Brixham february fourth 1801

Lady Hamilton

23 Piccadilly

Nelson London

*San Josef* febry: 4th: 1801

My Dear Lady Hamilton it blows so hard that I

doubt if it will be possible to get about on shore either

to receive or send letters but if it moderates in time

for the part of course mine shall go and I hope

from my heart to hear you are better, and it

has made my head ache stooping so much as I

have been making memorandums for my Will

and having regularly signed it. If was to die this

moment I believe it would hold good. If I am not

able to sent it as far as relates to you this day I

will tomorrow. I have been obliged to me more

particular then I wish’d as a wife can have

nothing and it might be taken from you by

will or the heirs of your heart and, if you disapprove

of any part say so and I will alter it, but I

think you must approve I have done my

best that you should. I shall now go to work and

save a fortune, say shall I bequeath the 2000£-

owing me from Sir W. *[William]* for the same purpose. you

must keep this letter ‘till you receive a copy of my

memo *[i.e. Will memorandum]*. what a pretty piece of history letting out

the men at Sanadson *[unknown reference]*. I was camped by some ship?

ones in power when I said if I was a perseverate:?

I would come out in spite of all the English Fleet

as they now run into Brest, and I would be

onto all of them

before morning. your dear kind letters of monday are

just come on board in a shore boat and I shall try

and get mine ashore but it is barely possible-

Sir William should say to the Prince that situated as

you are It would be highly improper for you to

admit H.R.H. that the Prince should wish it I am

not surprized at and that he will attempt every

means to get into your house and into any place

where you may dine But Sir Wm: *[William]* should speak

out and if the Prince is a man of honor he will quit

the pursuit for I know his aim is to have you

for a mistress. the thought so agitates me that I

cannot write, I have wrote a few lines last night

but I am in tears I cannot bear it. Tell Wm: I -

his friend is grateful for his goodness and make

my kindest regards to Mr: Jenkins & Horatia & Ever Believe

me your sincere faithful & affectionate

Nelson & Bronte

We drink your health everyday, Believe me

your letters cannot be long or too minute of

all particulars. my mind is a little easier

having perfect confidence.

Make my respects to Sir Wm: the Duke & Lord

Wm Gordon