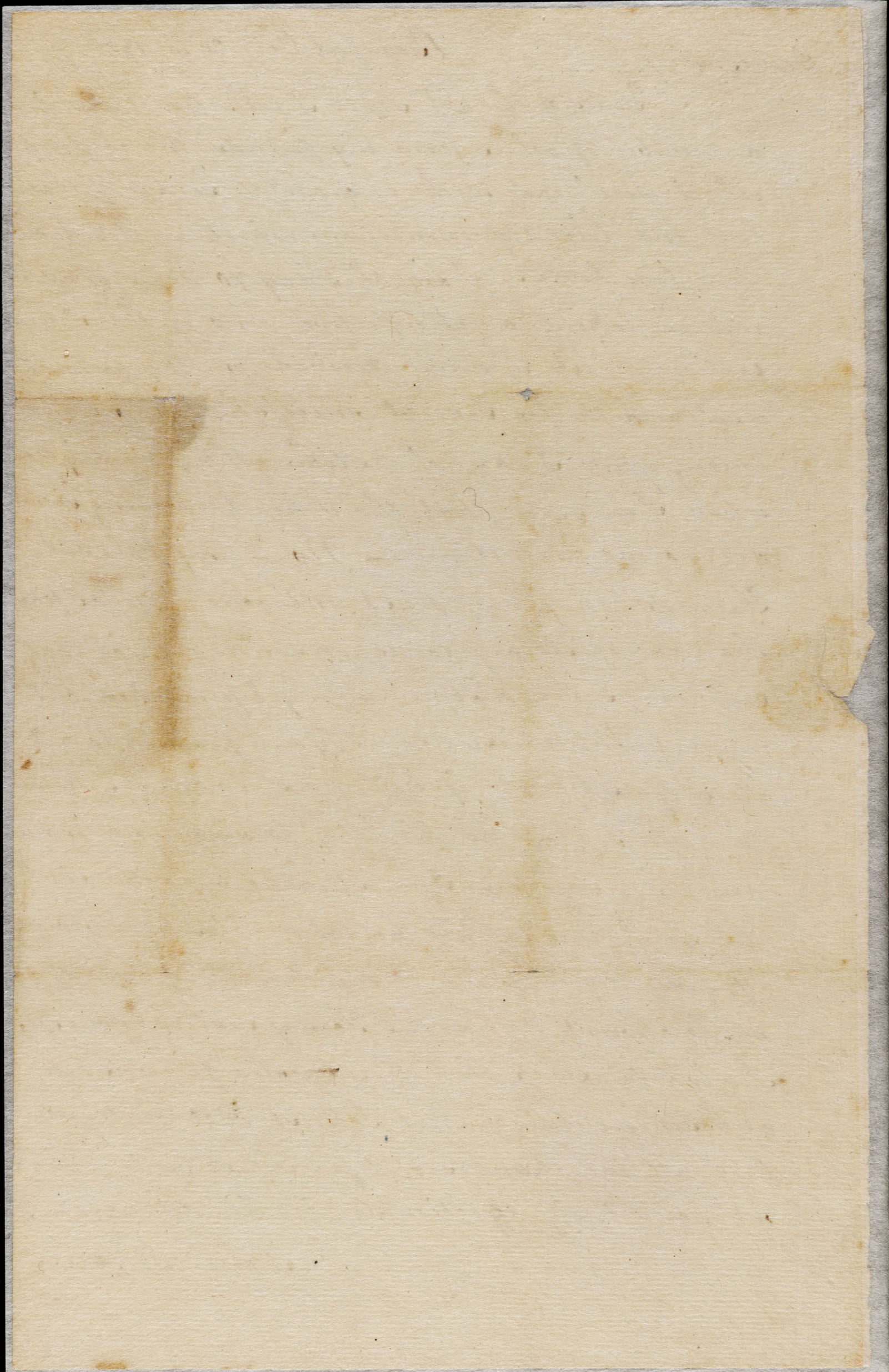


Dear Brother,

Beaufort Oct: 29th 1806

Yours of the 2nd Sept: I recd. together with a number of others from my friends the contents whereof were read with a grateful sense of that love and friendly connection which unites families together. I am this day 70 years of age and in taking a retrospective view of the satisfaction which I have received in the annual visits which for several successive years I made among you, I cannot restrain the friendly tear when I consider that those heart cheering scenes are no more to return — No — my beloved Friends, they are past and gone, and I fear that an epistolary correspondence cannot long survive as the disorder in my Eye makes writing a painful exercise. Your promise to act as a Guardian to George gives me great satisfaction and I pray the Almighty to crown your endeavour with success. I must make my Letter short and Sam^l can supply the deficiencies by answering all your inquiries. Remember me in love to all my Relations & friends. To my Sisters & yourself I wish to express that disinterested friendship and sincere love which I trust will continue thro' all the changes of life and serve to prove me your truly affectionate brother till death,

Sam^l Lefter



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Long Island

