

My dear friend

Things here are in a calamitous
state — My heart is nearly broken with the dis-
tress of an friend due — Read the
enclosed & judge what my feelings
must be from your own — Great pains
have been taken to excite the public
rage agt him & his friends — Amongst
others I have been marked out as an
object of resentment — for being one of
~~his~~ ^{his} ~~disciples~~ ^{disciples} — It is true I am so —
but I have done nothing but what
a sincere friend & an honest man
ought to do — But no considerations
will influence me to desert him
in the present hour of his deep dis-
tress — I shall however take care to
engage in nothing that will be unbecoming
the respect every man owes himself.

B. L. — n & some others are triumph-
ing over this unfortunate man's
distress

and they are preying upon the vitals
of public credit by every artifice & com-
bination that can be devised to
depress stocks — I am obliged to aban-
don these men as devoid of every
sentiment which humanity inspires —
and at a future time you will shudder
at the tale of perfidy which I shall
unfold to you —

Indeed my dear friend I am
frantic with the pangs of grief for the pos-
sible welfare and for the honor & happiness
of our friends. I hope for a favorable
change but at present shadowy
clouds & darkness rest upon the
prospects of it — No man's affairs
could be more complex & changed
— I fear men's more often fine
— I have no connexion with him but what
is dictated by friendship & benevolence
— God prosper you — I let me entreat
you

to send me the consolations of
your friendship —

In haste & in distraction

I am, my dear friend,

Yours

J. Hamilton Esq

Robt. Tappan

Saturday afternoon 24 March 1792

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