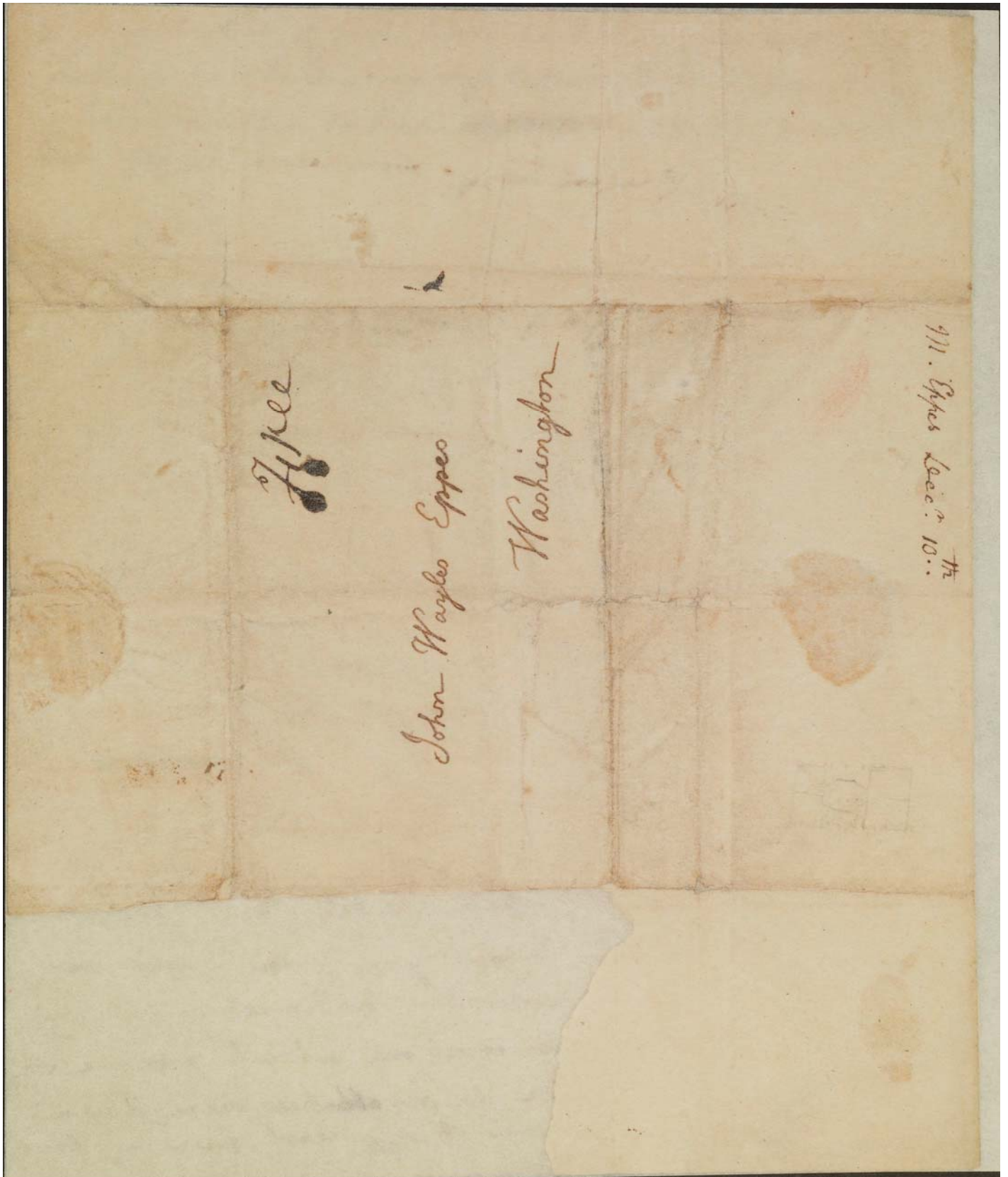


Edge hill December 10<sup>th</sup>

I was so hurried in writing my last to you  
My best beloved husband that I did not even think of asking  
you to let me know if the pain in your tooth had been <sup>effectually</sup> relieved  
by crassing you suffer'd so much with it at Monticello that I  
have thought a great deal of it since & tho much affected at the  
depression of spirits which appear'd for the first time in that  
letter I rather hoped it was under the impresson of some unpleasant  
feeling excited at the moment in the House than any thing more  
permanent, as it is the greatest source of comfort to me while  
seperated from you to know that your health & spirits are  
good. Mr Eston Randolph is just come, he ~~has~~ left  
Richmond a few days since & saw your father while there  
who was then very well but had just recover'd from the  
croup which he had had violently, he told Mr R that if  
his carriage was done he with your mother would meet  
you here at Christmas certainly but I must conclude my  
letter for my sister has served me a trick & made me  
entertain Mr R while she ~~writes~~ her own Adieu  
Ther Dearest & most beloved of my heart give my love

to my brother & tell him he has served me very  
 shabbily not to answer my letter that I intended  
 to have written to him ~~some~~ for his picture  
~~his~~ adieu once more yours tenderly  
 M E

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is written in cursive and appears to be a continuation of a letter or a separate note.]*



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