

Liberty 24th May 1818 Gilmer, P. R.

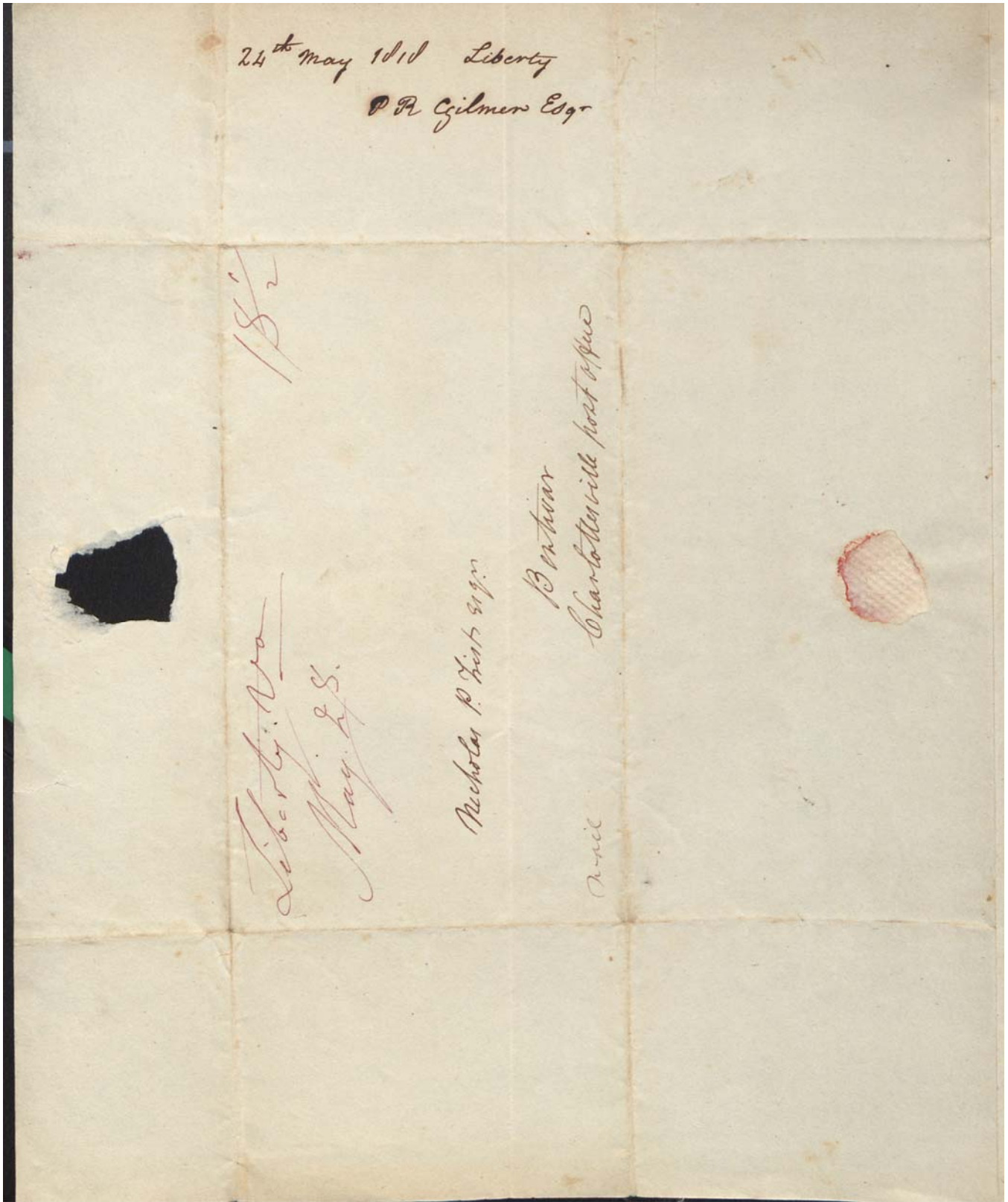
My Dr Nicholas.

Your very kind letter of the 4th of this month reached Liberty during my absence on the circuit. I must join my admonitions to those of your excellent mother in warning you against a habit of procrastination, either in matters of friendship or business; It would be impossible for me to believe that you had the fixed writing from heart either of respect or regard for me, because I feel perfectly assured that you entertain for me both these sentiments in a high degree; It is a peculiarity of youth, which the kind regard I have for you; to which you have the strongest claims, on your <sup>own</sup> amount and by the right of inheritance; easily forgiven; I learn with regret that yourself and Broose are uncomfortably situated at Dr C. S. the more as I had as I believe a considerable share in influencing Broose's mind when he selected that situation; Mrs P. gives as a dismal account of the institution in every respect. The Dr's Brother is a genius I never much liked, but you will soon be rid of him; It would have given me great pleasure to have visited you in Albemarle, but could not: the haste with which I was compelled to trace the shortest route, remaining a very short time in Richmond: fatigued me excessively, and with the almost unremitted labour to which I have been driven, since my return, has almost worn me out; nipping a single stroke of the oar would send me afloat down the stream, and I will tug away as long as I have sufficient strength. I have holiday only for to day, if I can so call being obliged to prepare for several causes in this court which will

he tries in the course of the term commencing tomorrow  
Browse has not answered a letter I wrote him some time since  
has he read it? I shall avail myself of the first leisure  
to write to you more fully. In the mean time ~~write~~ let me  
hear from you present me most affectionately to my own  
sister. Browse and your Grandmother

Yr frd most truly

P. R. Gilmer



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