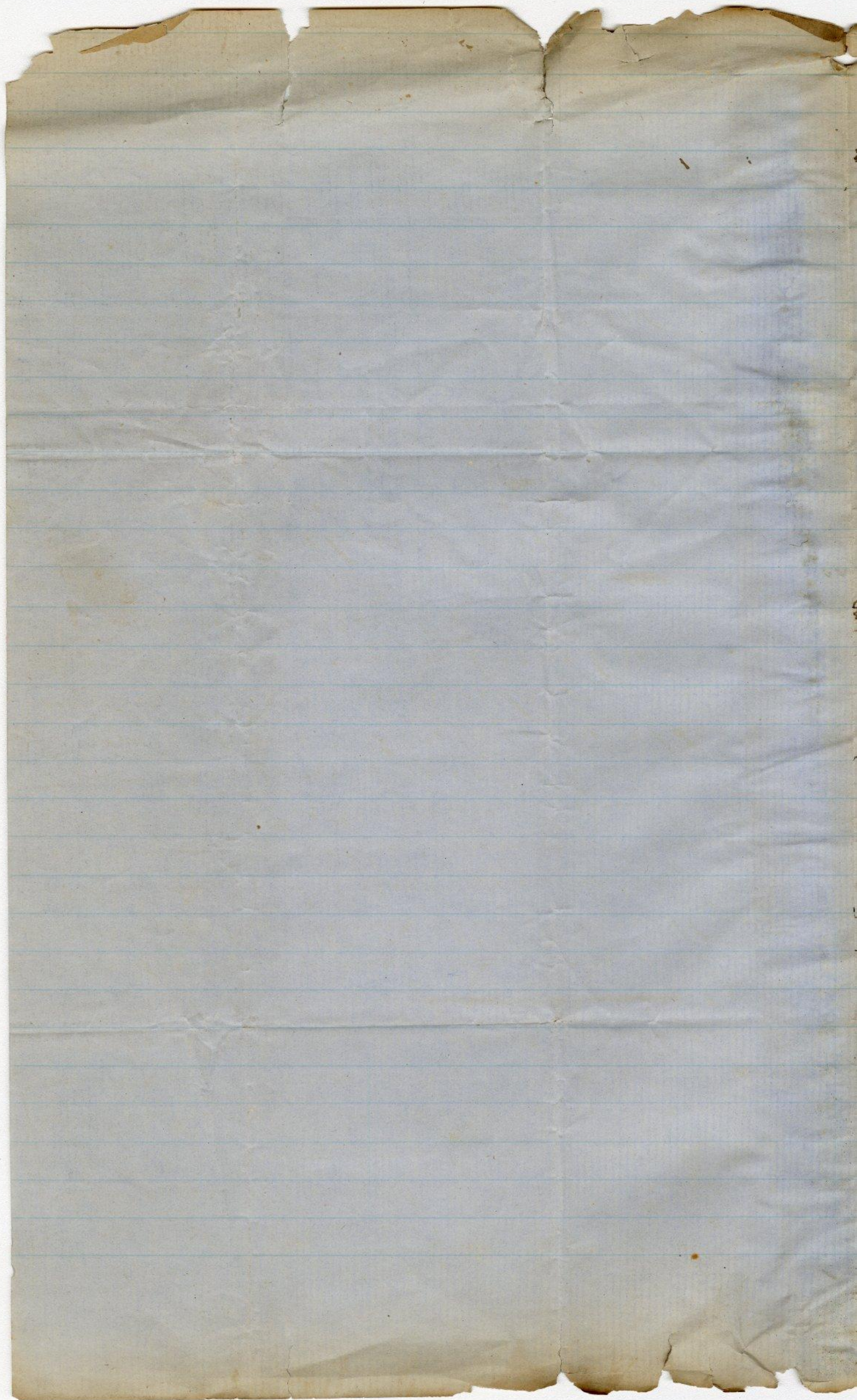
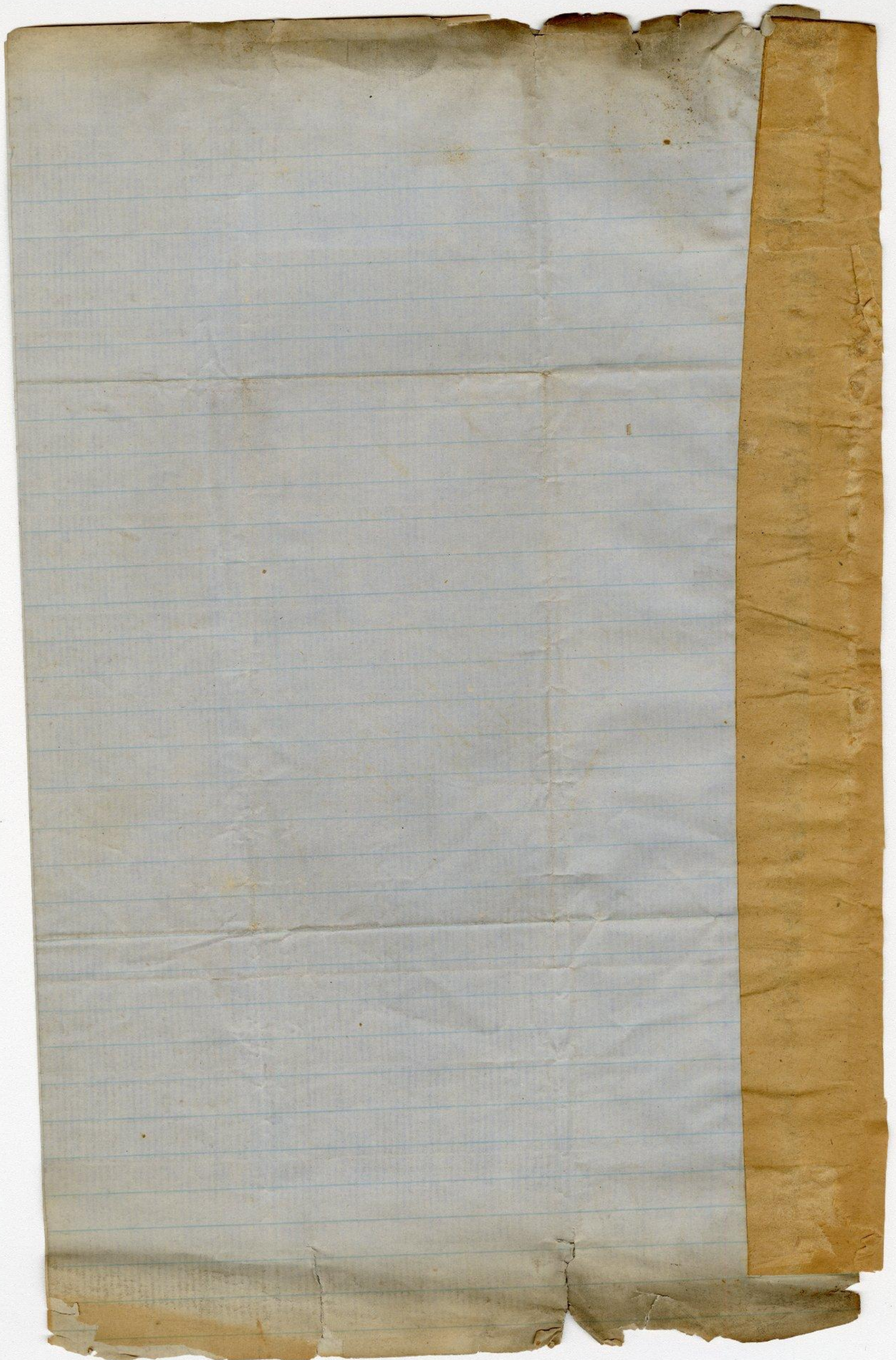


and as to rate of fare in now is critical
as yet. But I am of the opinion every
thing will work rite soon and I now
times is very hard too but We must
hope for the better. ³⁰ if you have any
money for me please send it on to me
as soon as you can and I will for there
more say if you ~~for there more~~ contin
we hiring my Boy Tom out for one
year at a time I never will get him
out here I want you to study my
in trust as well as yours if you will
make that arrangement with the R
Rodd company wich I have mention
to you above. I will come after him
naxt fall my self and I wish
you would see Mr Boock and sell
him my intrust in my grand fathers
estate Hardin woodroffe ~~and~~ and see
Mr Albert Harrison if he has no
money for me he has the seling of
my Mothers land in Amherst and
stock and house hold and Cithen furn
iture please see him and get my
share of it from him please rite
soon as you get this few lines
and please rite a plane how so I
can understand your hand riting
for I hav not much education
and please dont use no hiflowe wor
ds your friend

Lipston Woodroffe





Philadelphia

February 14/61

Dear Mr. Markford
Superintendent of

Quarterm

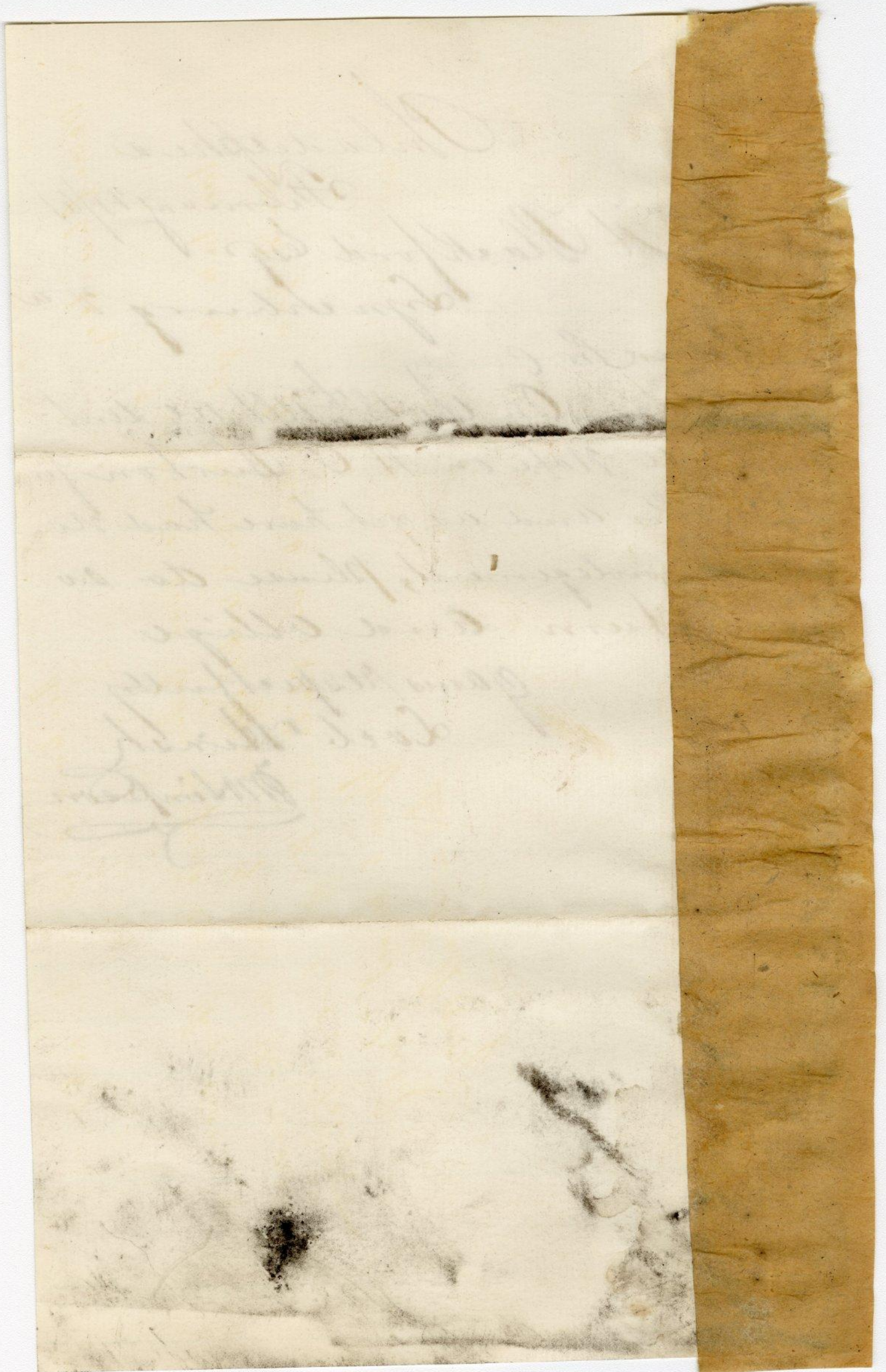
On the 18th of May 1861

you will make on N. C. Quarterm for
\$4000⁰⁰ and as you have had the
acknowledgments please do so
for return and all this

Yours respectfully

Wm. M. Smith

Wm. M. Smith



Richmond 15 Feb. 1867

Dear Charley:

I received your letter of yesterday this evening
too late to get into the Clerk's office & I will in the morning
send you the deed on statement of its contents

Yours most truly
L. W. S. Murray

Received of Mr. [unclear] the sum of [unclear] on the [unclear] of [unclear] 1887

[unclear]

I received from [unclear] the sum of [unclear] on the [unclear] of [unclear] 1887

Yours truly
[unclear]



Staunton, Va

Jan. 12. 1861.

M^r Charles W. Blackford

Ayuckburg

My Dear Brother.

Your letter of the 2d. Inst., enclosing the receipt for \$5.55, paid by you on my policy of Life Insurance for \$500.00, reached me duly. I acknowledge gratefully your care in paying it for me, as I had been so careless myself as to forget it, & rather had left it entirely in your hands to attend to without special request to that effect. Enclosed please find a cheque on the Merchants Bank for \$23. $\frac{55}{100}$; \$18.00 to pay my semi-annual instalment of interest due to Mrs. Clayton on the 18th. Inst. and \$5.55 to return to you for the payment made in my name of which the receipt forwarded is evidence.

I had no intention of allowing either of my life insurance policies to expire.

Besides the amount enclosed I owe you \$50.00, if I am not mistaken. This sum I hope to pay within three months from this time, and would much sooner but that the hard times make me loth to draw as largely as I otherwise would upon Mr. Phillips, who has at all times, however, manifested the most liberal spirit ~~towards~~ toward me. I am very sorry to delay the payment of this debt to you in view of your many kindnesses of this kind; I trust however that the time is not far distant when I shall be in condition to be more independent of the aid which you have so generously extended to me in various ways pecuniarily during the last five years. With-
out I believe I could not possibly have completed my University education:

a thing which now I consider it would be utterly impossible to estimate the value of in dollars and cents. Don't think from this, however, that I consider my degree as having capped the climax of human acquirement, or any such nonsense. I regard it merely the indication of a good beginning: nothing more: and really though it may apparently smack of the pride that often humiliates in me to say so, I have never experienced such an oppressive sense of the insignificance of my own attainments as during the last six months.

In your acknowledgement of this letter please enclose me a memorandum of the items making up my debt of \$50.00 to you.

Give my love to Sister Sue and the children. I went some weeks since to see her aunt Mrs. Kenney.

Your affectionate brother
R. M. Blackford.

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Forest Bedford Co Va Jan 12th 1860

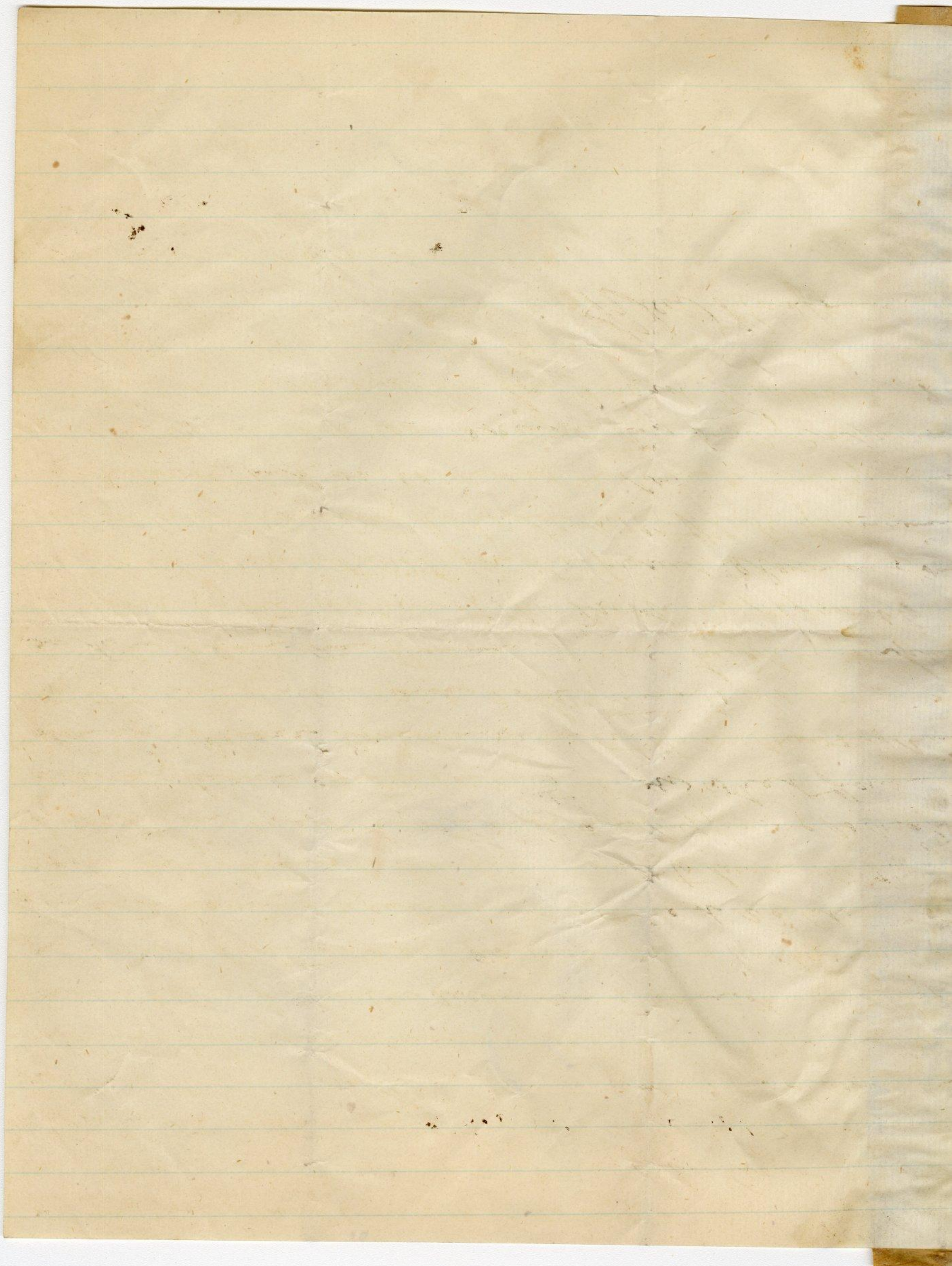
My Dear Sir

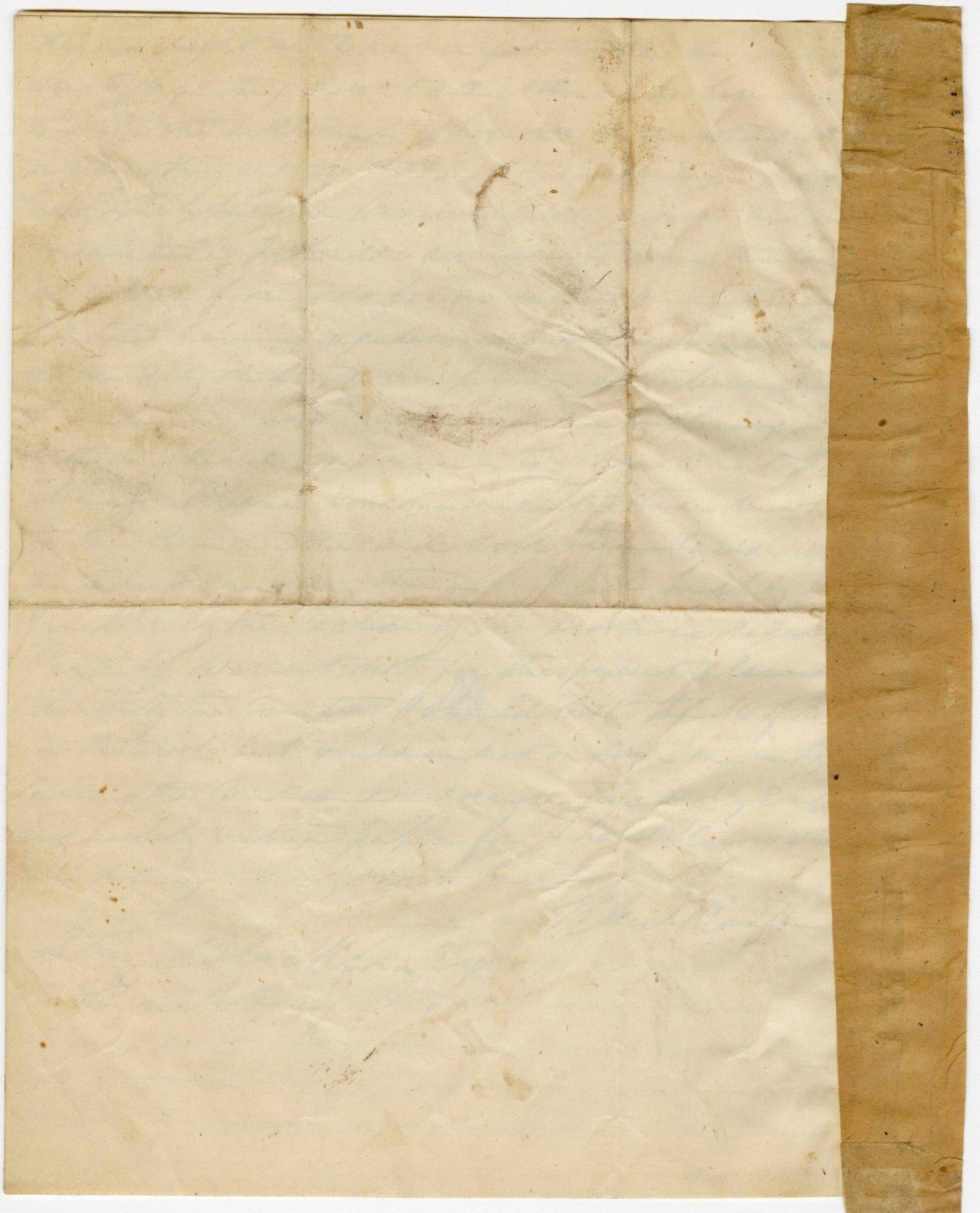
I have been suffering for the last day or two with a violent head ache which will prevent my coming to town this morning as you request and as I am very anxious to do in order to prevent any premature action by the Committee. I consider the Company on a war footing now, so far as regards arms. The great want of the Troop is instruction in the Manual of the Arms they now have and the Application of the Officers and Non-Com Officers to the Theory of Tactics. If the Troop had all the varieties of arms made and all the Equipments necessary for Ornament or use. Another would be of any advantage unless they could use them expertly. Which we all know is not the case with the Troop either as regards the Sabre or Carbine. So we want the Committee to prepare arms and Equipments. but we want Officers to learn how to instruct the men and the men ready & willing to receive instruction at any and all times. In a Company with proper Officers for its organization there can be no such thing as a Committee to arm, Equip. and put it on a war footing. these are the duties of the Commanders. My idea is that the best thing that can be done to put ourselves on a war footing is to go to work and drill and study, and study and drill every

day and night until we are fit to take the field. if we
are to go in the field at all it must be here in Virginia
and in the settlements where we will not want tents
or where they will rather be a disadvantage. I shall be
in Lynchburg on Monday if well enough and in the
mean time I shall arrange to have the Company put
on a war footing so far as drilling and teaching is concerned
I intend having regular instruction and recitation in tactics
as the only means of compelling all to learn the theory
I write in great haste and am suffering so much
with my head as scarcely to know what I am
doing. Please communicate these views of mine
to the Committee and ask them to do nothing
until I can see them. I feel highly compli-
mented by the action of the Troop in regard to
myself were it not for the present alarming con-
-dition of the Country I should not think of remaining
in the Troop but would insist on some one in Lynchburg
taking the command. excuse this badly expressed
and badly written paper for I hard know what I
am doing. Yours truly

Blair Bedford

C. M. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va





Keysville July 17/61

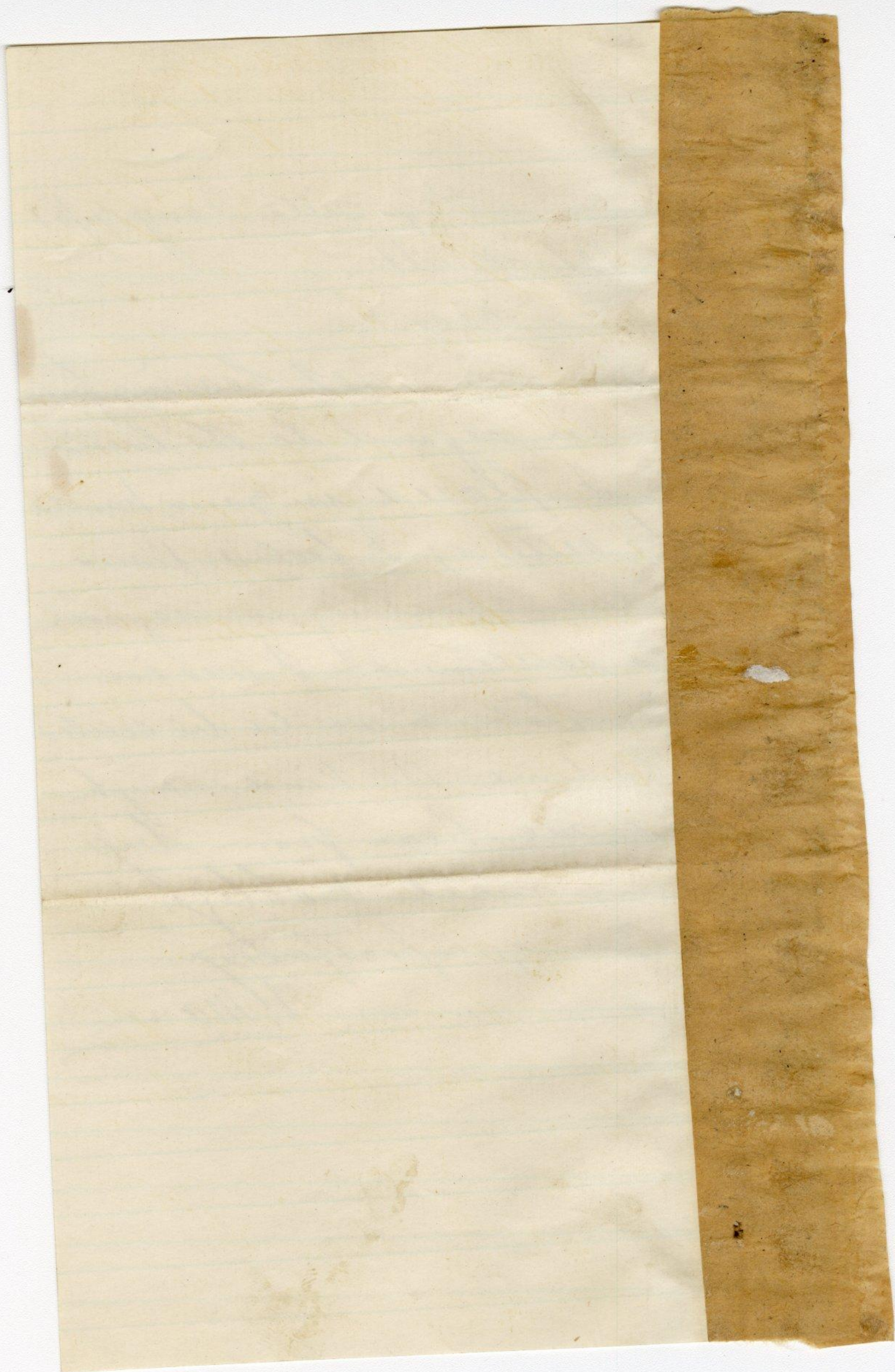
Mr. Blackwell,

Dear Sir

Not hearing from
you in regard to the busi-
ness I placed in your hands
to be settled; I feel anxious
to hear something in regard
to its settlement. I was in
hopes that it would be settled
by this time. Be kind enough
to let me hear from by
return mail. I oblige

Yours, respectfully

A. Mann

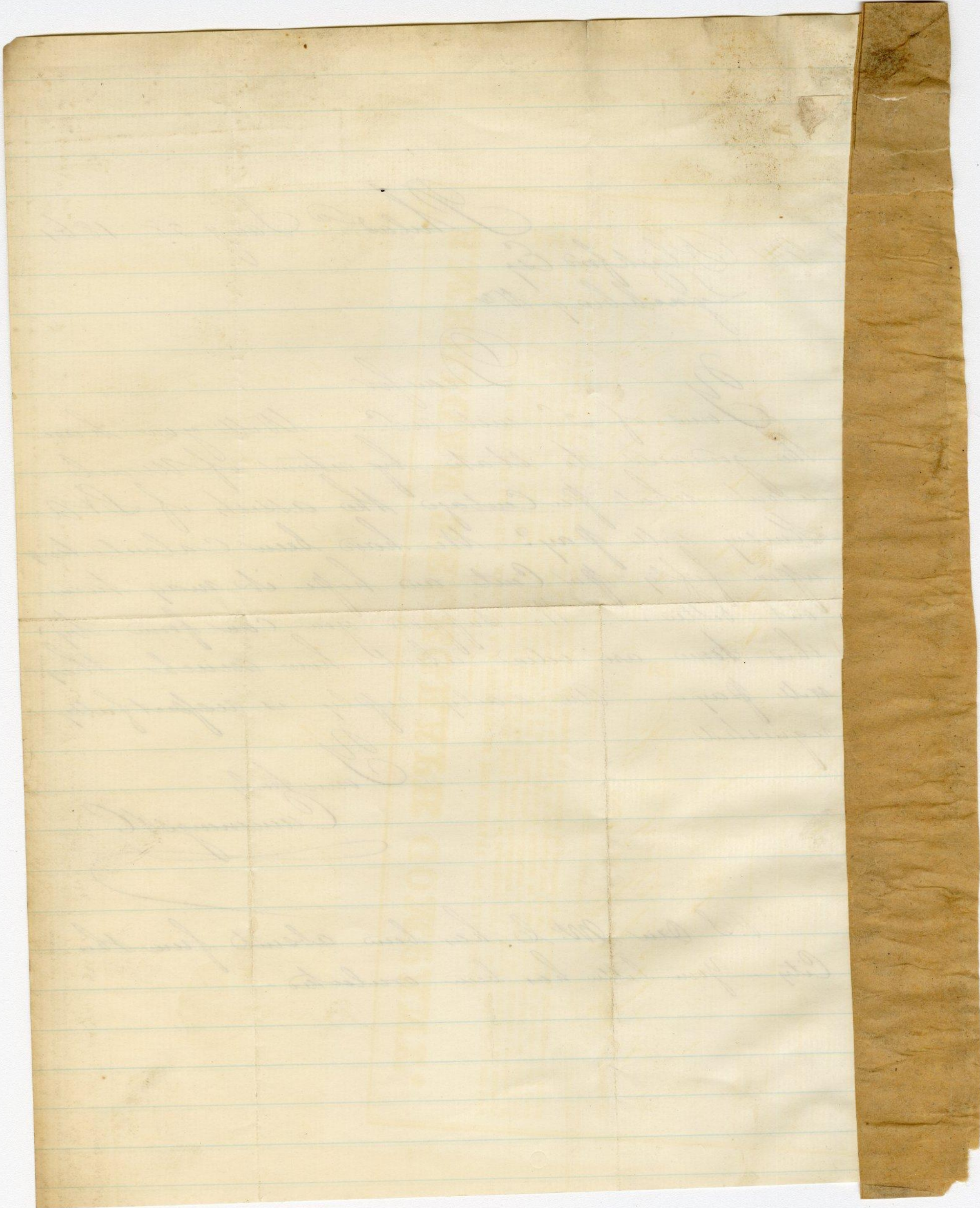


Phila^a July 28. 1861
C. W. Blackford Esq
Lynchburg Va

Dear Sir
Yours of 2^d inst rec^d. Will you have
the goodness to state by return of mail
about what per centage the assets of S & A
Kinsy will pay? We have been calculating
upon fifty per cent, and hope it may turn
out better - We suppose you can form by
this some an idea about how much they
will pay - An early reply is respectfully
requested.

Yours truly
Cummings & C

P.S. Our Mr. C has been absent from the
City - Your letter has been overlooked.



AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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Received at Synchburg July 28 1861 at 7 o'clock, 30 minutes.
By telegraph from Liberty 28. To Chas W Blackford

Judgement against Christians
Received & docketed

A A Arthur

of Col 25

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Received at New York City N.Y. 1881 at 10 o'clock 30 minutes
By telegraph from Richmond Va.
Richard W. Blackford
Department of Agriculture
Washington