

Letter from Philip Hamilton to Alexander Hamilton, April 21, 1797

New York Friday April 21st, 97

Dear Papa

I just now received the enclosed Letter from Grandpapa In answer to a letter I wrote to him In which he has enclosed to me three receipts for shares in Tontine tavern amounting to 100£ I have Given the receipts to Mama; I Delivered my speech to Dr. Johnson to examine, he has no objection to my speaking it, But he has Blotted out that sentence which appears to me to be the best & most animated in it; which is you may recollect it, “Americans, you have fought the Battles of man Kind; you have have [*sic*] enkindled that sacred fire of freedom,” &c. Dear Papa, will you be so Good as to give my thanks to Grandpapa for the present he has made me but above all for the Good advice his letter Contains which I am very sensible of its being extreemly necessary for me to pay particular attention to, in order to be a Good Man.

I remain your most

affectionate son

P. Hamilton

You will oblige
me very much by sending
back the Letter I have enclosed to you.

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