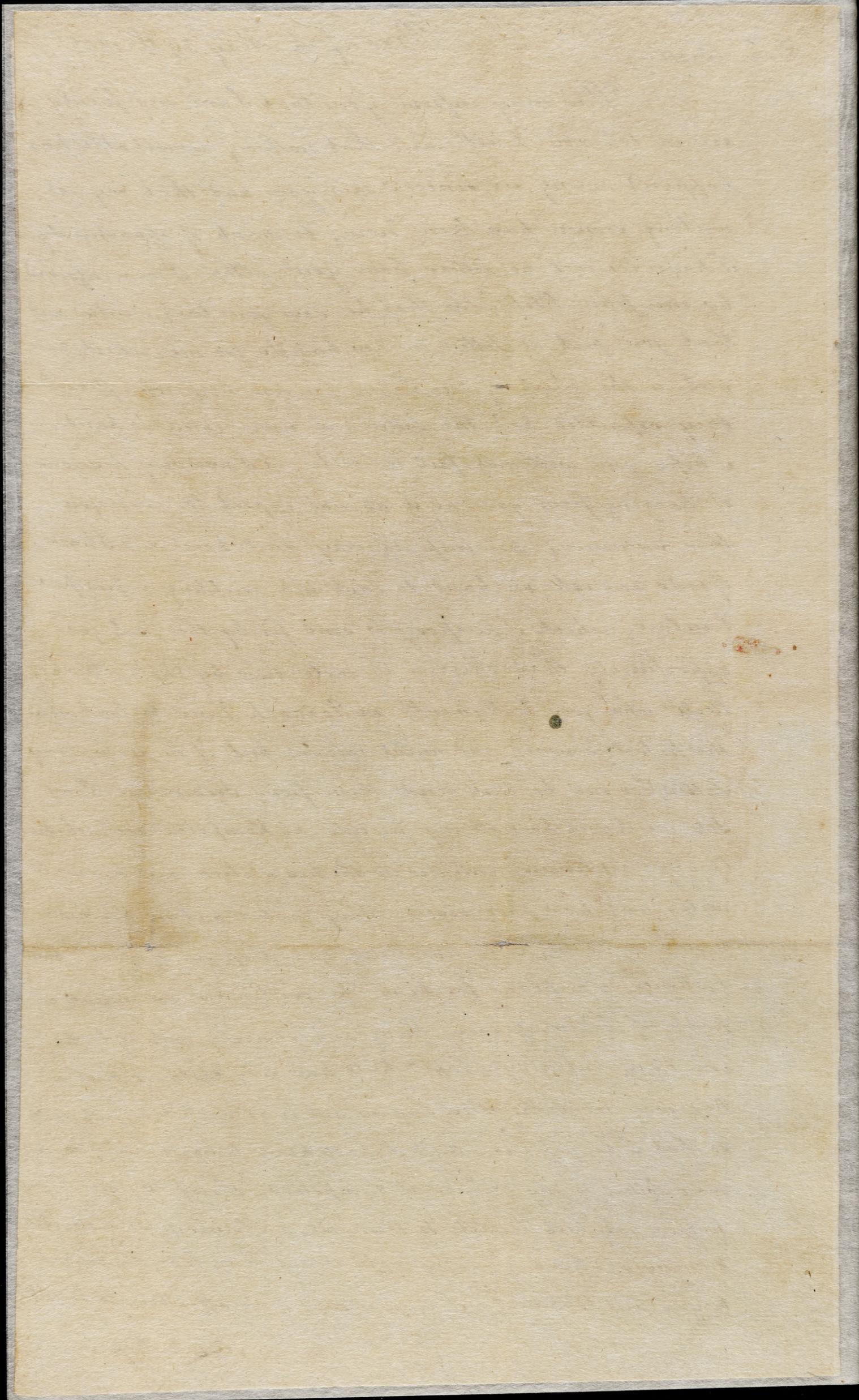


Dear Brother,

Beaufort May 29<sup>th</sup> 1805

This may inform you that I and my family are in tolerable health and that nothing remarkable has happen'd among us since I saw you and that my not writing sooner has been owing to want of opportunity. I have received no Letters from you altho' I was inform'd by one John Litchfield that he saw you last winter and that you put a Letter in his hands for me, which he put in the chest of one Piner for safe keeping after which they separated and the Letter has never come to hand. I hope you will not fail to write as I am very desirous of hearing from you as I do not expect to visit you this summer, business is very dull here and I have Goods enough on hand to last me, excepting a few particulars which I purpose to send for by the first good opportunity that offers. I write now by Capt<sup>n</sup> Elijah Bell who goes to Plymouth on Roanoke River to load where the Vessel is owned and must return, but if he receives any Letters for me he can send them from Occochee. Pray let me know how all my friends at Hempstead are, whether George continues contented with his station and behaves well, and how poor sister Mary makes out in her new method of living. I have not yet disposed of Sam<sup>e</sup> but am looking <sup>out</sup> for a place for him, he continues as usual capable of learning every thing and scarcely willing to do any thing but play. Capt<sup>n</sup> Bell has only call'd in here in his way from the West Indies and is to sail the first wind so that I do not know that I shall have time to write ~~to~~ any more Letters to my friends at Hempstead, therefore request you to give my best respects to them all particularly to sister Abby & Betsey and Gideon. My Wife also desires to be remembered to you and to them. I am as ever your affectionate brother

Sam<sup>l</sup>. Liffers



you will please return an answer  
to this as soon as possible to me J.W.M.

1806

Mr John Lefferts

Hempstead Long Island



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