Oldtown August 11th 1801

My Dear Sister

It is with infinite plea=
sure that I sit down to write my Anna a few lines, but
must confess that I was somewhat disappointed in
not receiving a letter from her by Judge Chase, such
an opportunity ought not to be neglected. You must
allow for the haste of the time of this letter, as I have
just stolen a few minutes to write you that not know=
=ing when the Judge intends going - The ladies from
Philadelphia have left so that I suppose that
you know by this time who they are, but if not I will
not be as ceremonious as you were, in telling who that lady
was that sent me a lock of her hair. I wish dearest Anna
you will in your next let me have the pleasure of kno=
=wing

Miss Anna M. Hamilton
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Chas by
Judge Chase

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