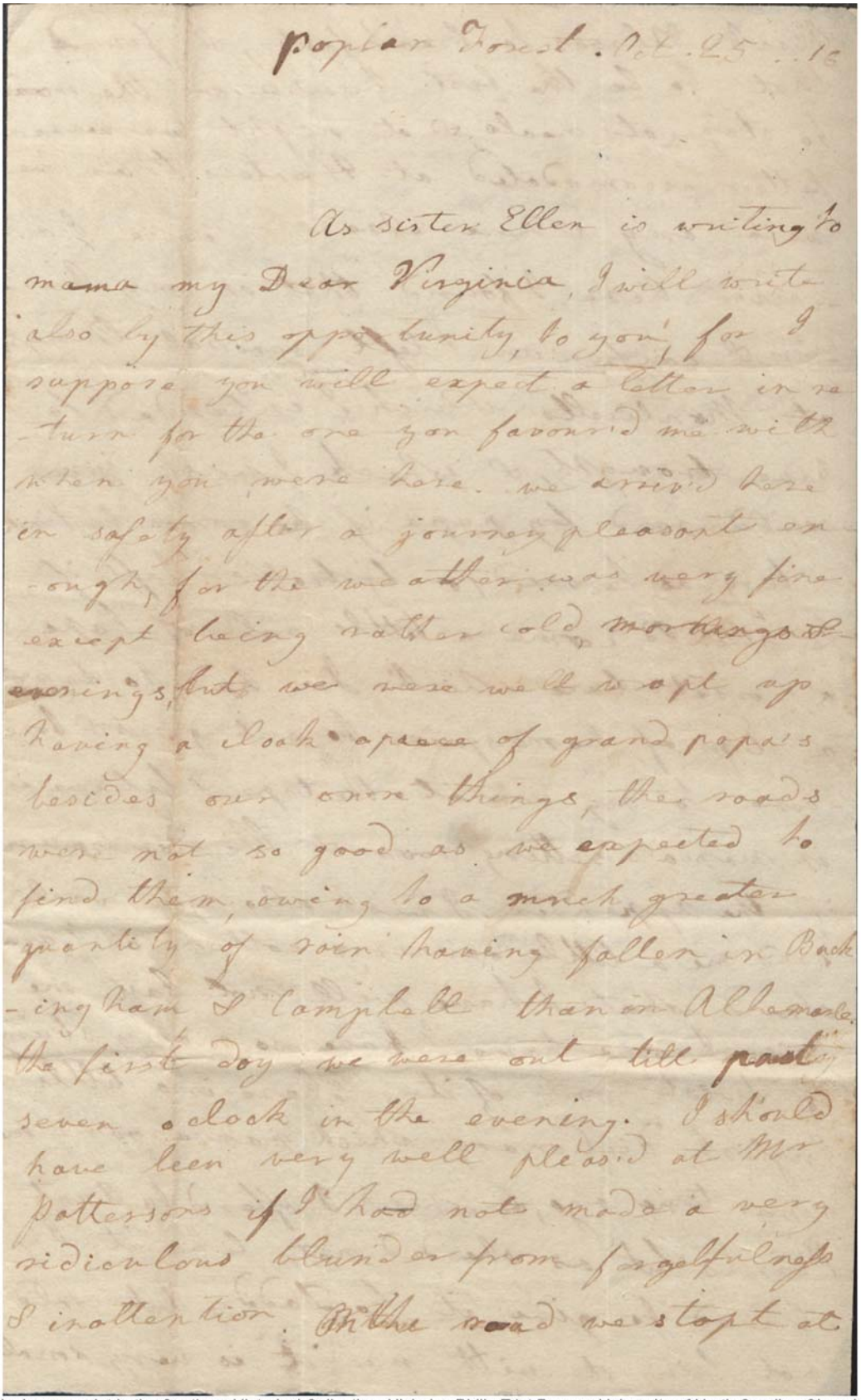

Poplar Forest. Oct. 25. 16

As sister Ellen is writing to mama my Dear Virginia, I will write also by this opportunity, to you, for I suppose you will expect a letter in return for the one you favoured me with when you were here. we arrived here in safety after a journey pleasant enough, for the weather was very fine except being rather cold mornings & evenings, but we were well wrapt up. having a cloak apiece of grand papa's besides our own things, the roads were not so good as we expected to find them, owing to a much greater quantity of rain having fallen in Buckingham & Campbell than in Albemarle. the first day we were out till past seven o clock in the evening. I should have been very well pleased at Mr Pattersons if I had not made a very ridiculous blunder from forgetfulness & inattention. At the road we stopt at

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Noah Hoods to breakfast, & found
that to be the best house on the road
to stop at neals. & at night we were
better accomodated at Hunters than we
were any where else. Since I ar-
-rivd here I found that in my hur-
-ry & confusion I left several things
at Monticello which I intended to
have brought, & which I wish you
would send by papa if he comes to Lynch
-burg as he said, or by brother Jeff if
he should come, a little roll of tape,
a corset lace which Joe had to tape &
a slip of homespun to put goses & bone
-case to my corset, the tape I believe is
in mama's setting room & the homespun
in the appendix. I wish also you would
send me a little darning cotton as I am
afraid what I have will not last me
tho. I come home I have so many things
to twist out of it. There is a little
English dictionary which mama gave me
some time ago, & which I offerd to Aunt
Marks but as she did not like it, I in
-tended to give it to Daddy but could
not bring it with me, it is very small

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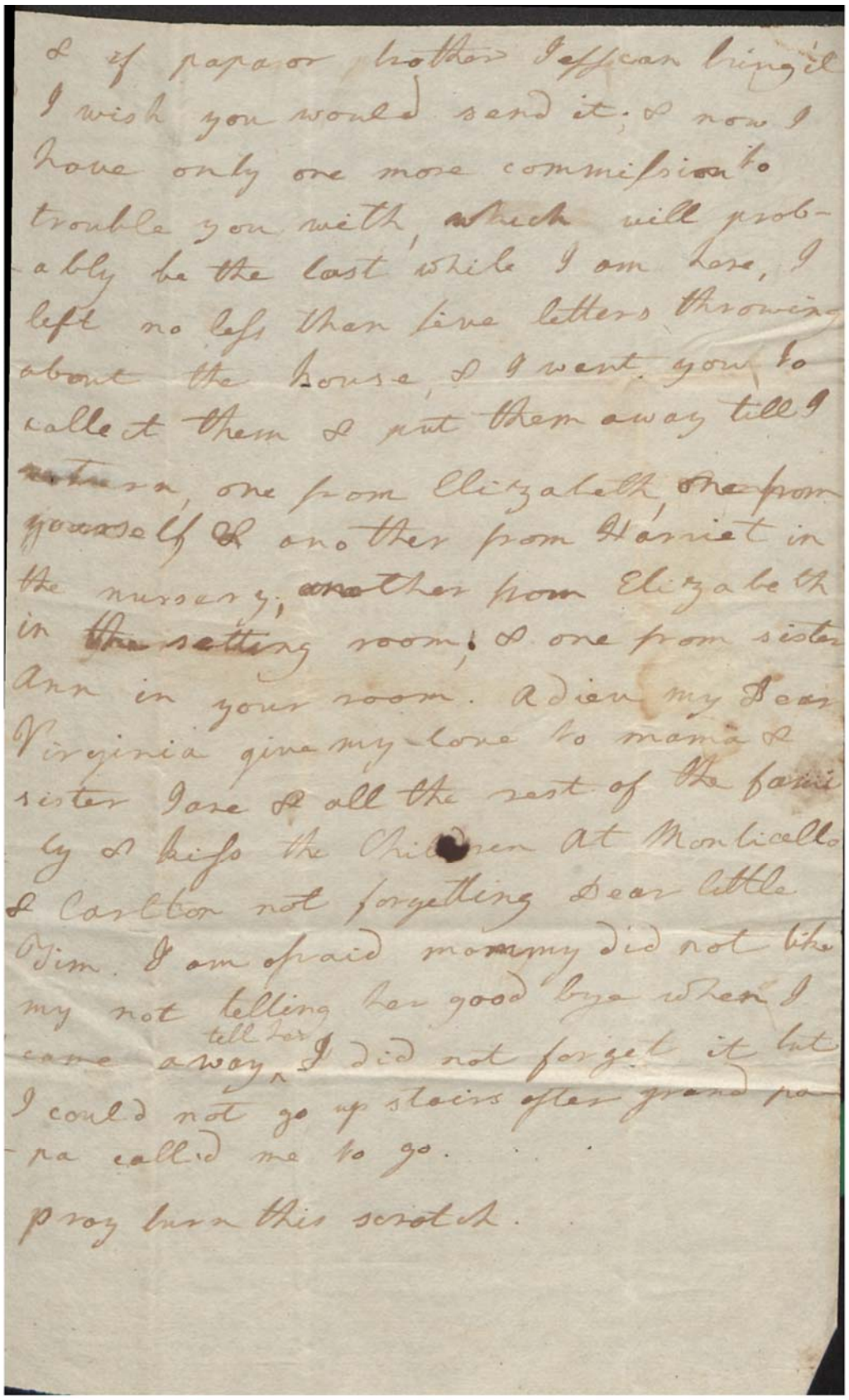

& if papa or brother Jeff can bring it I wish you would send it, & now I have only one more commission to trouble you with, which will probably be the last while I am here, I left no less than five letters throwing about the house, & I went you to collect them & put them away till I return, one from Elizabeth, one from yourself & another from Harriet in the nursery, another from Elizabeth in the setting room, & one from sister Ann in your room. Adieu my Dear Virginia give my love to mama & sister Jane & all the rest of the family & kiss the Children at Monticello & Carlton not forgetting dear little Jim. I am afraid mommy did not like my not telling her good bye when I came away, I did not forget it but I could not go up stairs after grand papa called me to go.

pray burn this scrotch.

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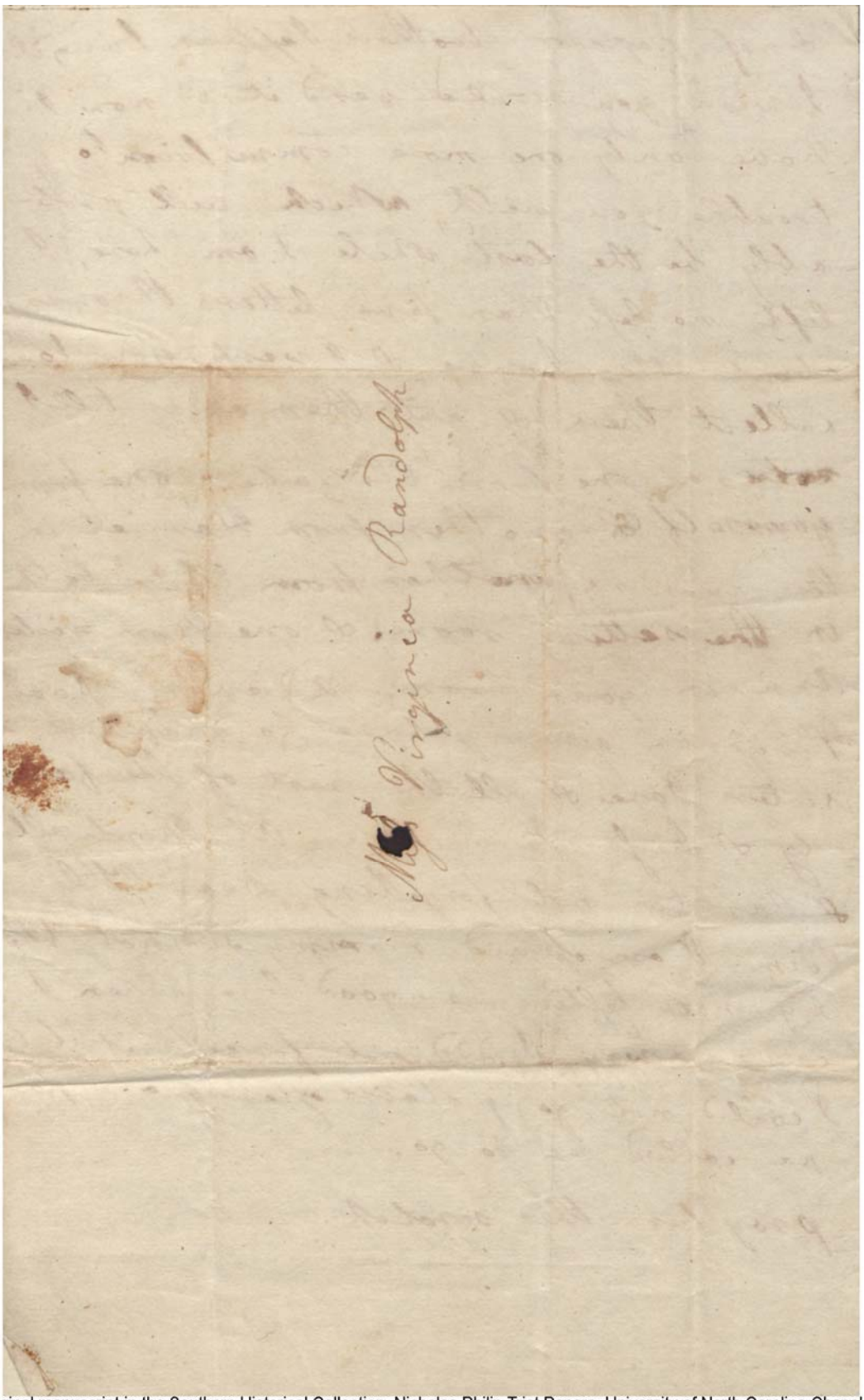

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