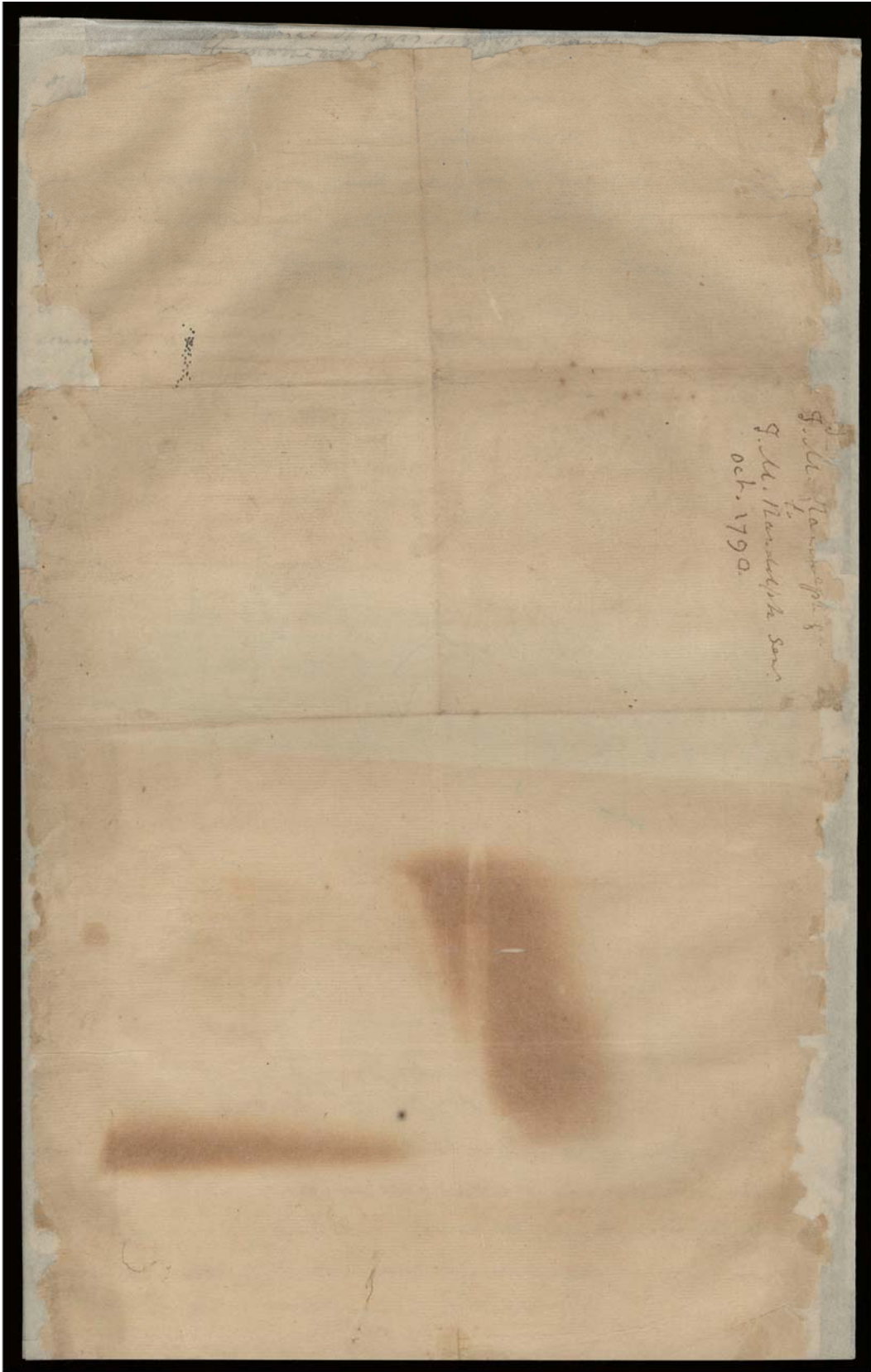


Dear Father,

It makes me inexpressibly happy to find that your displeasure towards me has in some measure subsided. I take that opportunity of laying open the nature of my conduct & of exposing it thro' all its circumstances to your calm consideration. The purchase of Edgehill was suggested by Mr Jefferson & was consented to by me in consequence of my deference for his opinion and my desire to gratify Patience for the fear of being disagreeably fettered by the bargain, particularly when the least failure on my part would have exposed me to the malice of the world, rendered me anxious to engage in it. I however impowered Mr Jefferson to act in every respect according to his inclination & determined to be governed altogether by his Opinion. He set out for Tucker accordingly with an intention of ~~concluding~~ ^{proposing} a bargain which would accord to you the full value of the property he said to obtain on such terms of payment as ~~any~~ ^{my} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} would admit ~~in this country~~. His idea of the mutual confidence betwixt you & myself made him insert two articles ^{in a} different from ~~that~~ ^{that} you had insisted on, knowing ~~that~~ ^{to be} it was of the greatest consequence to me & fully convinced that the least hint to you ~~that~~ ^{their} ~~being~~ ^{being} disagreeable would have made me reject them. One of these articles concerned the corn and the other the terms of payment, 200 barrels were inserted instead of one & as payment of 500 £ was intruded, ^{was} 1/2 of which ^{was} to have been deducted from each of the ^{next} ~~last~~ annual payments. This he told you had ~~been~~ ^{at first} but had afterwards read & signed the oblig which he ~~had~~ ^{was} ~~signed~~ ^{signed} on as giving your consent, ~~obeying~~ ^{obeying} to me ~~that~~ ^{that} I might pay the amount ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} at the same time & if you found it inconvenient

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