

Highlands May 15th 1812

My Dear Grandmother

We have been very uneasy on account of not having received a letter from you for some time but I hope it does not proceed from indisposition. I am reading the 12 Cessars to my Mother and Fume in my leisure hours. Grandmother Brown has been to town to try and sell the store but she has returned unsuccessful. My father is getting a gallery made round the house to make it more healthy we have several neighbours that remember my Grand Father, I shall mention the names of some of them. Joseph Sharp, Philip Ingleheart, Simon Turry, John Climpette &c We have had such storms of thunder lightning and rain that there is very appearance of its having destroyed the cotton although my Mother has been obliged to plant four times successively. Mr Dutton came to see us three weeks since he is very much respected and is in very good business he enquired very particularly for you. Embrace my Dear little Cousins and tell them that I

wish sincerely I could pay them a visit, we all join
in affectionate remembrance to you and the family.

Your ever affectionate and dutiful

Grandson

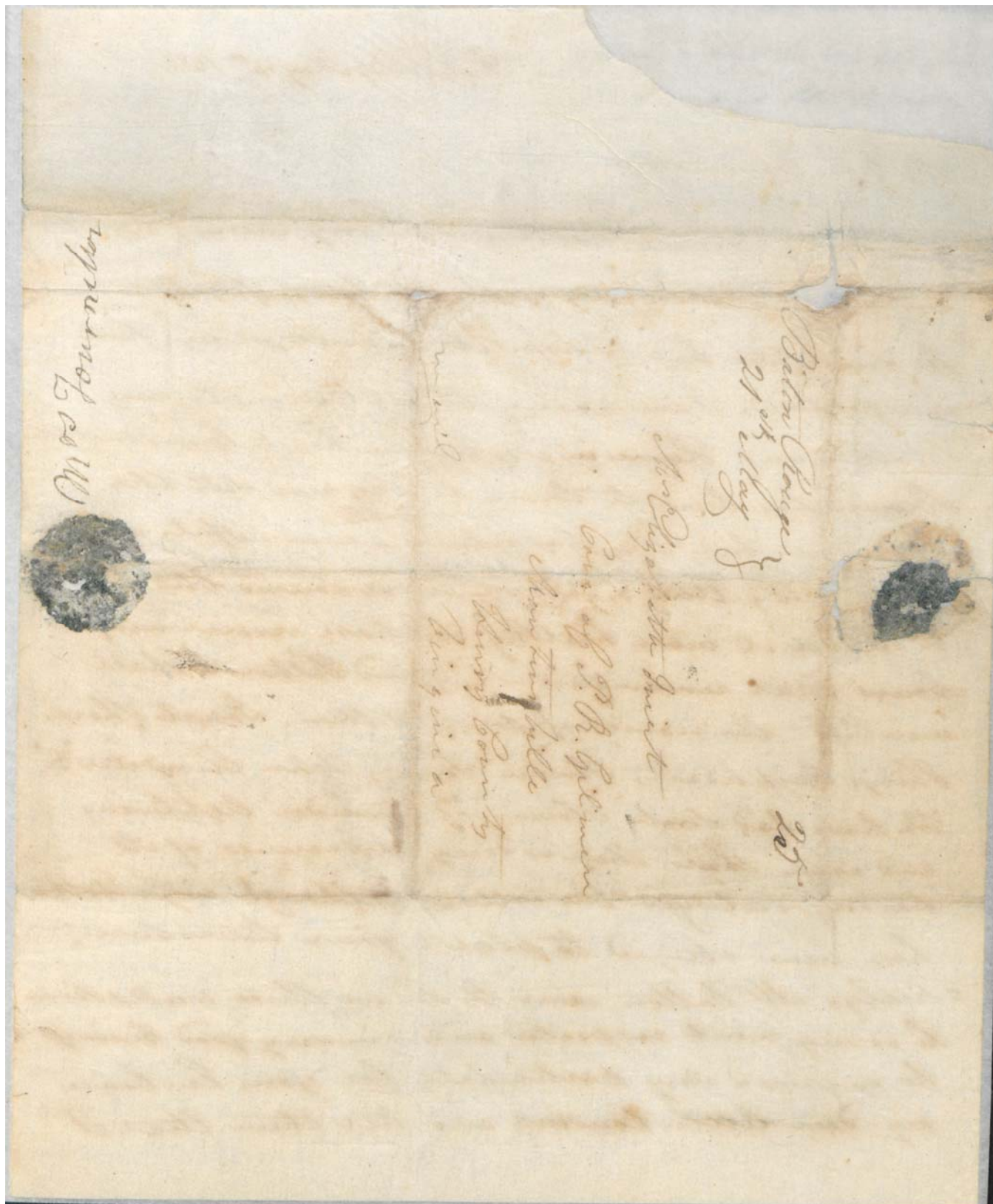
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My Dear Mother

I have not any thing
interesting to communicate, my health
~~which~~ three weeks since I thought I
was recovering my healths are not so
frequent. But my cough and pain in the
breast is more violent I have too much
anxiety of mind even to enjoy health it
is so truly distressing for me to see my
children without advantages that I cannot
know peace and I see no prospect of doing
any thing for them, war will destroy all
my prospects even should I settle with the
government as cotton will not be worth
cultivating tell me how I shall convey
you a note, and when a Baltimore
on Philadelphia bank note will be the
earliest for you to change, as I shall
receive some money next month,

remember me to Sally and Leahy, write to
me soon, and believe with the sincerest
affection
yours M.I.

Do not mention Emma in any of your
letters as he and I have quarrelled about ^{it} ~~not~~
writing to you.



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