

Ernst Ernest  
December 12. 1787

46992

Göttingen Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1787.

Sir

The Pleasure that the receipt of your Letter gave me is  
inexpressible, the more so as it contained your Approbation  
of my Conduct, which will serve to excite in me always  
the Desire of deserving it. Professor Dichtenberg is just  
now finishing the whole Doctrine of Geometry and  
Trigonometry, after which he intends to proceed to  
that of Solids. We are treating now of Birds with  
Professor Blumenbach who renders his Instructions  
the more amusing as he shows round a Print or Draw-  
ing of each bird in particular. As I know at present  
to ride the whole Manège through The Stallmaster  
has thought proper to let me ride every Day for five  
or six Minutes in the Pillar.

Sir

I am your most dutiful  
son

Ernst Augustus

1883

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

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Duke of Cumberland  
Dec. 15. 1707.

46993

Dearest Brother

Forgive me for not having wrote to you before,  
but I feared you should find my Correspondence  
tiresome, but for the future I will write very  
regularly to you, ~~xxxx~~ <sup>as</sup> Augustus told me that  
in your Letter to him, you accused me of having  
forgot you, an ingratitude which I hope you  
will never think me capable of.

Here do I lead a very happy Life, being in com-  
pany with a number of young Noblemen of all  
Countries from the Age of 17 to 21. Every week  
have we public Concerts, Assemblies and Balls  
where nothing but Joy reigns. I must make my  
Letter much shorter as I first intended for the  
Post is ready to go off, permit me therefore to

leave off by returning you a thousand Thanks for  
the very handsome Buckles and Spurs you  
were so obliging to send him who remains  
for ever and ever

Your most affectionate  
and devoted Brother

Ernst Augustus.

A Line from you will be looked on as  
a great Favour.

Cellingen  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 15 1784.

Prince Ernest  
3.<sup>rd</sup> January 1788

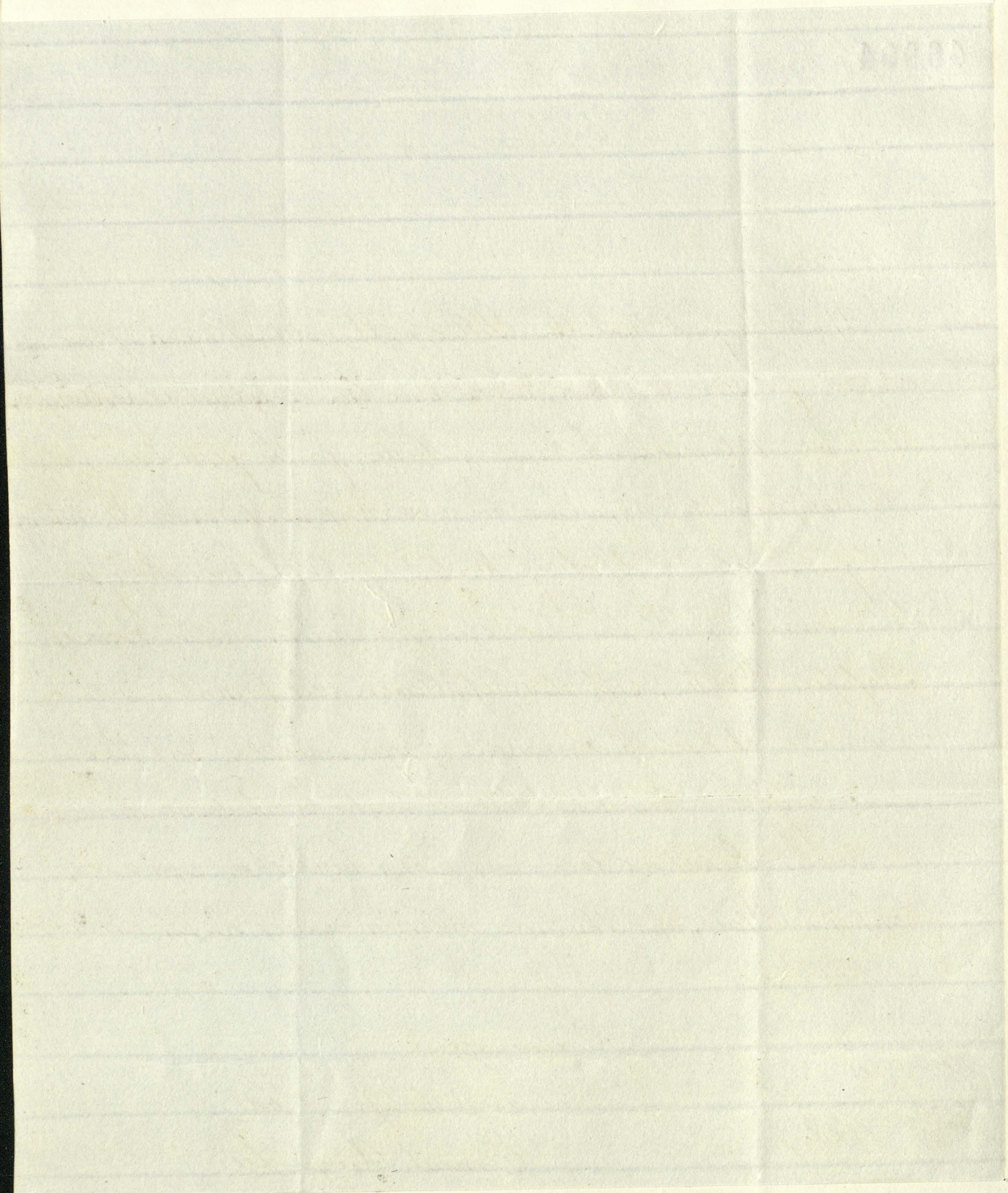
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Sir

You will find that this Letter will not treat much of my Studies, for these last three Weeks have been holidays at Göttingen, Professor Blumenbach began yesterday for the first time since the Holydays to read, we now treat of Amphibious animals, having just finished the Subject of Birds. Yesterday was Professor Feder invested with the Dignity of Professor in the Room of Professor Richter, both these Gentlemen were presented with a Serenade at Doelbeck. This may appear very early but the Students begged it themselves that all might be the sooner quiet in the Streets. Permit me to end my Letter by wishing you a very happy new Year, and that you may see many happy returns of that Day.

Göttingen  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788.

I am your  
most dutiful Son  
Ernest Augustus.



Prince Ernest

26<sup>th</sup> January 1788

46995

Sir

At present Professor Less has made a little Alteration in his lesson, for instead of repeating once every Week, the Repetition is made every Day for half an hour, so that by this means, the matter in hand is always present to our Memory. I now treat of the Doctrine of Spheres with M<sup>r</sup> Liechtenberg, and find this Part of Mathematics very easy and amusing; to make such Propositions as can not be well understood by drawing Professor Liechtenberg has had models made either of Paste-board or when Lines or Triangles are in question, he has a board on which thin Wires fixed and Strings fastened from the Top of the Wire to the board. In natural History with Blumenbach we now hear of Insects and he shows the most curious, which he has preserved, by putting them between two pieces of square Glass kept firm together by Pieces of Wood. For some time past we have had extraordinary Weather one Day hard Frost, next

mild and rainy Weather; this whole Winter has passed  
without there being the least Ice, there are even small  
Herbs already grown.

Sir

I am yours

most dutiful Son

Göttingen  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 24 1788.

Ernest Augustus



Prince Ernest  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1798

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Sir

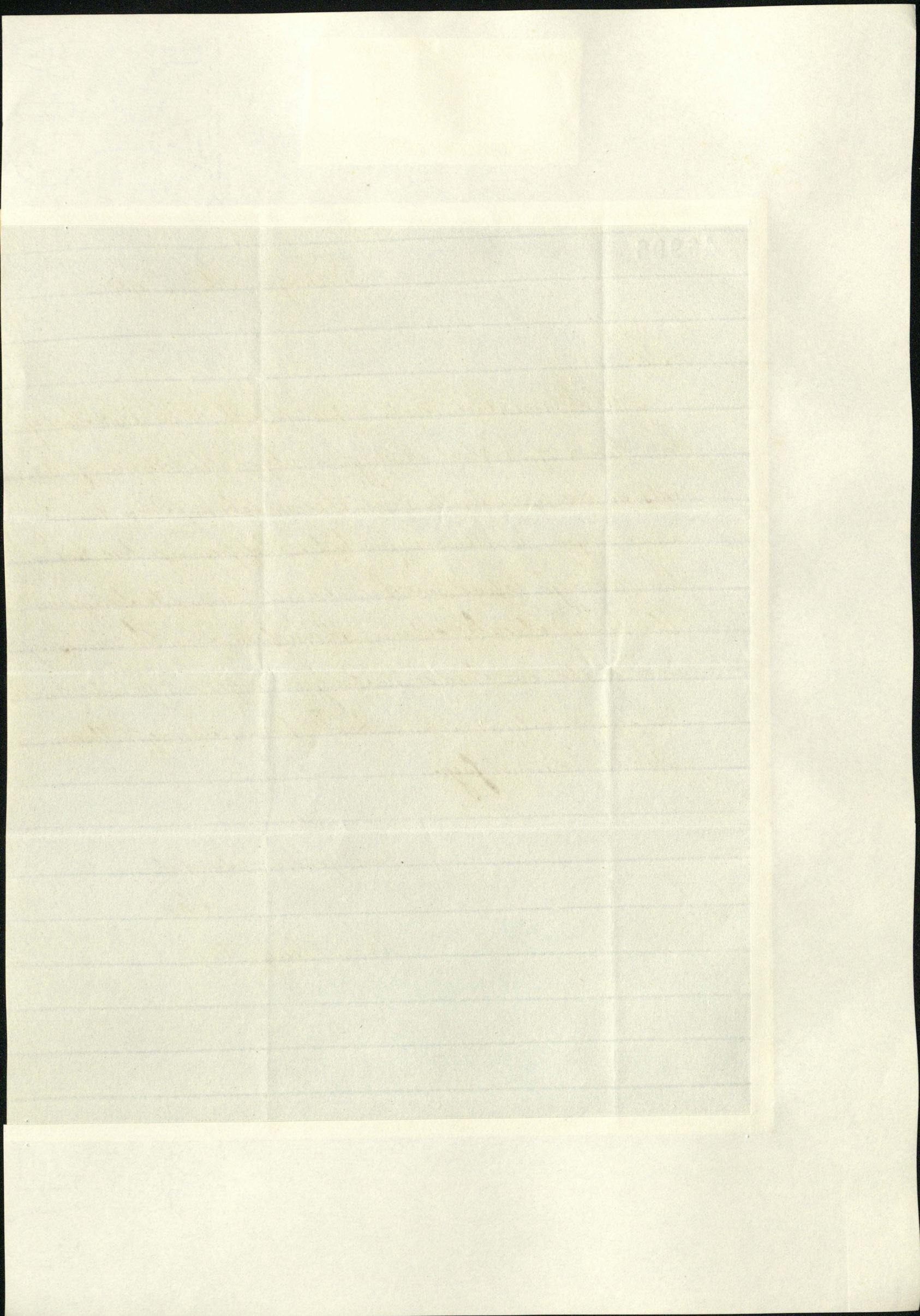
M<sup>r</sup> Blumenbach treats at present with us the last Part of his Lecture of Natural History namely on the doctrine of Minerals so I suppose by the Time it comes to be my Turn to write again to you he will have finished. Professor Lef has had the goodness to postpone his intended Journey to Switzerland, tho he had already obtained Permission from the Ministry, in order that our Studies in Religion might not be interrupted. He proposes only to make a <sup>short</sup> ~~small~~ Journey during the Vacancies when to I cannot say.

Sir

I am your most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus



Prince Ernest  
17<sup>th</sup> April 1788

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Gottingen April 17<sup>th</sup> 1788

Sir

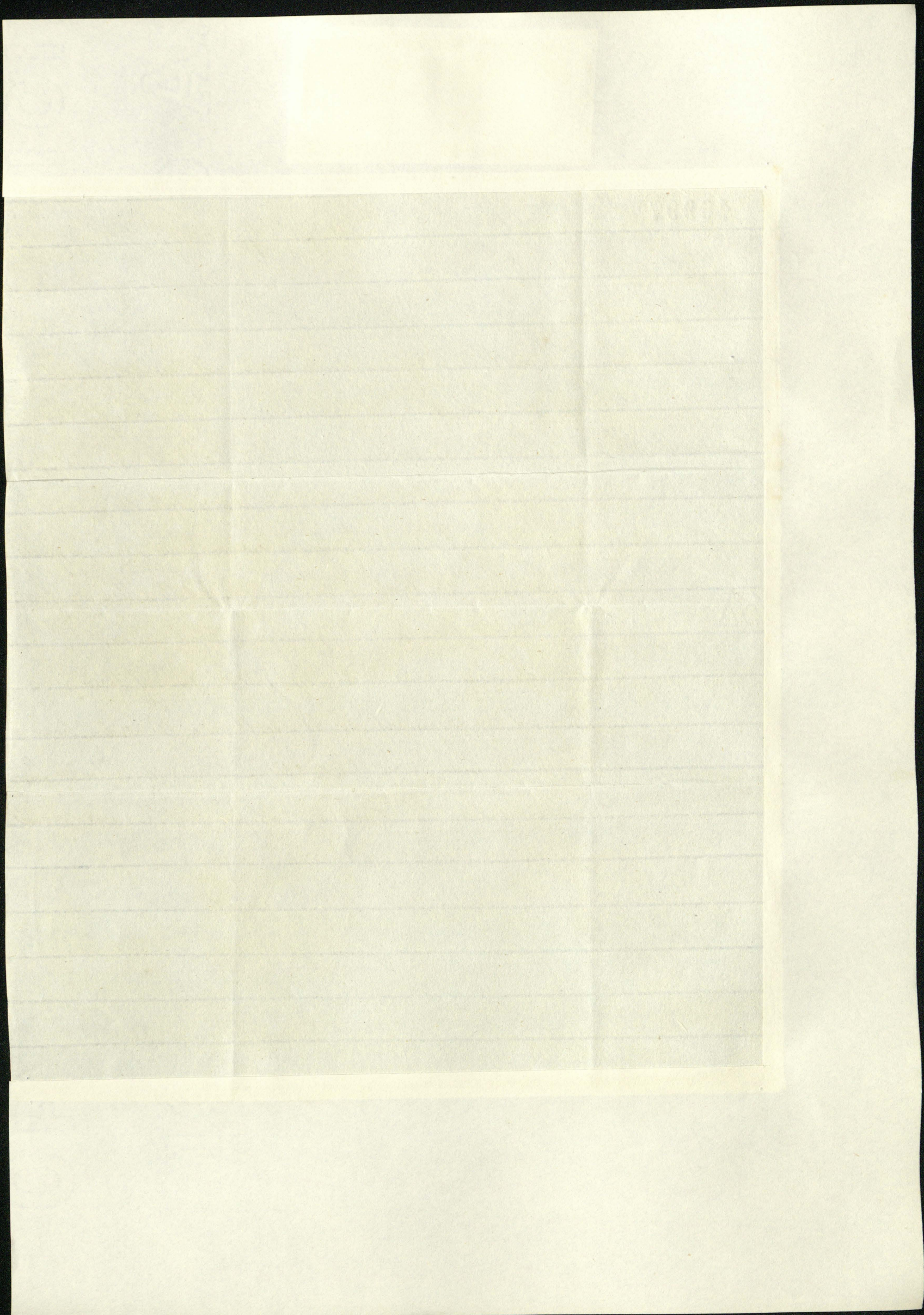
Our Lecture with Professor Dutler begins next Monday from ten till eleven, we shall find it the easier as M<sup>r</sup> Dutler has for these three last Weeks always being reading Dutler's Book with us in German. Professor Lichtenberg intends to pursue with his Lessons in Algebra this half Year with us, and we shall have perhaps practical hours from five to six in the Evening; all the Morning from six till two will be occupied, and from two to six the Evening.

Next Saturday we are invited by General Estoff to see his a Part of his Regiment ride at Northem in the Riding house it being the last Day they exercise. Yesterday I heard from his Magnificence the Proctor Professor that there was 134 new Students, and there are still expected more.

Sir

I am your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus.



Prince Ernest  
7<sup>th</sup> May 1788

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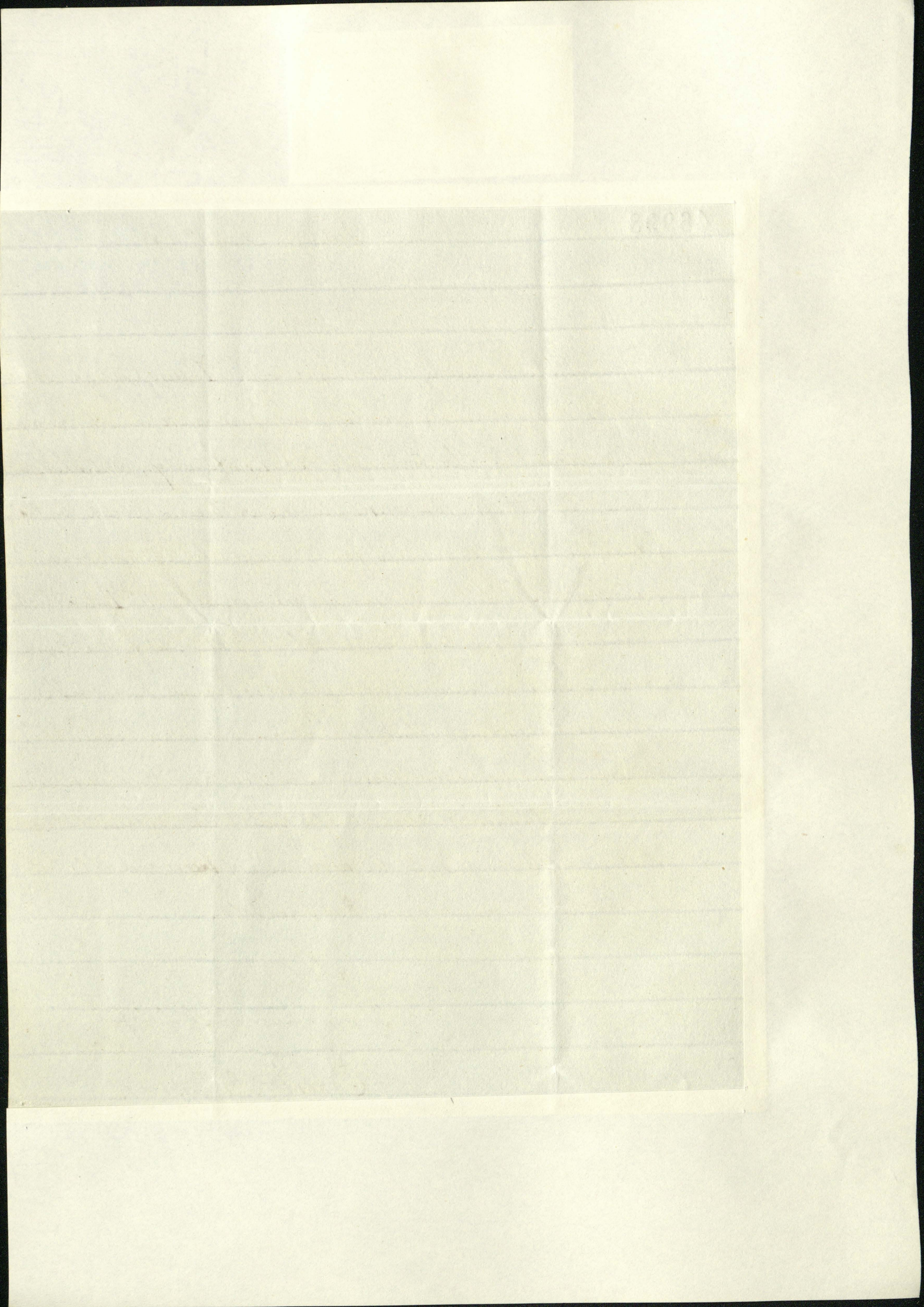
Gottingen May 7<sup>th</sup> 1788

Sir

We have begun already a fortnight with Putters College which I find very amusing especially there where we are now, for he gives an Account of the beginning of Christianity, and shows us how the Catholick Bishops & Monks are become so rich, by their turning the Money intended for the Saints to their own private Persons. The Lesson we have had one Day with Mr Putter, the other Morning at seven do we repeat with Mr Tatter; at first I began to write but soon perceived that would not do because Putter talks so remarkably quick that the Time I was writing he said half a dozen Things I could not hear. This Day have the French Prince, quitted Gottingen on account of a foolish Fear of their Mother that the little one should die here, having been once ill, but this fright is a nervous one as I am told.

Sir

I am your most dutiful  
Son  
Ernest Augustus.



Prince Ernest

30<sup>th</sup> May 1788

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Gottingen May 30<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Sir

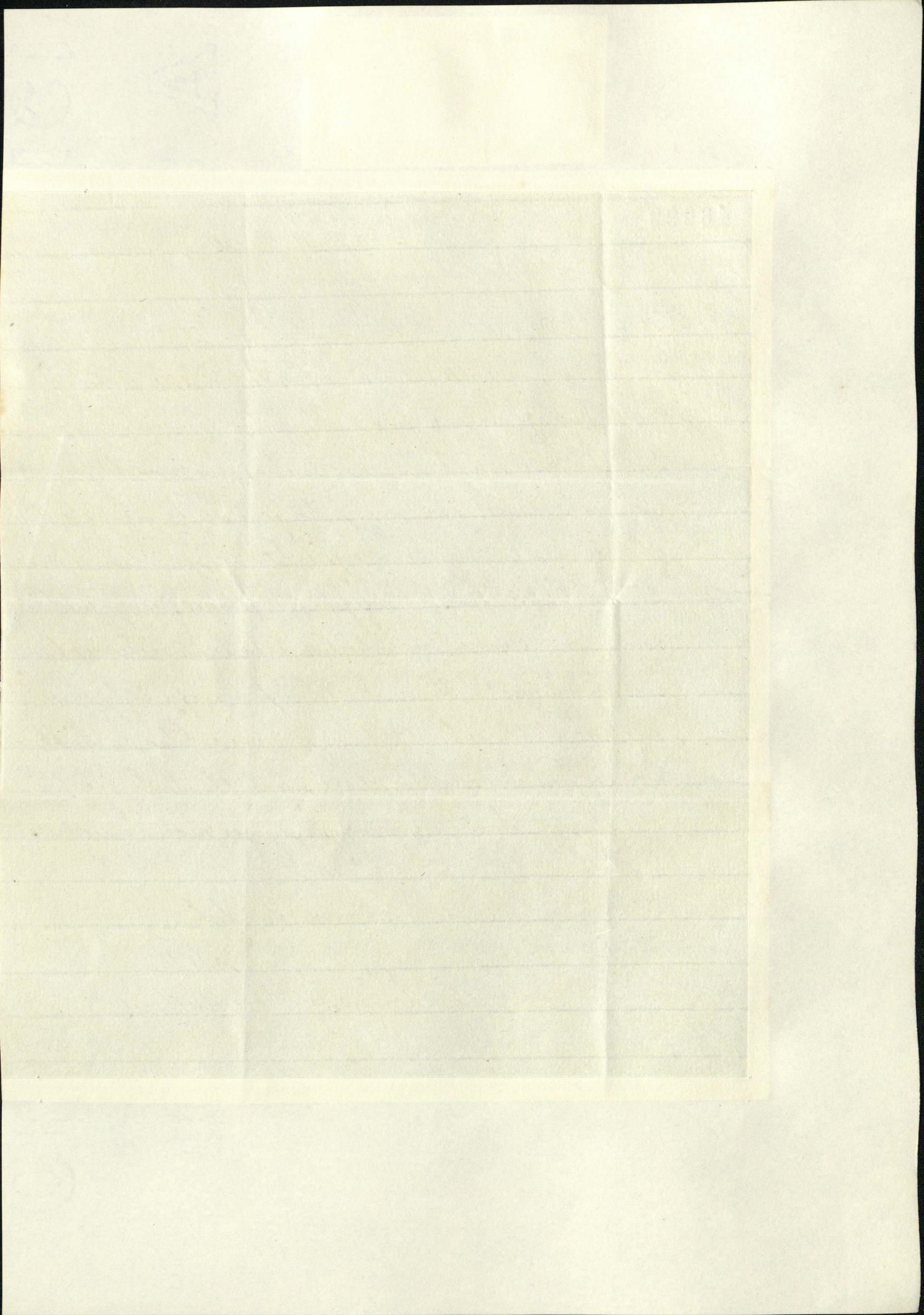
In my last Letter I mentioned that Professor Lutter intended to cease off reading for a week, but in the mean Time he was so obliging ~~as~~ to permit us to come to him, that we might see some Documents, which it was impossible for him to hand about in the Lecture, likewise he recapitulated in Short what we had had till then. Professor Lichtenberg continues his Course in Algebra, his intention is to enter more deeply into the Subject with us. Mr Lep has infinitely eased his present Course by his having made a Plan, in which we can find and overlook at one sight the whole Treatise of Religion. Permit my giving you joy for next Wednesday.

Sir

Yours most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus





Prince Ernest

June 19. 1788

47000

Göttingen June 19<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Sir,

At present am very busy making Tables of the History of the German Empire from the Reign of Henry I<sup>st</sup> to the Death of Henry the III<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> Tutter which must be finished by next Saturday or 8 nights at furthest, for then will M<sup>r</sup> Tutter go to Piemont to drink the Waters, where he generally stays three Weeks, he sets off on a Saturday and returns the Sunday three Weeks for certain so that he may begin the Monday following to read. During his Absence M<sup>r</sup> Tutter will read with us Geography from ten to eleven. As Professor Meyer quits Göttingen, the hour we had with him will be occupied by the Pede Frick who gives us Instructions in writing. Yesterday was the Over Marshall von Lichtenstein here in his Road to his Estates in Francony, who told us that the King of Prussia returned through Hannover last Sunday, and will be followed in about a fortnight by the hereditary Prince who at present is in Holland.

Sir

I am your most dutiful Son  
Ernest Augustus.

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Prince Ernest  
11<sup>th</sup> July 1788

Göttingen July 11<sup>th</sup> 1788.

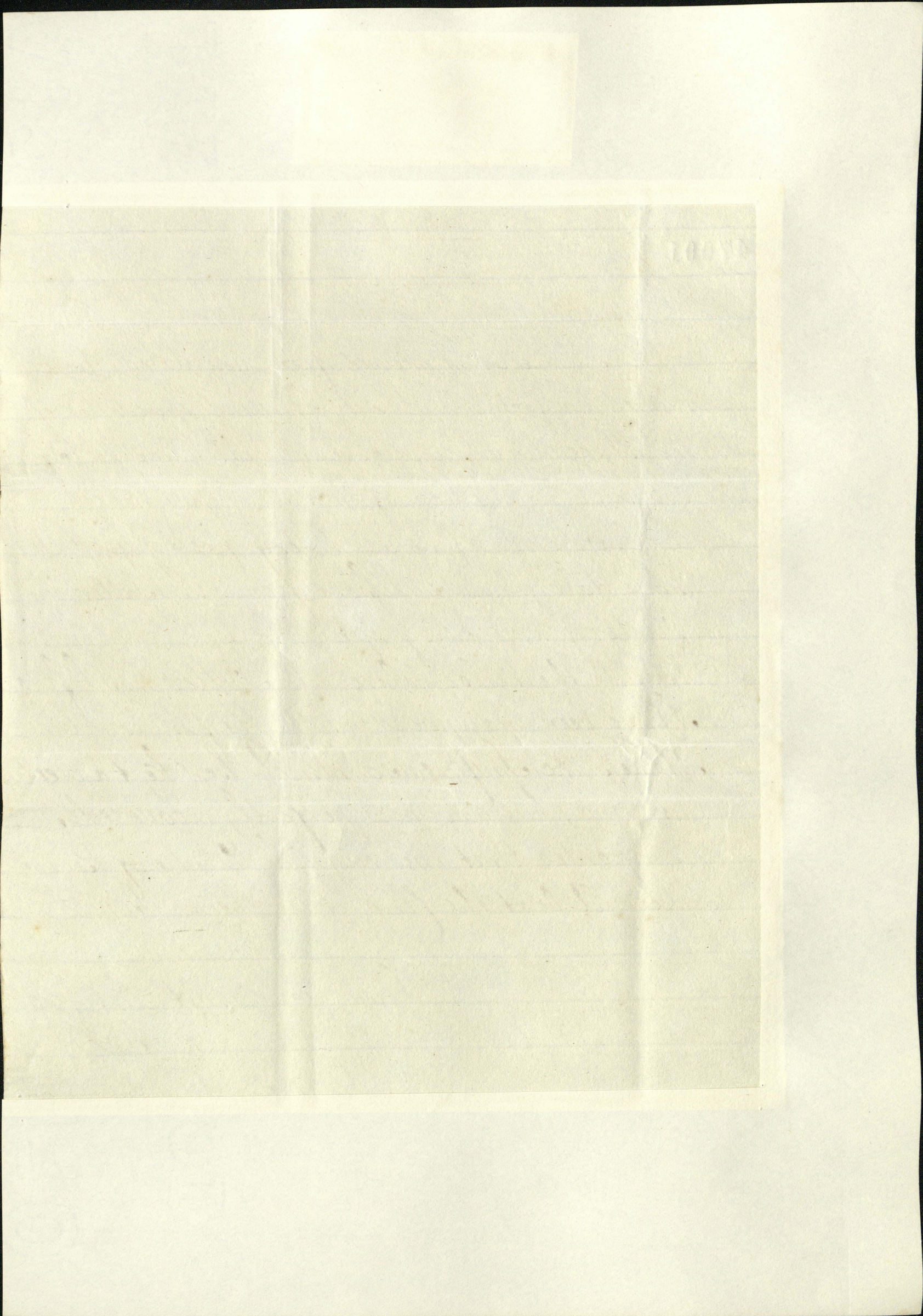
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Sir

The Letter I received from you dated June 17<sup>th</sup> relieved me from the Anxiety of Mind your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> occasioned, and gave me great Pleasure to find you made no mention of the State of your health, which is a sure Sign of its being very pretty good. We have daily now 2 Lessons from Mr Putter in History and Geography, he has read in history to the Period where Mr Putter has left off. I have been indisposed with the fashionable Illness the Influenza which has kept me at home, but am now perfectly recovered. It is reported that the reigning Duke of Brunswick will be at the Camp at Northeim Sept<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>o</sup>.

Sir

I am your most dutiful  
Son  
Ernest Augustus



Ernst Ernest

July 31. 1788

47002

Sir

Mr Putter has begun to read his Lecture again about a week ago and has brought to the Reign of Charles IV<sup>th</sup> when he has explained to us fully the Golden Bull. Professor Lichtenberg has treated of the Proportion of Sides, Angles and Triangles, not as is to be found in Galil<sup>ei</sup>, but in a much clearer and fuller manner. Mr Putter relates in the Repetition of Putter's Lecture how Affairs go on in England & France namely so much as is necessary to render easier & clearer what Putter has said the Day before.

I am very happy to hear from the Letters you have written to my Brothers dated from Cheltenham, that your health is now so good and hope sincerely that this Journey may prevent all the bad Consequences such an *Itinerarium* might have occasioned.

Göttingen

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1788.

Sir

I am your most dutiful Son  
Ernst Augustus

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Duke of Cumberland

August 21. 1788

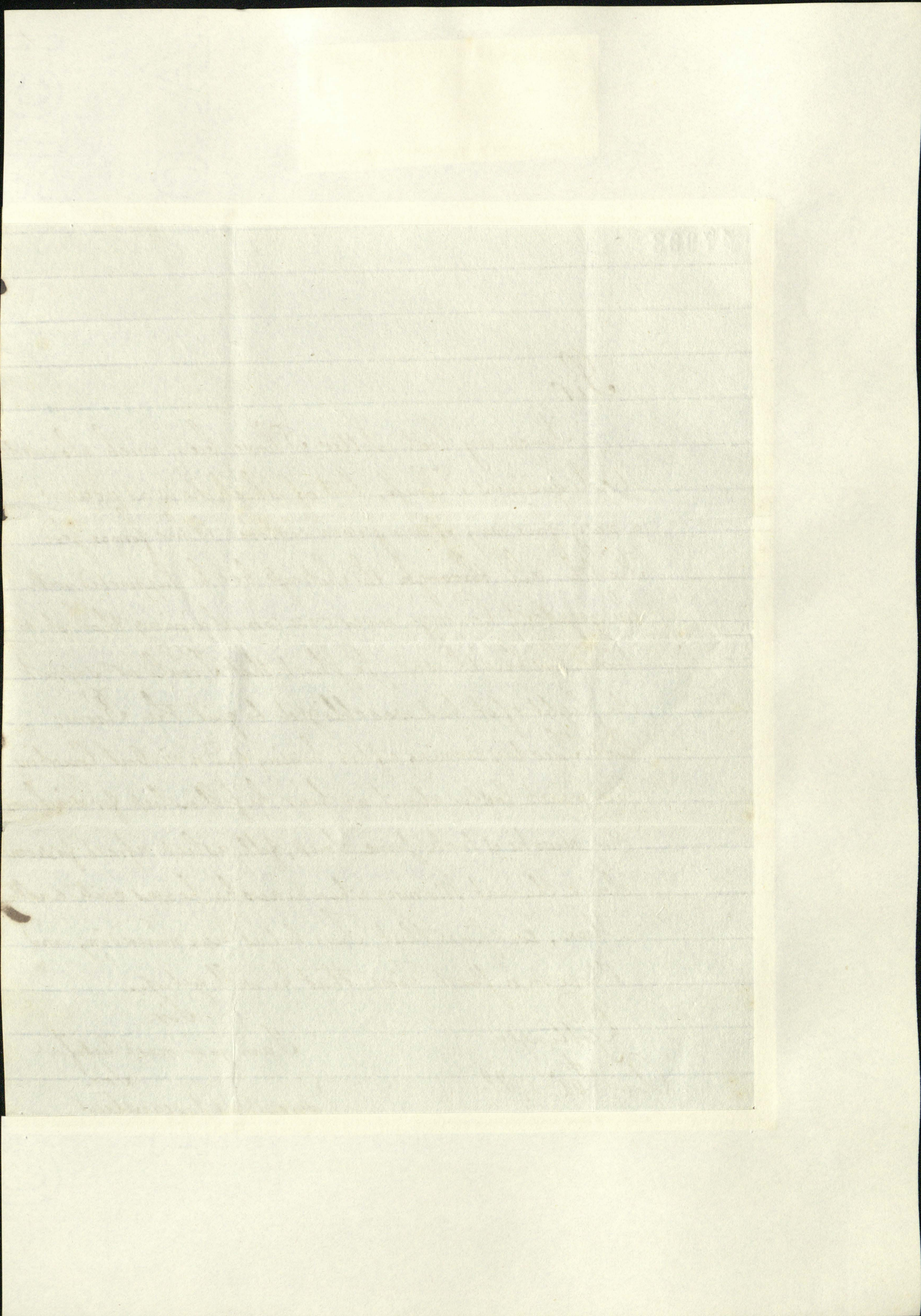
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Sir

Since my last Letter I have been much alarmed at Augustus's Illness, but of which he is at present in a very fair way of being soon restored to his former good Health; all ~~through~~ the Sickness has he supported with the greatest Courage never once complaining though at times his breath was so short that I could not support the Sight of it but was obliged to quit the Room; last Tuesday evening after having had a violent Coughing Fit which lasted about an hour he fell asleep for six hours, then awoke & took some Soup, fell asleep afresh for seven Hours, the next Morning when he awoke he was quite another Man, ever since that Time he has been amending and I hope in a short Time that he will get up.

Göttingen  
Aug<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1788.

Sir  
I am your most dutiful  
Son  
Ernest Augustus





Ernest Ernest  
September 11. 1700

47004

Sir

All goes well at present, Augustus has recovered  
Strength enough to support Riding every Day for  
two Hours and from which he finds great Benefit  
Professor Nutter treats at present about the 30  
years War he is at present just about the Battle  
of Lutzen where Gustavus Adolphus lost his Life.  
The rest of my Lessons continue their Course, but  
Professors Heyne & Buhle intend to make a tour  
during the Holy-days for about a fortnight,  
wherefore the Latin must cease till their return.  
I had the Pleasure of seeing my old Friend  
General Freytag who looks the same as formerly  
not a bit altered at the Camp where he reviewed  
and mustered the Cavalry.

Sir

Göttingen  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1700

I am  
Your most dutiful Son  
Ernest Augustus.

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I have the pleasure to inform you that  
 the same has been forwarded to you  
 by the same person who has  
 been entrusted with the  
 management of the  
 same. I am, Sir,  
 very respectfully,  
 your obedient servant,  
 J. G.

Prince Ernest

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1788.

47005

Sir

According to your particular Desire I send you here an Account of the books I make use of. With Mr Lef. I make use of the Holy Bible and read on Saturdays a Book written by Dr Sack a Compilation of the Answers the Hereditary Prince of Prussia made at the ceremony of his Confirmation. Mr. Tatter makes use of a book well known <sup>by you</sup> I suppose Putter's Entwöhling und Einführung der Wissenschaften, in order the better to explain what Putter has wrote in his Extract. In Mathematics I make use of Schulzy's Logarithmic Tables Mr Lichtenberg thinking them preferable to Sherwin's. frequent Recourse is likewise made to Hoffner's Book of mathematics. When alone I read in German Smith's History of Germany a very well wrote Book, that I may not forget my English, which I am sorry to say I speak very ineffectly now, I read the Spectator, Guardian, Goldsmith, and Hume's History of England. I have just finished Sallust in Latin but know not yet what Book I am now to read as Professor

Heyne and Bahl were at this instant absent from Göttingen, but as soon as I know I will immediately inform you. This Morning has Mr Putter finished his Lecture on the German history, having brought the History down to the last treaty between England & Prussia.

I am very happy to be able to tell you that Augustus passed a very good night & finds himself so much better today as to have been able to sit up half an hour this morning, I hope with all my Heart that he may continue to recover daily & be soon again a stout man.

Sir

Göttingen

I am your  
most dutiful Son

Oct<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1788.

Ernest Augustus.

Prince Ernest

23<sup>d</sup> October 1788

47006

Sir

Last Monday did M<sup>r</sup> Putter begin his College on Public Law which so far as I see at present is very entertaining for he always refers to the History of the Empire that I heard last Summer; he is much more frequented in this Lecture than in that which I first heard. Professor Martins began likewise last Monday his Lecture on the Law of nations, which he reads in French; for I believe there is no German in all Gottingen that speaks French more correctly & elegantly than Martins does, so that I learn two things first the Subject he treats & secondly to improve my French as I write down the Substance of what he says. M<sup>r</sup> Putter repeats with us daily either History, Geography, or what we have at present with Putter & Martins. Augustus is now so well that the Doctors have permitted him to ride out the first fine day, and I hope he may find great Benefit from it, for he continually complains he cannot sleep overwell

but which is easy to be comprehended as he has taken for some time  
no Exercise now.

Sir

I am your most dutiful Son

Gottingen Oct<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1786.

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest

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Sir

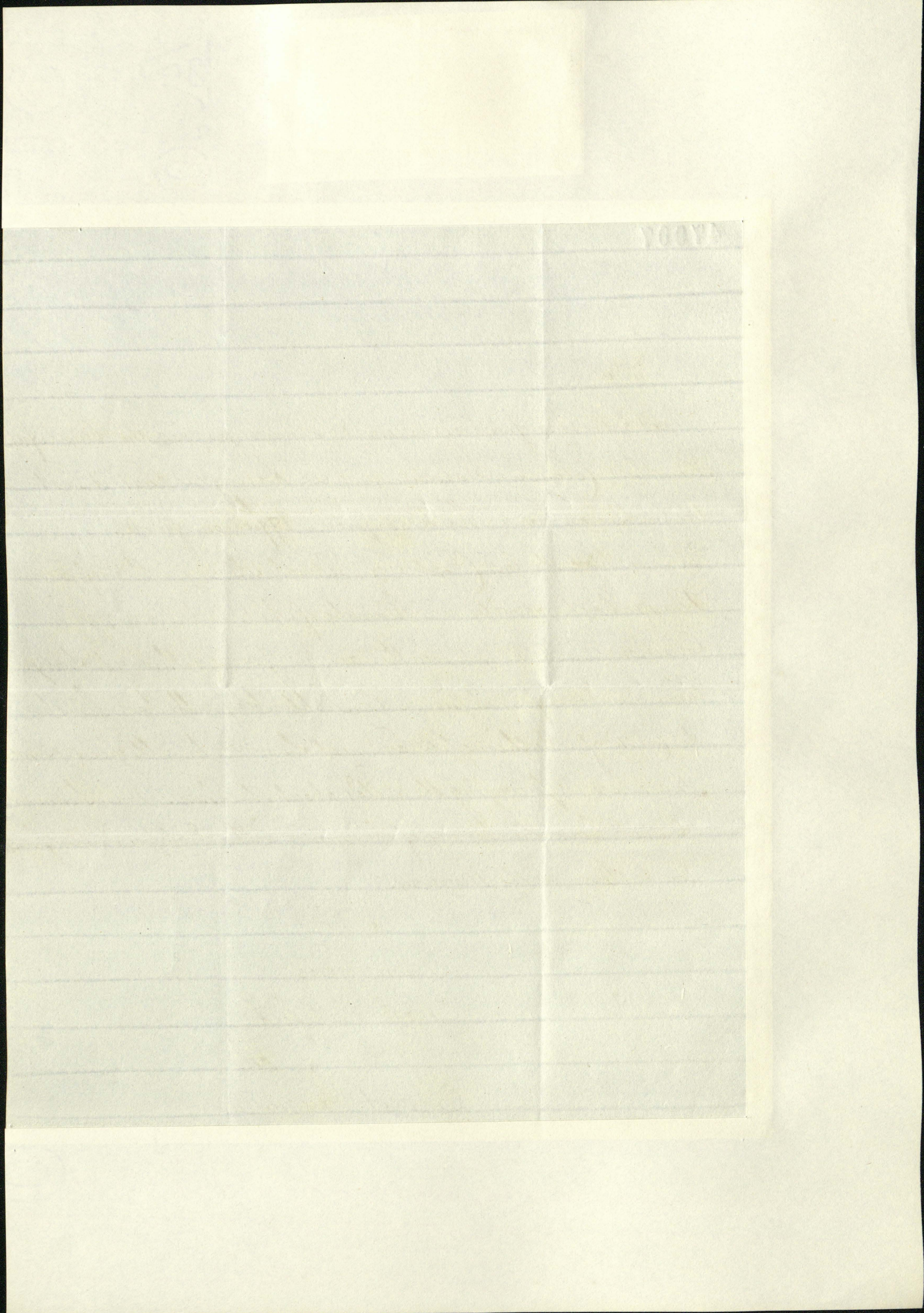
I take this first occasion to thank you for the beautiful Pin that Colonel Malortie gave me telling me that it was to be looked on as a Mark of your Affection for me.

We now have the last Chapter of Natural History with Professor Blumenbach namely on Minerals of which he has a very good Collection which he got together on his Journey through Sweden. In about four lessons M<sup>r</sup> Lichtenberg will have finished his Course of Mathematics and next Summer he will give us some few hours in surveying the Fields about the Town. Next Summer we shall hear the history of the Empire with Professor Pütter from ten to eleven in the Morning.

Sir

I am your  
most Dutiful

son  
Ernest Augustus





From Prince Ernest  
Göttingen Jan<sup>y</sup>. 21. 1789

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to

The Prince of Wales

47008

Dear Brother

Well assured how you have been since sometime overwhelmed with  
business I did not dare trouble you with a letter, but now as the King's Health  
is, thank God-mending, according to the last accounts I have received from  
England, I seize this Opportunity of writing to you by Dornford a young  
Englishman with whom I have studied at Göttingen; my intention was  
to send you my Share by him, but as the Man, who makes it, has not  
got it finished time enough, I must postpone the pleasure of finding  
it you 'till when the next Messenger goes. Since the illness of the  
King has naturally all <sup>public</sup> Divisions ceased here, but as the King  
recovers they will soon take place again; Augustus has wrote to  
me from Hyeres, where he is now quartered, & ~~tells~~ says his Health  
grows daily stronger; it is one of the luckiest Things possible  
that he has not passed this Winter in Germany, for the wea-  
ther has been so intensely cold that I am confident it would  
have certainly cost him his Life. I suppose Augustus will

bring back with him a cart full of Minerals & Stones in which  
he finds a great deal of Amusement; he has already a pretty  
large Collection left behind him piled up 'till his Return.  
As for me I do not know what amusement there can be in  
collecting Stones, but as the French proverb says, "Chacun a  
son Gout," and it really is so for Augustus has a Taste  
for Stones & Prints, the latter of which I have no objec-  
-tion to but however think there are more amusing ways  
of spending my Money. It is already pretty late & I must  
be up for early tomorrow, so believe me

Dear Brother

Your ever affectionate and  
devoted Brother

Ernest Augustus

Gottingen

Jun<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1789.

Prince Ernest

16<sup>th</sup> April 1789

47009

Sir

You cannot conceive what great Pleasure the visit of Count de Lucy has given me, for he told me that he had spoken to you the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and that you looked as well as ever. The 26<sup>th</sup> will be a day of public rejoicing here the orders arrived here last Saturday, and I am sure that there is no single Hanoverian subject who will not feel the truest and sincerest Joy in their Hearts.

You cannot imagine how joyful how happy they are now with the hopes of seeing their dear Sovereign here, I must own that I desire so much that happy moment that I cannot describe the Joy I feel in the thoughts of it. Göttingen will soon shine as now all the new Students are coming, and the Soldiers they have been on Furlow for six months returned here last night & begin tomorrow morning to exercise. The uncommissioned Officers Drummers & Recruits have been here already a month. As the Fast-Days have been so nothing of great difference has taken

place in my Studies, but I hope in my next Letter to be able  
to give you an account, for at present I have but only few, as  
Captain Högren of the Engineers is at present at Hannover  
and some of the Professors are on a small tour to their Relations,  
however I have a privatissimum with G. J. R. Pütter in the  
Faculty of Law during the Vacancies

Sir

Göttingen  
April 16<sup>th</sup> = 1709.

I am your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

Pierre Ernest

14<sup>th</sup> May 1789

47010

Sir

Pardon my not having wrote so long, but I have had a lame hand which has hindered me, I had the misfortune to cut myself in the hand with a Glass Bottle which had had already before a split in it without my knowledge, it made me a wound in the middle of my hand 2 inches long, and 1 deep, and to day is the first Time I have been able to ride since this Accident. All the Colleges have begun again and Göttingen now shines with fresh as there are 204 new Students and there is still hopes that we may get more. Captain Hogrove is just returned from the surveying of Chabnall, I have already begun a fresh with him. Gopswold Lichtenberg gives us now a lecture on the Globes, and I have rejoiced with Gopswold & Martins in the French Lesson. Augustus we expect perhaps in 8 to 10 Days Time I got a letter from him dated from Lausanne 1<sup>st</sup> May where he relates that he saw Edward, and luckily for him that Edward accompanied him from Geneva for just on their Road their Carriage broke down so that it was impossible for him to make any use of it till mended, and Edward carried him in his Equipage, Augustus saw Salyas at Geneva. I expect to night Pierre

Charles who goes to Shetland where his Daughter Princeess  
is to be married to Prince Louis, little did I think when Prince Louis  
(the uncle to that Prince who marries my Cousin) was here that I should  
once be a Relation of his Serene Highness. He is now gone on travels, but  
they are of a curious sort, only imagine his going to the Harz the middle  
of February in that unpropitious Cold, he staid there two Days & pretended  
to have a perfect Knowledge of the Harz.

Sir

Göttingen  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1789.

I am your most dutiful Son  
&  
Ernest Augustus.

Prince Ernest

25<sup>th</sup> May 1789

47011

Sir

Though I have wrote so lately to You, yet I could not let this Post go off without writing you a few lines to wish You Joy for your Birth day ~~and~~ accompanied with the sincerest Wishes that you may see many many happy Returns of that blessed Day.

Augustus is returned to our greatest Joy fully recovered, We expected him as to day tomorrow, but he arrived at one o'clock last Saturday he is very much grown & fat, and as he writes himself so You will have a much better and more exact Account of his Health than it is possible for me to give you.

Gottingen  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1789.

Sir

I am  
your most dutiful Son  
Ernest Augustus

