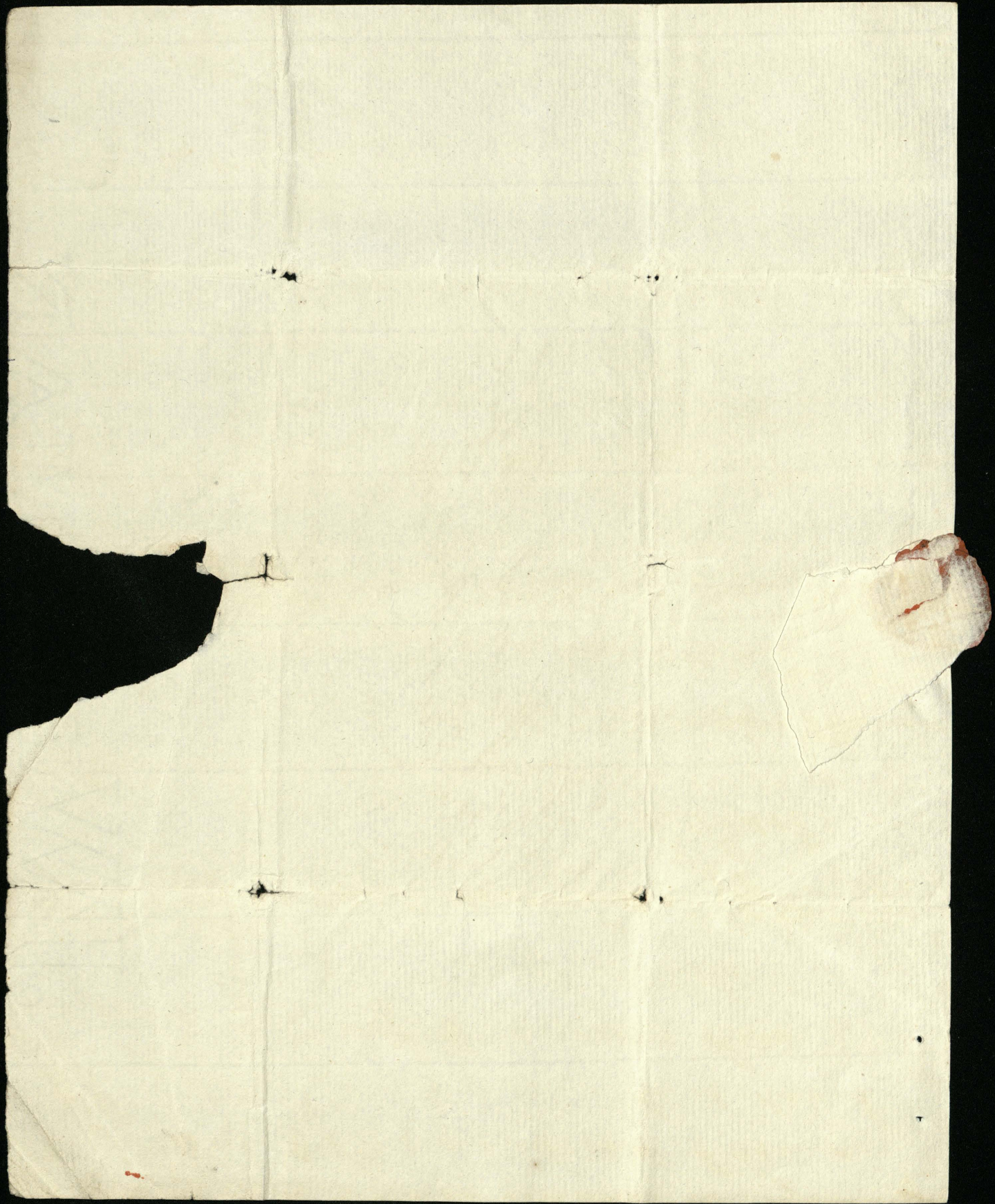




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[Dec. 1811]

My dear Lord —

Wrote I cannot resist expressing your
Lady Bradford with what indignation
I have read of the Duke of Clarence's
appointment to be Admiral of the Fleet.
The Service I know always spoke of
it as your right & just reward & with
I am certain generally feel it as such.

If the Prince insisted upon it Sir
Byrke should have let him be the
disgrace of the appointment & would
have done himself Honor in resigning.
But I fear he paid his court at the
expense of the Service — I wish but
longer dwell upon this but assure you
how glad I felt that Lady Hood was
safe thro' with it had been a son &
pray that you my Lord may have
the same honors descend as you
would wish — I have unluckily never

met a Dy Charlotte or Mr. Hood but some
friends of mine & particularly a very nice
girl a Miss Cole a niece of the Barons
know them well & speaks of them as
not amiable & generally beloved —
Had a letter from Prince Sophie
The King's Daughter dated 21th the 11th.
speaking of the King — Our dear
Angel's Health is not good but the
Mind deplorably lost — a few days
before had a letter from Mr. Mary
who said that he eat his food as
usual but slept only 4 Hours in
the 24. that his strength did not
appear to give way & that when not
agitated on any particular subjects he
seemed composed & easy in mind —
though the mind was totally lost —
that John Willis had tried more

coercive measure but that thank God
they had not left him to himself not
pending them do any good —

Mr Harry is still off & I don't know
not when he will be released for as
the punch force is increased there &
in Basques roads they will not I
think leave the station without an
Admiral & Mr. Gorker's ship the
Bulwark will not be ready for sea
till 26th & no other Admt is appointed
in the room of Mr. Williams who is
I hear much hurt at being sent
to Sheerness without its being previously
named to him — I trust your
Lordship & Lady Bishop bear this
exceedingly ill weather as well as
you can expect for I know you always
feel it — but Lady Bishop I trust
is able to get out as formerly — I beg

to be most affly remembered to her - a
intreating you my dear Lord not to
trouble yourself to answer this -

Walsingham
Walsingham
Dec 24th

I am your Lordships
most grateful & affe
G. Meale
Have you 2^d Lordship
heard of Lady Rector's husband's taking
a lodging on the banks of the
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Mr Jos. Yorke has promised Shirley a
ship before he goes out, or if there is a
promotion