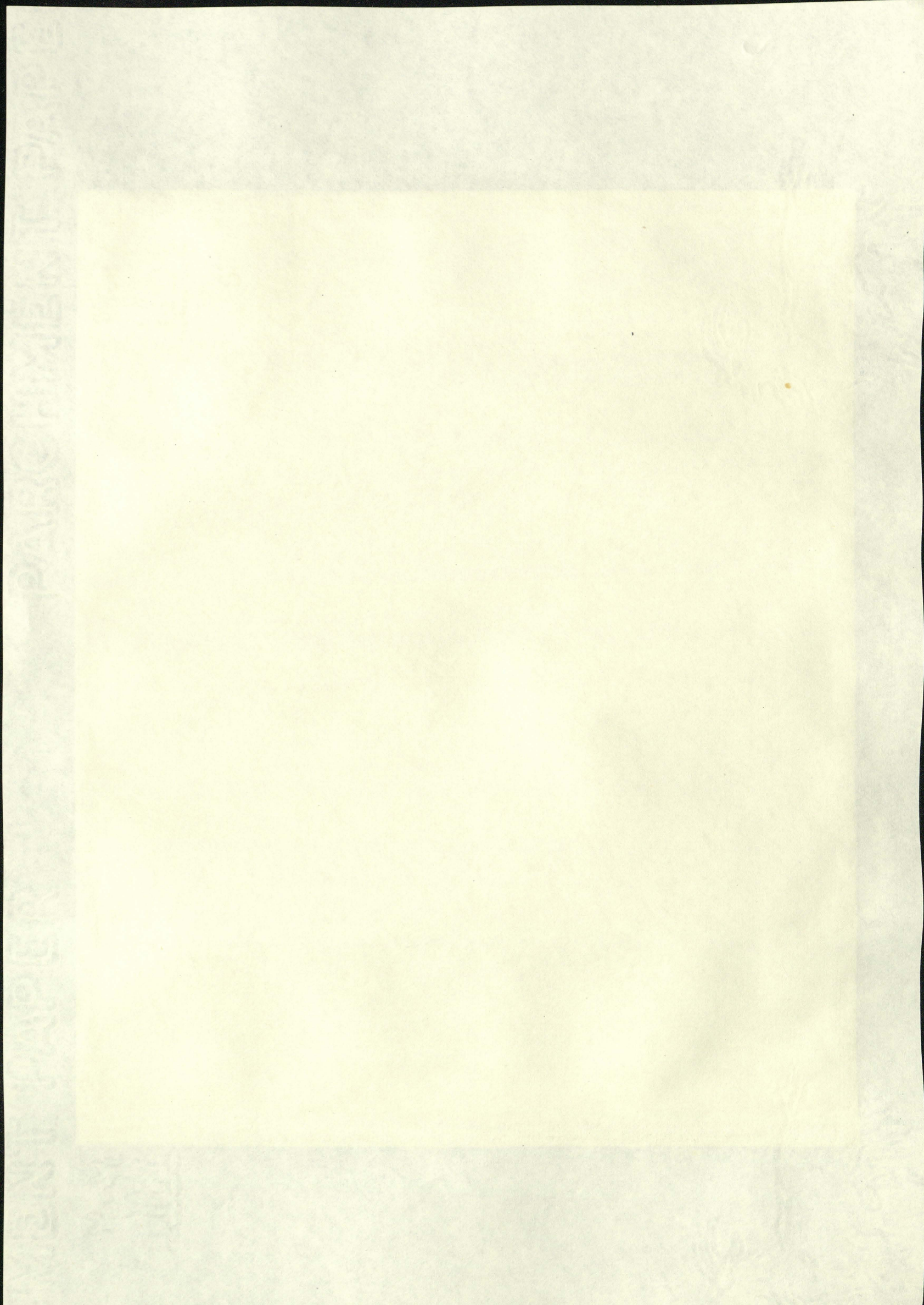


[? 1790-91]
AA p. 4.

46.

You are too good, you leave me
nothing to say, but if it is not in my power to add to your
happiness, I must be very wretched when your affectional
love



[1790/91?] AA. P. 4

74.

Dear Sir

I have been very sick all the morning, and the heat of dinner is too much for me to excuse me - and I will attend you at the dinner - yours &c
John

[? 1790 - 1791]
A.A. p. 4.

63.

Your dear assurances of love and
 certainty are every thing to your Love who does but
 to reassure you of her unalterable attachment, but still
 my head is heavy, but that is left for your dear presence
 to support, indeed you do not know what enemies I have
 amongst my own professors in whom she has got, you
 cannot you will not forsake me, if you do you will have
 more to answer for than you know, my life my happiness
 every thing depends on the truth and strength of your dear
 love, there let it be today but love, if I see you will
 have but too to proceed, I hope I shall not, God bless
 you and ever ever love your Love

H. King

? 1790-91

A.A. p. 4

91.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your
kind consideration - I don't fear any danger
Grossius says he can get me a couple of
very careful drivers I will be with
you in my way to the Opera as soon
as possible - I am very glad to hear that
you don't go out in the carriage God
Bless you - yours ever most truly & sincerely

J Gordon

[2 Auburn of 1791]
AA. P. 4

56

Four o'clock

I was unfortunately out till this
very hour and therefore, did not get your last week
kind letter for three hours after it arrived, except
my sincere thanks for the charming drawings, for which
I am very grateful, now do not be angry with me for
this last request, will you meet me any where out of town
rather, the indecency of the appearance to the servants
which I should feel with shame, we will stay out as long
as you please and then return to Somerset street, be so
kind to this, I beseech you, you must have the goodness
either to send or come to fetch me, for I have now no
carriage but one given it to my sister for the use
of the children, I am just going to the house, I am
very sensible of the precious kind flattering attention
which I do most ardently heartily love you, more and more
every day convinced, I still can love you beyond what

I thought possible when when my love my only
love your, your love
love

[? Autumn of 1791]
AA. P. 5.

59.

Monday

Your goodness is unbounded, I have this instant received your last dear kind letter, I thank you a thousand times for your consideration in not insisting on my coming down to you just at this time, indeed, I could not have confidence to encounter so many people as I very naturally suppose I should see I am of a very shy disposition, and should suffer very much on such an occasion, but the most refined liberality and politeness I am confident would never from you receive the the smallest shock, you are your fears self possessed of too much to wound it in another, how shall I rejoice when you are once more at liberty, for your own dear sake, I do not wish you to think me too selfish, I can have no objection in the summer to do just as you may think proper, but during the winter you know the necessity of my remaining altogether in town the house I am now in I must let, for many reasons first it is too far from the theatre secondly I have gone through

so many bad scenes in it, that there is a constant gloom
 hangs over my mind whenever I am in it; I would
 rather I would be so good as to say where I should remove
 & I mean what part of the town; I will allow you
 to be jealous of poor Susan; as she is the only rival you can
 ever have in my heart; I am afraid I shall not be totally
 settled in the other house before you come out, the other is not
 yet quite determined on for my family, she must remain here
 till it is, my dear sister sent me word she is very ill and cannot
 be home before Saturday, and she will not trust the bird out
 of her own hand, as soon as ever I get it I will send it, if I
 may judge of your love by my own, I am sure I may with
 truth say never two people loved so well, it is impossible to
 tell you how happy how more than happy your dear endearing
 propensions of love make me, can you command more power
 over the heart and feelings than your man did, only
 continue to love me, and in that dear love if I am not helped
 in nothing else can I hope to find it

My sister is this moment

returned a
 going to
 advise me
 for you
 must see

If you please you may
in future direct your letters
here

[? Autumn 1791]
AA. p. 6

Monday June 10th I have been constant all year
and have only time to tell you, my heart and best
affections are, and ever must be yours and your above
you are all goodness all generosity all feeling; I presume
I cannot bear strange faces particularly men
you must not be angry at what I am going to say
let me entreat you to remain at home a week or
two longer. I cannot get a horse for my notes
and children before that time, if then, coming out
too soon may hurt you, and cause a relapse, so
consider this, and what in that case, I must suffer
the nothing, we could prevent my flying to you in
such a situation, not with my foolish bashfulness
but you are so good and so delicate as to allow
for this dear proof of your love is I do believe
dearer to me than the rest, God bless you I am
not going to play a part, I am by no means
set for your own good

[? Autumn of 1791]

A.A. P. 6

59.

Sunday night

Immediately after I received your
last dear kind letter, I was taken so very ill that I was
absolutely oblig'd to lay down, and am this hardly able ^{to} hold up
my head, I am very subject to the most violent pain in my
head, but I never remember so sudden or so terrible an
attack, I hope you were not angry at my not writing, knowing
the cause I am sure you will not, I was very much hurt
to say of some people making it their business to tell me that
you never liked any woman above half a year, but that
it made any impression on me, but their importunities vex'd
me, but I must prepare myself for a thousand cruel
stories, both against you and me, and learn to treat them
with the contempt they deserve, I am glad you remain at
home a week longer, it may tend more to re-establish your
dear health than you are aware of: your best and kindest
cousin with respect to visiting my dear children, be

should every proper principle will make me attend to,
 and do not be offended at my making this serious request
 to you; when ever I do go to see them, let me intreat you
 to let somebody accompany me, that you can confide in
 if through notions of confidence and reliance on me, you
 refuse this, it will be the means of preventing my enjoying
 this happiness as often as I could wish. I am glad you
 do not like these parts, I never did, but the managers
 will attend their own interest, you have made an effort in
 your last ~~one~~ ^{letter}, a task one believe, and one you never will
 be able to accomplish, that is to make me love you better
 than I now do, excuse me but I do not think it possible, at
 the same time, I have no objection, to your concerning me
 if my mistake, indeed my heart is totally yours and your
 share, but I am afraid its greatest merit in being throughly
reasonable of your propertions, my heart is so very bad that I can
 scarcely see, I have this day paid on a house for my family,
 how good how humane you are, in not wishing to prevent
 my seeing them dear little things, with respect to the paper

I have
 may I hope
 as the

[? Autumn of 1791]

A.A. P. 6

I have not a conception how to fill it up; & wish that you
may shortly be able to come out without running any risk
as the constant prayers of your truly devoted and affectionate

Yours

[? Autumn of 1791]

34

Monday evening

I have delay'd how long answering
 you that dear and too kind letter, that I might according
 to your desire send you the settlements I have made on my
children, my sister in whose possession it is, went out of town
 immediately after it was drawn up, and I have expected her
 home every day, if she does not return this evening, I will
 send it her, your uncommon generous conduct had not surpris'd
 me, tho' it must still add to my love and admiration, permit
 me to say, that my whole heart is, and has been yours, longer
 than I was myself conscious of, or indeed I do most fondly
 and dearly love, and I had resolution enough to love, but
 you forever abate; my life had been one scene of unblest tor-
 ment, my confidence in your dear heart and power is as
 boundless, as the sacred love I bear you, every desire of yours
 must be a law to me, therefore I will not betray for a
 moment your dear generous feelings with the gratitude your
 noble offers have inspir'd me with, they shall be as you please
 "written in inward faint characters to convey all my wish to be

to be understood; the heart on many occasions contains than
 we can express, I did not give your last dear letter till
 school, I am quite distressed for fear you should be offended
 at my not writing last night; I would not for the world you
 should venture out one day before your time, for my gratification,
 indeed every dear moment I enjoy'd in your dear presence, would
 be imbecill'd by the idea of your suffering in the smallest degree
 for it, may I indulge myself in the thought that you are really
 recovered; good god I cannot tell you the anxiety your illness
 has given me, the less if you were dear present has made me
 very very unhappy, how good you are to say you will again
 take the trouble of sitting, with what heart full pleasure
 shall I receive it, your goodness in permitting me to see
 my children remains very acknowledgments; that nothing
 disagreeable should happen in consequence of it you may
 depend on my belief; I never will regret it but in the
 presence of some body you can extract this I must beg for
 my peace of mind, as well as your satisfaction, may every
 blessing attend you and every thing most dear to you may
 soon be the anxious prayers of your fond and faithful son

as soon
 as I can
 and soon

[?Autumn of 1791]

as soon as the paper is fill'd up I will send it to you
again once more most dear most beloved of my heart
and soul

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Monday evening

I have delayd thus long answering your last dear and too kind letter, that I might according to your desire send you the settlement I have made on my children, my sister in whose possession it is, went out of town immediately after it was drawn up, and I have expected her home every day, if she does not return this evening, I will send to her, your uncommon generous conduct did not surprise me, tho it must still add to my love and admiration, permit me to say, that my whole heart is, and has been yours, longer than I was myself conscious of it indeed I do most fondly and dearly love, ^{you} and I had resolution enough to have bid you forever adieu, my life had been one scene of endless torment, my confidence in your dear heart and honor is as boundless, as the sacred love I bear you, every desire of yours must be a law to me, therefore I will not distress for a moment your dear generous feelings with the gratitude your noble offers have inspired me with, they shall be as you please letters are indeed faint channels to convey all we wish to be understood; the heart on many occasions contains⁺ than we can express, I did not get your last dear letter till 4 oclock. I am quite distressd for fear you should be

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offended at my not writing last night; I would not for the world you should venture out one day before your time, for my gratification, indeed every dear moment I enjoyd in your dear presence, would be imbittered by the idea of your suffering in the smallest degree for it, may I indulge myself in the thought that you are really recovered; Good God I cannot tell you the anxiety your illness has given me the loss of your ever dear picture has made me very very unhappy, how good you are to say you will again take the trouble of sitting, with what heartfelt pleasure shall I receive it, your goodness in permitting me to see my children demands every acknowledgment; that nothing disagreeable should happen in consequence of it you may depend on my delicacy; I never will request it but in the presence of somebody you can entrust this I must beg for my peace of mind, as well as your satisfaction, may every Blessing attend you and every thing most dear to you must ever be the unceasing prayers of your fond and faithful

DORA

As soon as the paper is filld up I will send it to you adieu once more most dear most beloved of my heart and soul

[? Autumn 1791]

49. No tongue can tell, the anxiety your
 last dear delightful letter has relieved me from, I had
 formed a thousand tender fears, I thought you were ill, that
 you might be displeas'd at my not being able to send you the
 Poem, in short every misery that love alone can create
 I both lament, and rejoice, that you have determin'd not
 to come out before the mention'd time, I lament because
 it informs me of so much of your dear society and
 rejoice because it may ~~be~~ it may be the means
 throughly reestablishing your dear and invaluable health
 - I fear there are some mistakes with respect to your let-
 ters, the last I have reason to believe originated with my
 maid; indeed every wish of yours must be a law to your
 Lord, I have just seen Mr. the intendant of our conver-
 sation he will tell your royal Highness, every body
 that loves you must be dear doubly dear to me, my
 regard for him the always of a friend ^{not} must be in mind
 Why the true sense he entertains of your dear pe-

actions, indeed I believe he feels them as much as I do
 and consequently with different sensations, he will partly
 tell you why I do not come down to you according to your
 dear flattering wish, the the disappointment of suffering the
 consequence is not to be told, the Assurance I am now in
 I expect to last every day, therefore I would rather
 see you any where out of town, besides my family
 will not I am afraid have left it, decide for me,
 and soon I need not tell you, how happy your dear
 presence will make me, my dear Ann continually
 talks of you so much so, that were she old enough I
 should be jealous of her, indeed she has every reason
 to love you, so not take too much opium, I know
 too well the cruel effects, indeed I am as happy as your
 love can make me and if that fails, I do not
 know to be so, until I see and know you as perfectly

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[? Autumn 1791]

will I cannot be perfectly happy, tho' pleas'd with
 your dear love; you say you are not in pain, that
 is my comfort, tho' I will send the inclosed my
 notes returns, untill the moment that pleases me
 with your dear presence God bless you and so
think of your devoted affectionate fond Son

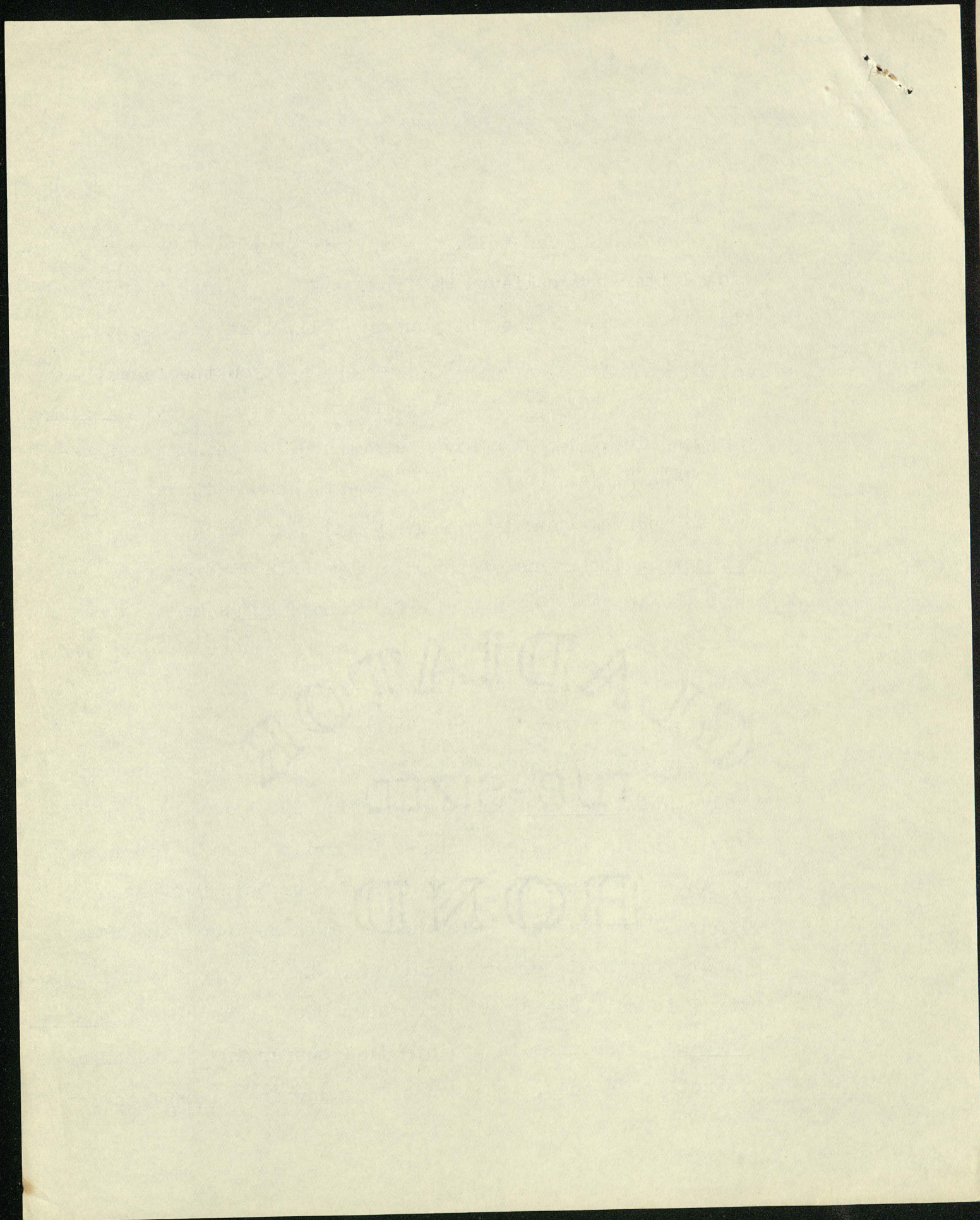
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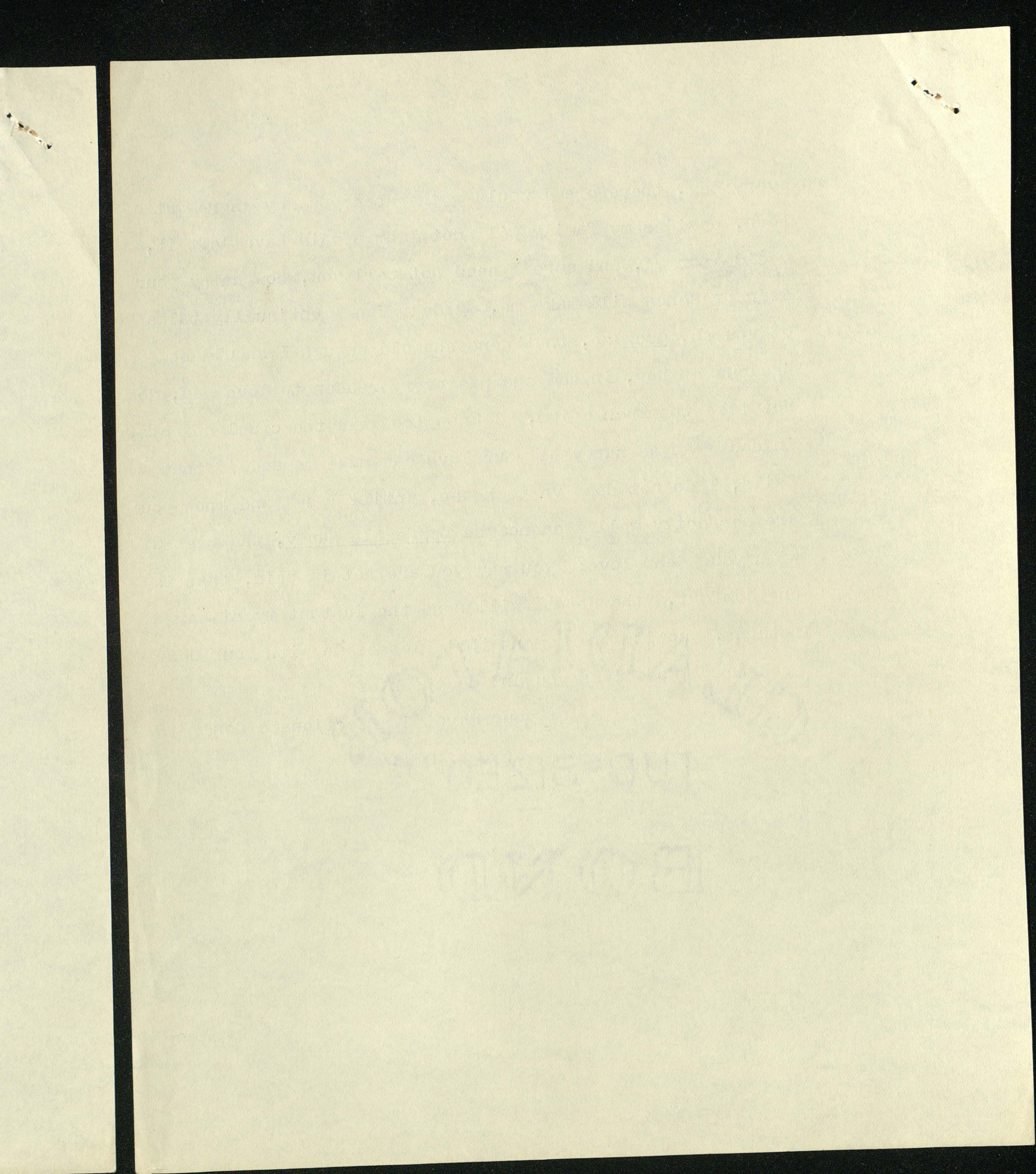
[? Autumn 1791]

No tongue can tell, the anxiety your last dear delightful letter has relieved me from. I had formed a thousand tender fears, I thought you were ill, that you might be displeased at my not being able to send you ~~the~~ deed, in short every misery that ~~we~~ ^{LOVE} alone can create I both lament, and rejoice, that you have determined not to come out before the mentioned time. I lament because it deprives me of so much of your dear society and ^{REJOICE} ~~again~~ because it may ⁺ it may be the means of throughly reestablishing your dear and invaluable health - I fear there are some mistakes with respect to ^x our letters, the last I have reason to believe originated with my maid, indeed every wish of yours must be a law to your Dora, I have just seen Mr, the substance of our conversation he will tell your Royal Highness, every body that loves you must be dear doubly dear to me, my regard for him tho always that of a friend must be increased by the true sense he entertains of your dear perfections, indeed I believe he feels them as much as I do tho consequently with different sensations, he will partly tell you why I do not come down to you according to your dear flattering wish, tho the disappointment I suffer in consequence is not to be told, the House I am now in I expect to let

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every day, therefore I would rather see you any where out of town, besides my family will not I am afraid have left it, decide for me, and sure I need not tell you, how happy your dear presence will make me, my dear Fan continually talks of you so, much so, that were she old enough I should be jealous of her, indeed she has every reason to love you, do not take too much opium, I know too well the cruel effects, indeed I am as happy as your love can make me and if that fails, I do not deserve to be so, untill I see and know you are perfectly well I cannot be perfectly happy, tho Blesd with your dear love; you say you are not in pain, that is one comfort, the deed I will send the instant my sister returns, untill the moment that Blesses me with your dear presence God Bless you and do think of

your devoted affectionate fond

DORA

Early letter

[Autumn of 1791]
A.A. P. 7.

55-

I was just going to bed ~~that~~ when your last arrived; the smallest token of remembrance from your dear hand, must ever be acceptable to your love, how then must she have been charmed and delighted, by your truly elegant present last night, it is the most beautiful and most to my taste of any thing I ever saw; I will not attempt to thank you, for I am sure I should only disgrace myself, and not do justice to the subject; I was going to be a very foolish thing by asking you, whether you had influence over the people that manage the newspapers, influence you must have every where, I never take any in, but I have been told that some of them have already been very severe on me, especially so, by asserting that I had totally abandoned my children - this is an charge that has hurt me extremely, every thing

she I cannot fairly expect, and am prepared for, from my
 superiority in my profession, I have always had many enemies, without in-
 deed they have ever as yet been confined to people of the same profession, and as they cannot find fault with me as a pu-
 blic, they catch at every opportunity of endeavouring to impeach
 me as a woman; they have as yet failed for I never had
 an enemy in the audience. — your last letter of last

I have this moment received, dear dear charming proof of
 love and attention, what delightful sensations you constantly
 inspire, but still I must not be so selfish as to consult my
 own inclinations with respect to your coming out on Tuesday
 next, so for your dear health's sake, consider a day too soon
 may injure you, and in that case, I should never forgive myself
 for being the cause; so then I earnest and most good, permit
 me for the first time, to take the liberty of offering you my
 advice, and as it is the first offering of the kind accept it,
 as it really proceeds from the most ardent affection, and
 tenderest wishes for your thorough recovery, as you are less

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AA p. 7.

for fearer to me than life, it is not possible for you to be injured
without my having a part, my pleading then you will
know is not altogether so Scientific, when you do come
out, may you from that propitious day, be ever well and
ever happy, and ever must be the constant prayers
and sincere wishes of your most affectionate Son

Thursday

[? 1791]

A.A.P.8.

7

Last night about nine o'clock I received
 the prints and your ever dear dear likenesses, the prints are certainly
 the sweetest things I ever saw, I will them late as it was to be printed
 but your likeness I will not find in my heart to part with, I will
 not add how much obliged to you are for them all, I have just got
 your letter of this morning, you cant answer how much indebted
 you have relieved me from, by your kind consideration of my stupid
 and unfavourable disposition, not but I will conquer it towards
 any friend of yours, how can you say you never looked at my
 eyes, I am sure they have too frequently betrayed their Whiffs
 and told out tales, if they had not, I should now have been in possession
 of the secret; for I am sure I never should have told you, the paper
 I have not fill'd up, and with your leave I will do it for you;
 the good opinion you are so good as to say you entertain of
 me ~~is~~ shall ever be my study to deserve, and from a prin-
 ciple I am sure, at least I hope most pleasing to you, love.
 I am glad you are not offended with poor George, Adieu as ever

more affection for me, make him more violent than he ought
to have been, what a task you give me when you desire me
to tell you how much I love you; it is not believe possible to
say how much; your dear word loved pierces my whole heart
and soul; I am not very well, I hope to be able to give you
a better account of myself tomorrow, for the present adieu forever
far better to me than life Love

~~Love~~

Monday 3. October

[? autumn of 1791]
AA. P. 8

60. Friday

I never shall be able to acknowledge
 your goodness in your kind enquiries and concern for my
 happiness, I am indeed very very unhappy, but why should I trouble
 you with my misfortunes, which I have in a great measure
 brought on myself, I was much too unwell to attempt playing
 last night, I rejoice to hear you are so near being perfectly
 recovered, the only happy moments I spend are those
 employ'd in meditating your dear appearances, of love and
 constancy, I would not for the world that you should on
 my account risk a day before you are entirely well, I
 should never forgive myself if you should be in consequence
 of it ill again, you ask me kindly in what manner
 you can afford me relief and assistance, there is but one
 way; which is through my dear little Spangy
 set my mind totally at with respect to her, and
 I will be yours for ever, for myself I would not
 be thus particular but for my child you have

too much goodness to be offended at this request, I
write in such a state of mind that I trust you
will excuse this ~~unintelligible~~ ~~scrawl~~, I can
scarcely see I have cried so much these two days
but ~~Bliss~~ I will let you know more when
I have received your answer to this ~~idea~~ ~~your~~
unhappy lover

[Before 14 October 1791]
A.A. P. 9

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If all I entreat your Royal Highness
think me ungrateful in not sooner, as acknowledging your
last ever dear letter, I did not receive it till it was
very late at the printer; saving to the man being out
that takes care of your letters, your goodness obliges me
and exceeds me of all ability to thank you; I am more
than ever convinced that you, that you as much shall
all men in sentiment and every noble feeling as you
be in rank and every chain of person, I will not
take advantage of your generous offer, I will not touch
the paper without your previous approbation of the terms
and I entreat by the mutual confidence that subsists
between us, oblige me to tell me if in the year to come
my child, I demand too much, I yesterday, made
a transfer of all the money I had in the funds to my
sister and Mr. for the future provision of my other
children; and signed, ever six hundred a year for

their present support, out of my salary; if you think
600 ^{£ a year} during your dear and precious life too much,
only hint, it and say what would be more agreeable
you are all goodness and generosity, my sister has kindly
consented to live with the children a few miles out
of town, I think I ought to know the goodness of your
dear heart too well to fear you will object to my
going to see them, to you alone I must in future
look up for happiness and if it is not to be found in
your dear love, there is no such thing on earth; a
dear and amiable little girl, made lovely dear to
me, by mutual misfortune, shall be taught to bless you
as her only friend and generous benefactor, your dear
dear picture has been taken from mine, indeed what
I have suffered for this month past is not to be described
but amidst every conflict my heart retained its dear
in treasures, its love and adoration for its Lord and
master, God almighty preserve & bless you, that is prayer
for Leaver to your Dora than her hopes of hopping hereafter

[? November 1791]

AA p. 11

48.

Sunday evening

X

How good you are in allowing for all my particularities, indeed I feel at this time, very awkward and silly to apologise for you so not know how ridiculous a mortal you some respects you have to deal with, I do not play tomorrow my sister leaves this house at six o'clock, may I then hope to see you any time after that hour, on Tuesday I will go with you, where you please, I hope I need not say how much I am oblig'd to you respecting the carriage, the horses I have made use of for some time were Mr. — and therefore I shall give them up, my own before, I had this, was black iron turned up with buff and bound with silver, the carriage could want any ornaments, but still there is one thing I don't much like, if it is not improper, an anchor on the panels, if it is at all wrong, do not hesitate to tell me, indeed I have every thing that has the least reference to you, I do most ardently long to see you, but still it will be impossible

to tell you how dearly how fondly I love you; you say that
you love love me glorious months, how happy should I be
and I flatter myself that dear dear love will not abate
by time, my heart and happiness is in your power, I may
with truth say, my life, for should you cease to love I may
cease to live, and bless you to love me, I know you now do
but continue to be so, for mine can never never feel less
sorrow for you, than that which are so entirely yours, my
heart and soul, what have you done to me ~~to me~~, it
is ~~there~~ than love, love is to faint an expression
for the sensations I feel for you, may every blessing
wait on you, may you ever be truly happy, and above
all may you see ever love her who is devoted to you
by every dear and tender sentiment your affectionate
and fond Lora

[? Before 1794. c/f handwriting]

78.

Your Royal Highness cannot have
 in the least been disappointed I have been in not being able
 to come to you, I have been out here two hours, but every
 way was blocked up and I was obliged to return after every
 effort to get through. I wish you were returned your own

Yours

John Bull

(Addressed on separate cover) His Royal Highness
The Duke of Clarence

Wednesday

Your Royal Highness cannot have an Idea how disappoint-
ed I have been in not being able to come to you, I have
been out these two hours, but every way was blocked up and
I was oblidge to return after every effort to get through -
I wish you were returned

yours ever

DORA

[? Before 1794 of handwriting]

47

I thank thank you a thousand times for your
 best judicious advice, I immediately after I had read the letter
 saw the impropriety of having any thing on the papers, well well not
 I hope and trust be angry with me when I tell you I am strongly
 obliged to play in the face tomorrow, it is thought and I
 thank very properly that withdrawing myself just now for a
 couple of nights might have a very bad effect on the mind,
 of the audience, who receive me very kindly the other night
 your appearance of peace and constancy if I unsalt my own hap-
 piness I must believe, for a restorative there would be certain
 misery, when then and September next next six year

Affectionate friend

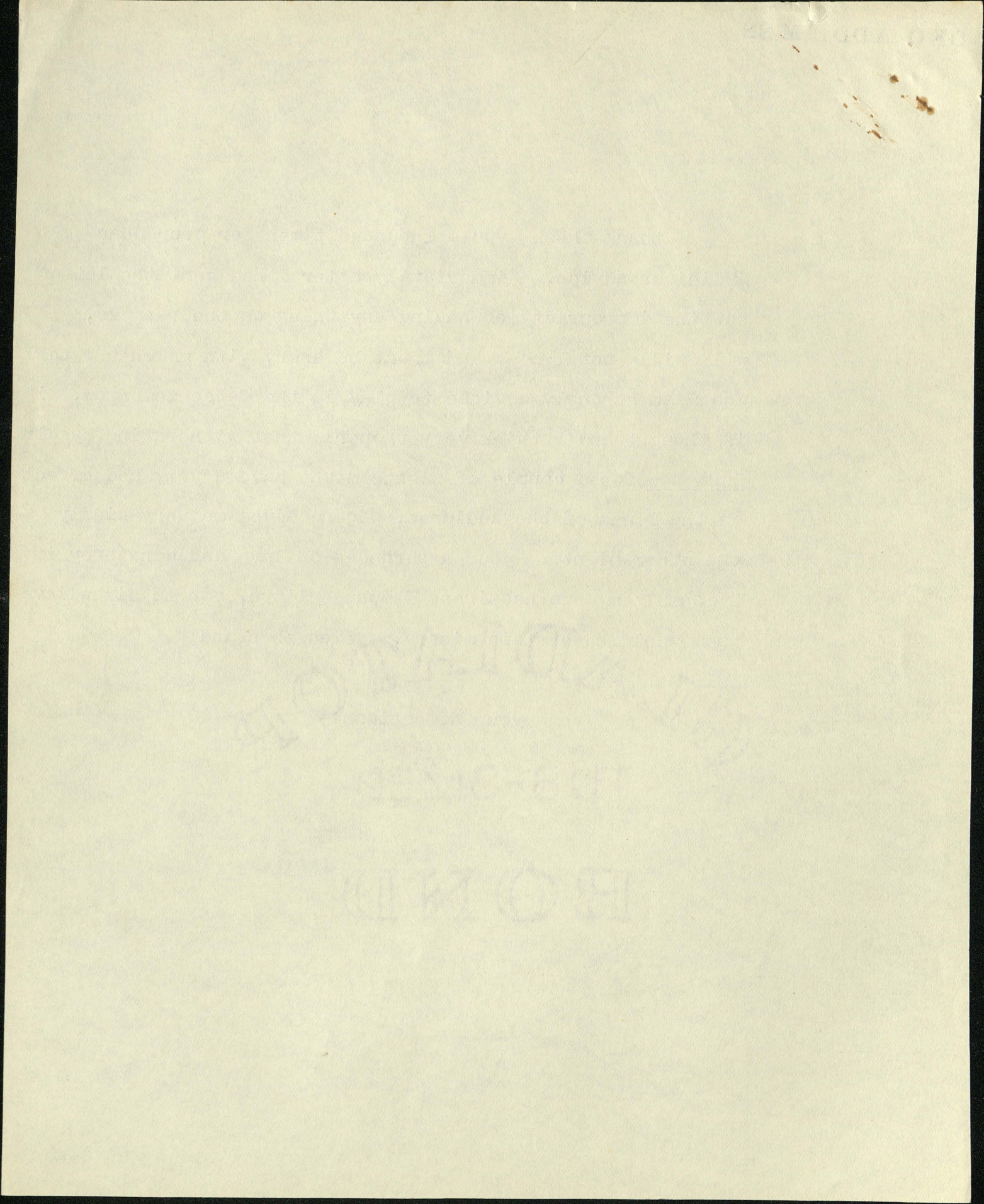
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I thank thank⁺ you a thousand times for your dear
judicious advice, I immediately after I had sent the letter
saw the impropriety of having any thing on the pannels,
will⁺ will not I hope and trust be angry with me when I tell
you I am strongly advised to play in the farce tomorrow, it
is thought and I think very properly that withdrawing myself
just now for a couple of nights might have a very bad effect
on the minds of the audience, who received me very kindly
the other night your assurances of love and constancy if
I consult my own happiness I must believe, for to disbelieve
them would be certain misery, adieu then and⁺
half past six,

your affectionate

Dora



? Before 1794
A.A. p. 21

15.

at night

Somerset Street Monday 11 o'clock

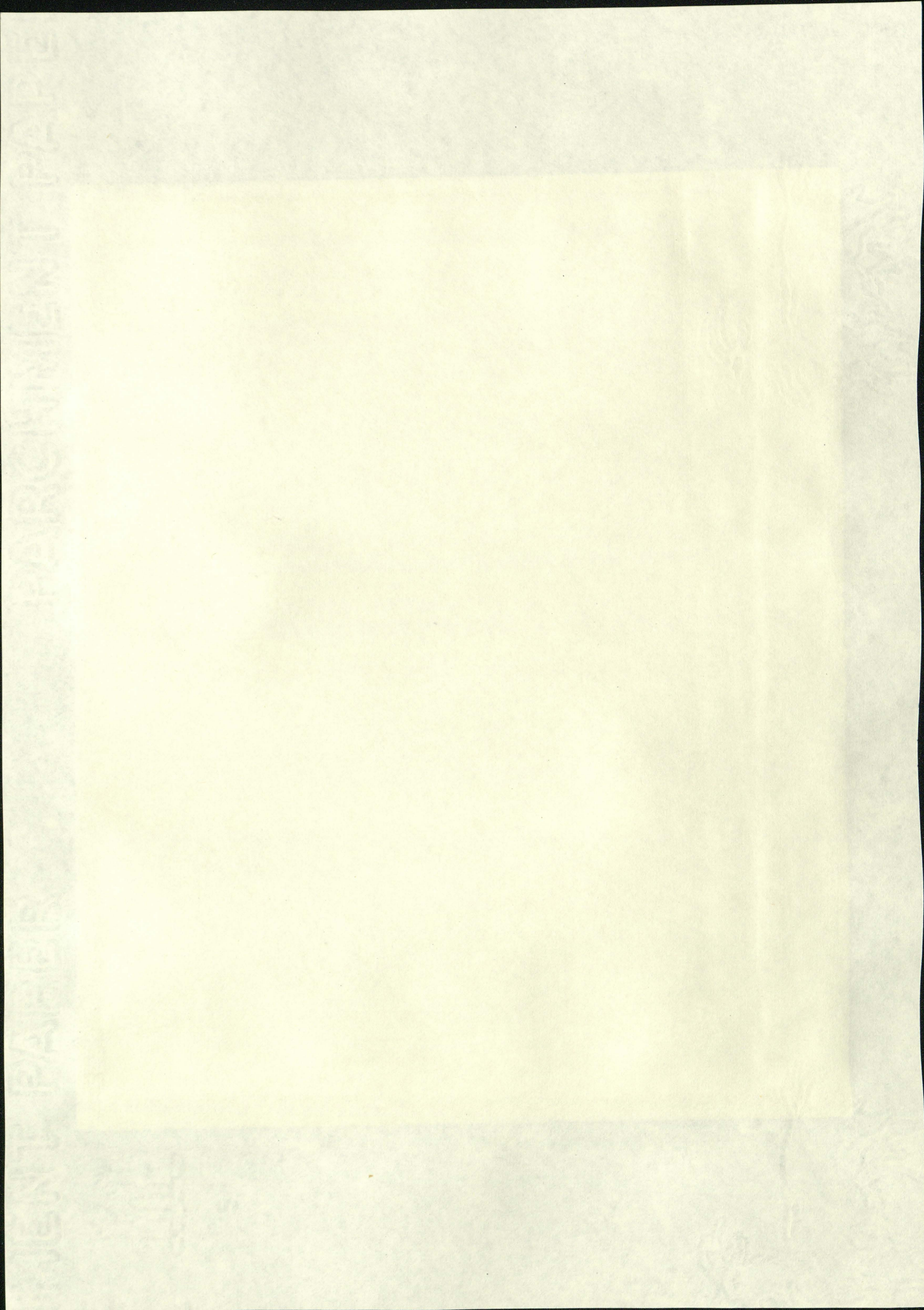
I am this moment returned
 from the Theatre - the Opera went off so much better
 that it is to be repeated tomorrow - if I should not
 see you before I will come to Mr James's at six o'clock
 I have told Adgerson to order dinner - I am
 glad the Day turned out so good - I wish you was
 come back or I at Richmond with you, you
 cannot thank me too much. I am at present
 I cannot help thinking what I should do if you were
 to be absent for any time - however I will try
 myself with the Act, as I trust there is no likelihood
 of such an event - Good night best love and
 believe me ever your affectionate

[? 1793-4 before Luth of
George FitzClarence]

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Dear

It is my dear son's
Customs advice that I should not
off the sofa all day, he says I am
very considerably situated just now
I will be with you at 5 o'clock
yours truly
John



[2 1798-4]

70.

If you will excuse my
saying at the games to day I think
laying on the sofa will do me good
I have been in a little pain but am
much better - yours affectionately, John

