -

If on the best Estimate I can at present form of my affairs
the adoption of this Description of a Credit, would
I pay down to almost nothing, the bona fide Claims of
Creditors of other Descriptions, or the honorable Claims of Friends -
Shall I consent to this new System of Morality? - ~~and~~ The
Basis of the present Claims was contracted by an Agent, an
man Extraneous, & many; with whose Appropriation I am
perfectly unacquainted - Give me your mature, and candid
Opinion - it shall be (if you choose) preserved by me in

I have little Confidence - who ever my baggage, I will do my best to preserve
Lecturing, & Clergy's number have obtained permission of the Legislature
of 1788, and ~~the~~ the present Edition of your work, and the first Volume
I shall of have with light - they have been preserved your style - and make you
and I have as happy, as I can as present Minister - 1792.

To.

Alexander Hamilton Esq.
Phila.

ask him to pay - Mr. Adams

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