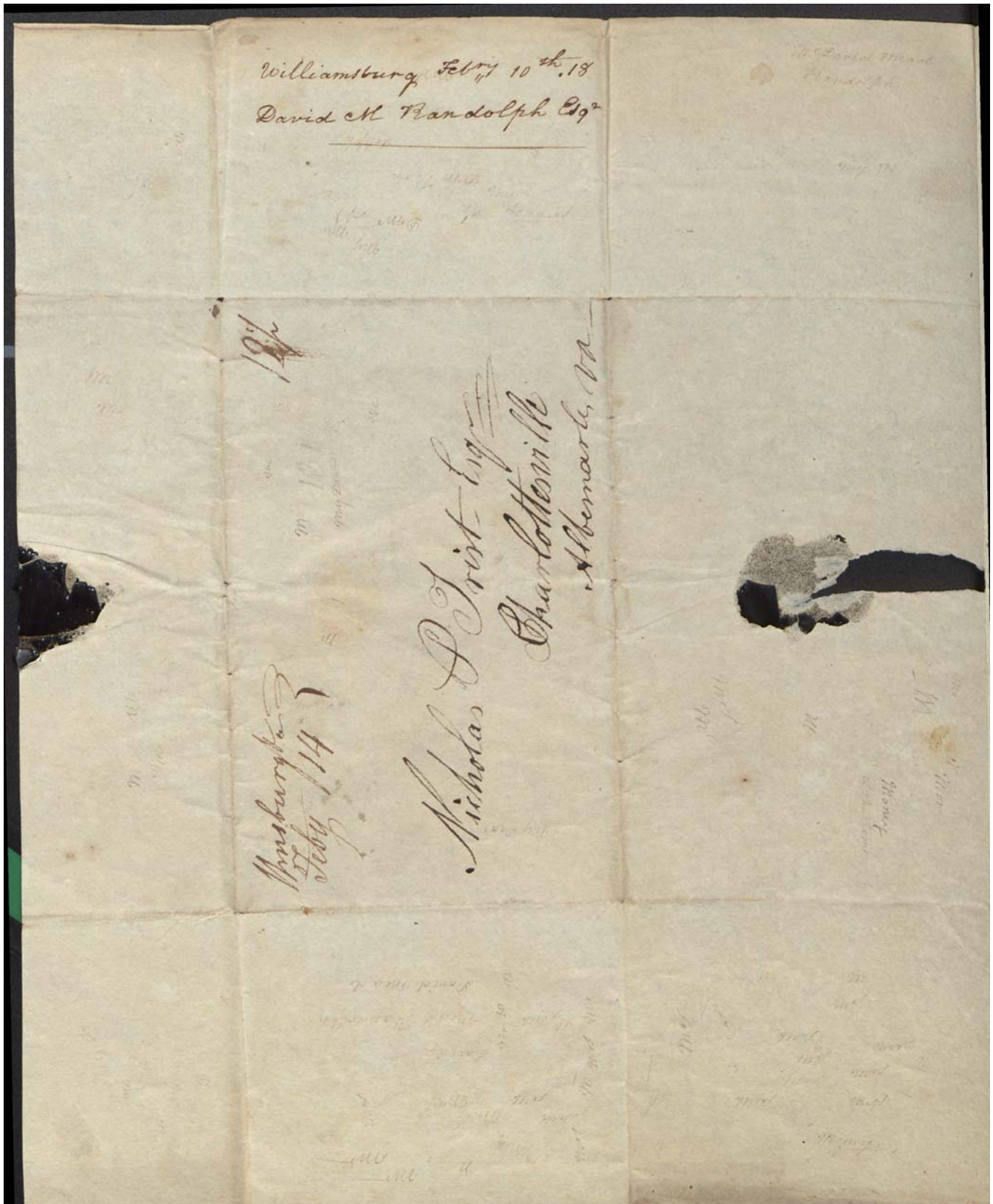


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Sir

Sometime since a bundle of letters was sent from Norfolk directed to you, they were sent from New Orleans, to a merchant in the above named town and by him sent to his son, in this place, to be delivered to you, by accident the young man heard me mention your name, and directly informed me of the above particulars. with the request that I would communicate ^{them} to you, I have not heard from Richmond for some time, and conjecture that Ellen & Cornelia have returned to Monticello, if so give my love to them and tell Cornelia to write me as she promised & that I am making preparations for our Chemical experiments when I shall have the happiness to see her again, J. M. White is in my opinion a very mean & not contemptible fellow, I am told by my fellow

students that he abuses the Monticello family
(root & branch) most puerilly (if I may use the expression)
I am indebted to ~~the ignorance~~ of a lady, a lady's
ignorance of our connection, for the opportunity of
hearing that he said that Mrs. granddaughters
(meaning Ellen) had just sense enough to keep her
head out of the fire, before I saw White after this
intelligence, the lady who mentioned what I have related
found out her mistake and begged so earnestly that
I would take no notice of it, that I kept silent
but have never spoken to the youth ~~you~~ since,
If he is not very circumspect I will jerk him
yet, but enough of him, do write me and let me
know all about the W Family to whom I wish
you would remember me very affectionately
any directions you may give relative to your bundle
will be attended to with pleasure, by your
acquaintance & if I may say so
your friend L. M. Randolph Jr.



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