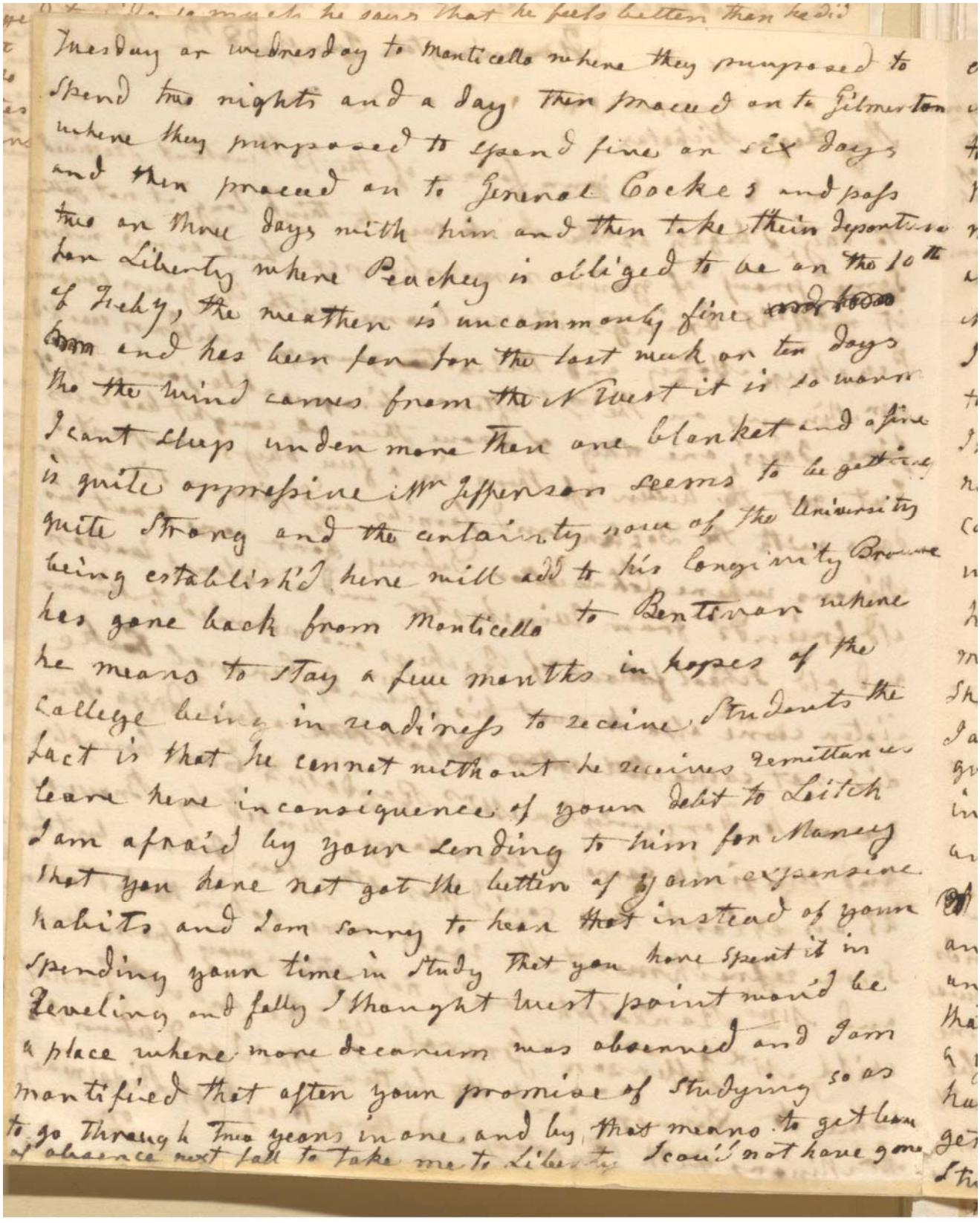
Harrington Jany 28th 19

My Dear Nicholas

Your favor of the 12th instant I received to day, I began as the Irish say, to think long at not getting some proof of your remembrance, but come when it will it brings its welcome with it, Your cousins Peachey Mary and their two youngest children reach'd Mr Minors on the 9th after a disagreeable journey of fine days, one day of snow then all caught bad colds but got the better of them in a few days we spent 3 days with the Dacten and family and fine on six at Mr Minors where Chancellor Dabney Carr came to meet his old friends from Winchester and a Colonel Watson and old School fellow of Peachys and married to Minors sister came also to meet his friend, General Cocke did not came till a few days after we got to Harrington Mrs Randolph Ellen Cornelia and Virginia came to see Mary attended by Browne as an escort they could not stay for dinner but took some refreshment the roads were not in the best order and Mrs Randolph could not stay away from her child, Mr Jefferson General Cocke and Mr Garnet came to Dinner and the latter staid and return'd to Mr Minors with Peachey and Mary they left Ridgeway on

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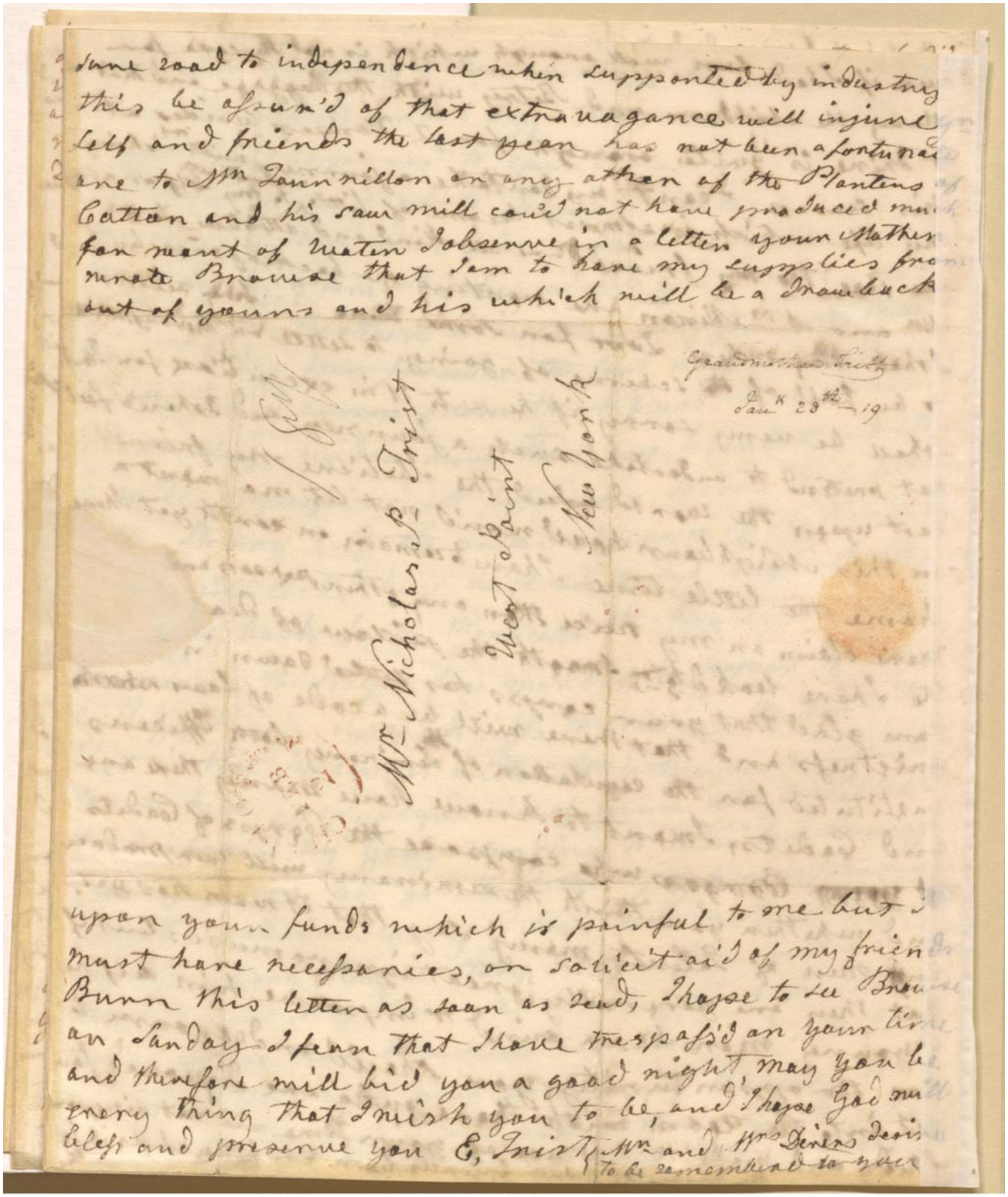
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Tuesday or Wednesday to Monticello where they purpose to
spend two nights and a day. Then proceed on to Gilmerton
where they purpose to spend five or six days
and then proceed on to General Cocke's and pass
two or three days with him and then take their departure
for Liberty where Peachey is obliged to be on the 10th
of July, the weather is uncommonly fine ~~and hot~~
here and has been for the last week or ten days
tho the wind comes from the N West it is so warm
I cant sleep under more than one blanket and a sheet
is quite oppressive. Mr Jefferson seems to be getting
quite strong and the certainty now of the University
being established here will add to his longevity. Browne
has gone back from Monticello to Bentivar where
he means to stay a few months in hopes of the
College being in readiness to receive Students the
fact is that he cannot without he receives remittances
leave here in consequence of your debt to Leitch
I am afraid by your lending to him for Nancy
that you have not got the letter of your extravagant
habits and I am sorry to hear that instead of your
spending your time in study that you have spent it in
Traveling and folly I thought West point would be
a place where more decorum was observed and I am
mortified that after your promise of studying so as
to go through Two years in one, and by that means to get leave
of absence next fall to take me to Liberty I could not have gone

even if I had been well enough which is not the case for
many the children and Betsey with the baggage and met
to dine is quite enough for 2 Horses besides at
this season I cant undertake a journey with as sticking
my life which is almost become of little importance to myself or any
one else tho my friends are all kind and attentive to me
Mr and Mrs Minor are wanting me back again but
I shall stay where I am for some time they seems
to be full of the scheme of going to settle on the Missouri
I shall be very sorry if he puts it in execution for I could
not pretend to undertake such a journey and I shou'd feel
cast upon the world indeed, tho I believe my friends
in this Neighbourhood wou'd not let me want a
home the little time I have to remain on earth yet I have
more claim on my niece then any other person and
She I have look'd to, smooth the pillow of death
I am glad that your corps has settled down in
quietness and that there will be a code of Laws
instituted for the regulation of the Seminary both Officers
and Cadets, I want to know how many there are
of them Corps who compose the Corps of Cadets
and whether you think the Seminary will ever produce
any men of Talents, many say that it never has yet,
that they are generally great ignoramuses but if
a young man has a mind to improve himself he
has the opportunity, you should endeavour to
get into the room with those who are disposed for
study and make the best use of your time and not disappoint
the hopes of your friends learn to be frugal, as it is
attended by some Physicians and a

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same road to independence when supported by industry
this be afraid of that extravagance will injure
self and friends the last year has not been a fortunate
one to Mr Dunnellon or any other of the Planters
Cotton and his saw mill could not have produced mu
for want of water I observe in a letter your Mother
incloses Brandt that I am to have my supplies fro
out of yours and his which will be a Drawback

Grandmother Trist
Jan[y] 28[th] 19

Wm Nicholas P. Trist
West Point
New York

upon your funds which is painful to me but I
must have necessaries, or solicit aid of my frien
Burn this letter as soon as read, I hope to see Brou
on Sunday I fear that I have trespass'd on your ti
and therefore will bid you a good night, may you h
every thing that I wish you to be, and I hope God m
bless and preserve you E. Trist Mr and Mrs Deiers desi
To be remembered to you

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