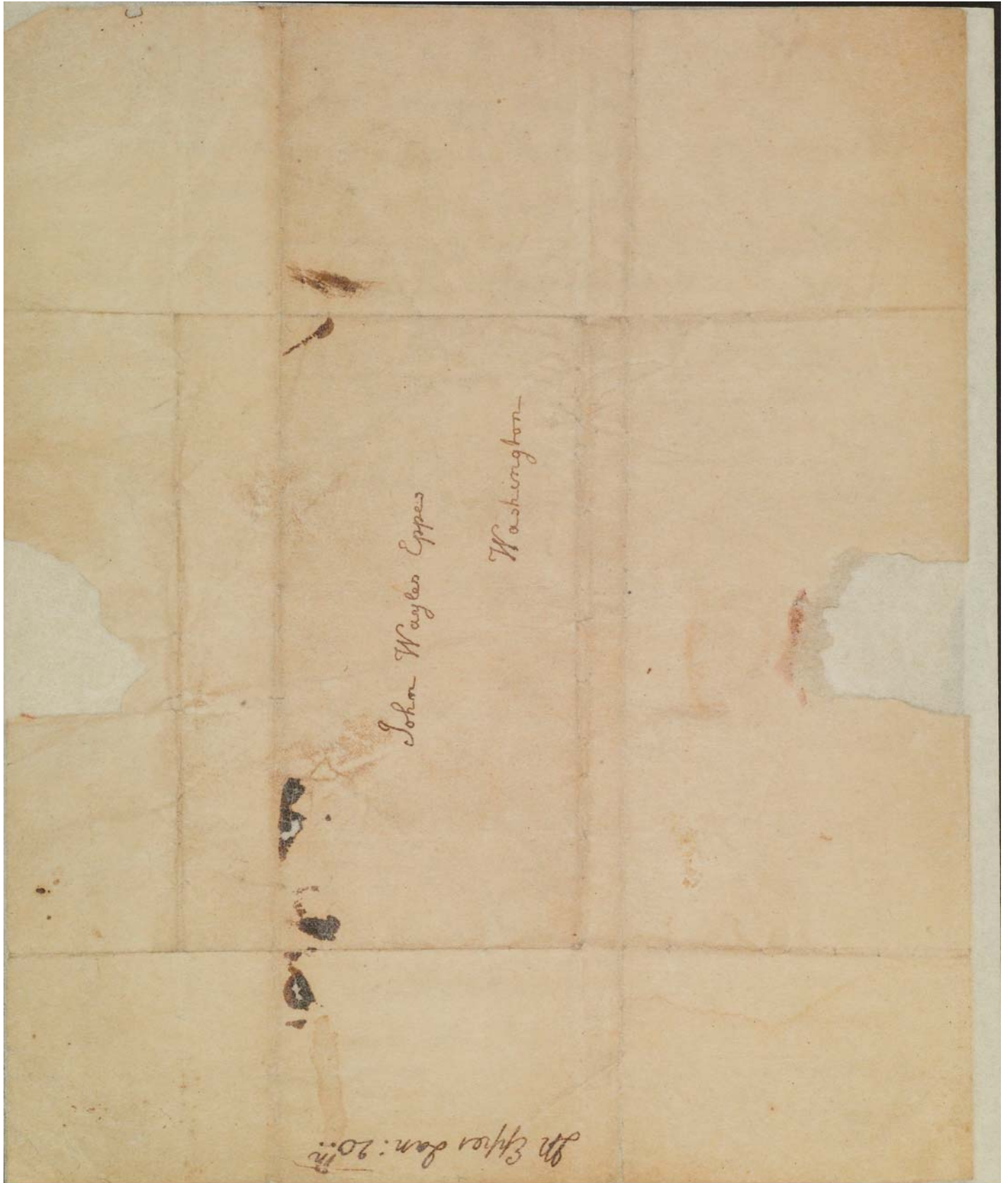


Edge Hill January 21st

I had a letter ^{last week} from your dear Mother & ~~you~~
from Brother Sermon acquainting me with the birth of another
Grandson & Bollings good health & in the first a request from your
father to procure him some Umbrella trees, I shall be very much
obliged to you if you will answer me immediately about them as it
appears to me that you told your father Mr Higgenbotham would
undertake to procure you some by the waggons from up the country
& if you do not think it either too early or too late I will speak to
Mr H. on the subject, or perhaps a line from yourself to him will
be better & I can let your father know by ^{the} next post as he seems
very anxious ~~to~~ to get them the steps you have taken to
procure some. — have the pleasures of Washington made you
already forget us? — I confess I think a little hard of not receiving
a single line from you by the last post, yet tho' hurt I cannot
let an opportunity pass without giving you the only proof in my
power of the tenderness which I feel & with which I think of you
My sister proposed by way of ~~reparation~~ to direct this letter for you
& ~~you~~ raise your expectations ^{a little} on receiving it, but I could not agree
that you should feel so much disappointment from a letter ~~of~~
mine. I am sorry to tell you that they have the nervous fever

at Pantops, York has been very ill but is now rather better - my
sister has mention'd to Mr Randolph I believe the misfortune that has
happen'd at Monticello the burning of the plank house just after it
had been completely fill'd with the flooring plank & timber for the
cornices. - Adieu dearest husband, our little one is well & the most
affectionate thing breathing he is the ~~only~~ delight of my life at
present. adieu believe me with tender love yours
Ms. Eppes.



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