

Raleigh 25 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1819.

Sir.

I have received your letter by Mr Winslow.  
It is true that an action at law, cannot be sustained upon  
a promisory note, payable to a slave. But an action may be  
brought by the master, for the work & labor of the slave, and the  
note to the slave (as a verbal declaration of the debtor) may  
be used, with other testimony to shew the amount of the  
sum earned by the slave. — If I understand you, a  
suit was brought by Col<sup>d</sup> Scott, against Maxwell & a Judge  
-ment recovered: — if this is <sup>the</sup> case, you have only to procure a  
record of this suit, properly certified by the Clerk & by the  
presiding Magistrate, and sue Maxwell in S. C. upon  
the Judgment: the Judgment will be evidence of the debt  
unless he can shew he has paid it. — Whether it is best  
to accept \$100, & indulge for the balance, or proceed  
rigorously to enforce the judgment at law, I cannot advise  
you, not being informed of Maxwell's circumstances or  
prospects — But as you can, by some gentleman at  
Fayetteville, have the claim entrusted to some respect-  
-able attorney in Columbia, I would advise you to  
submit the mode of proceeding to the discretion of  
your attorney — requesting him, if possible to secure the  
debt: — even if he gave long credit — If the Judgment



at Fayetteville is in the name of Doct. Scott, he  
should assign it to you - if it is in the name of  
Montford, you should have a letter of attorney drawn  
from Montford, to the gentleman you employ in  
Columbia, & have it acknowledged at Newber - & sent

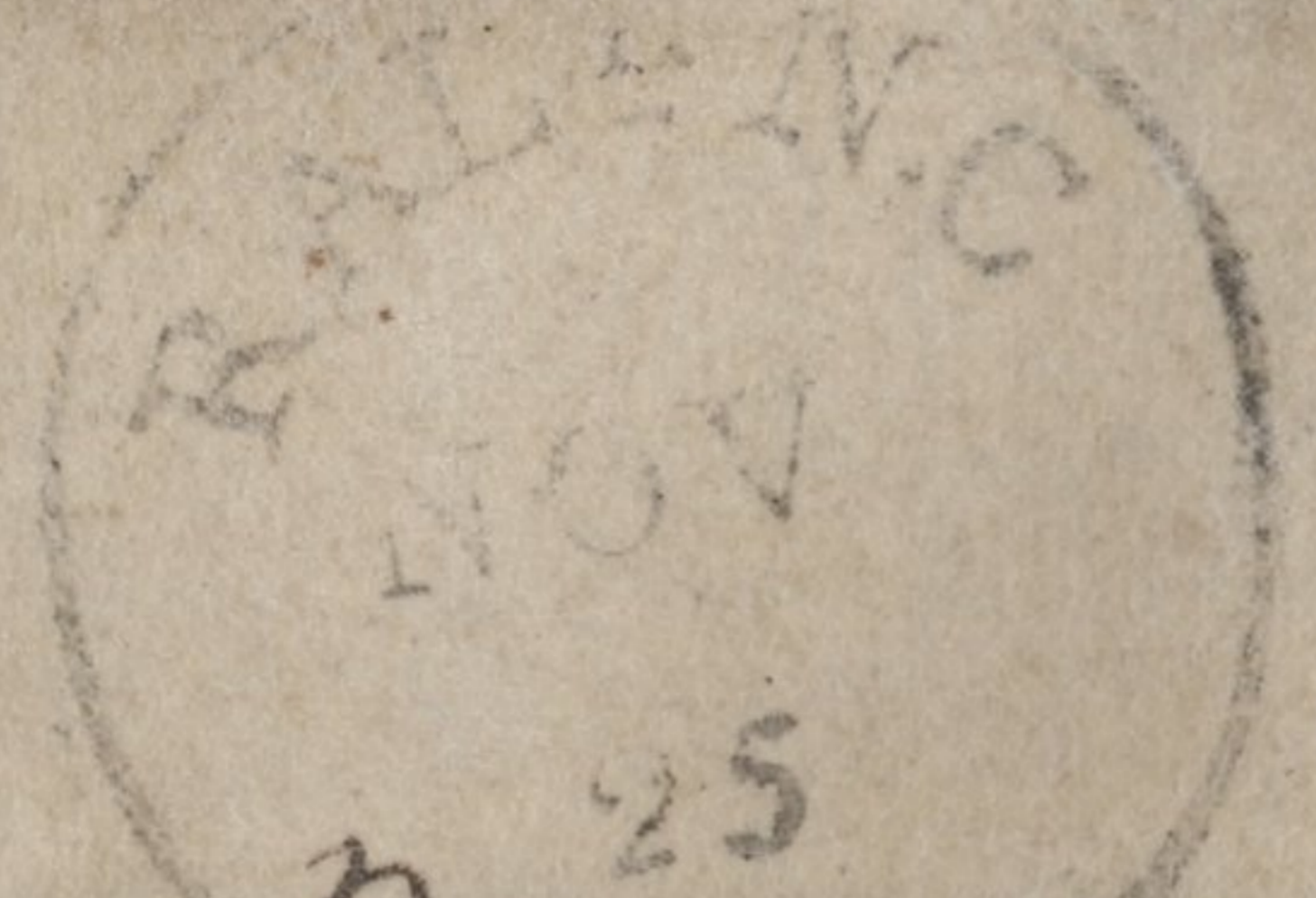
to you to forward -

I have heard nothing interesting from  
Newber since I left there.

Your friend  
J. Stanley

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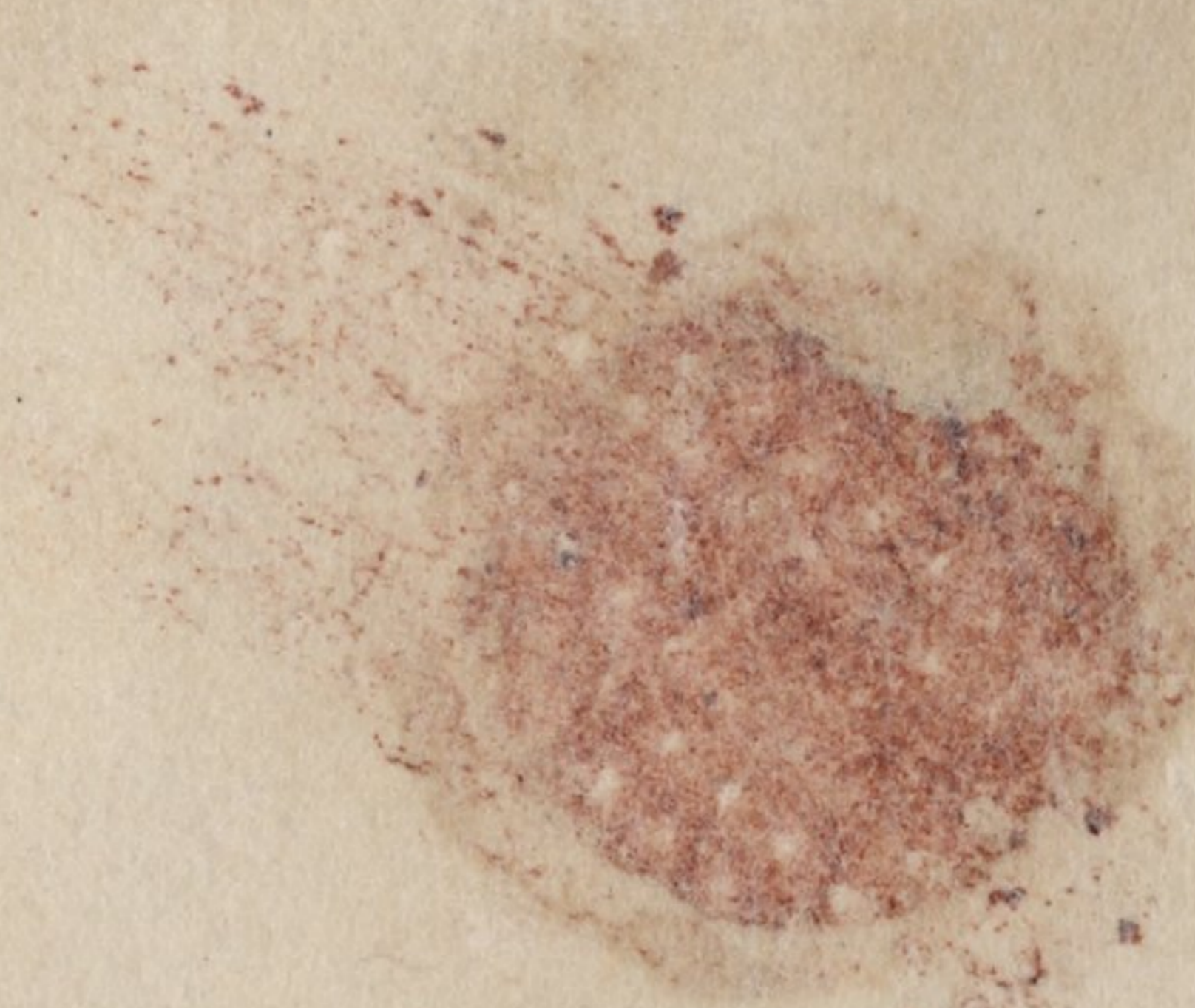




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