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I was delighted my Dear Nicholas at the receipt of your letter, which was a testimony of your remembrance as also of your application to your duties, which from your Mothers lamentation for the loss you had sustain'd in the Death of your Father and her inability to pay the attention you required, made me conclude that your self and Brother were not as obedient and attentive as you ought to have been but I am very glad to find that I was mistaken, as I was much mortified to be impress'd with such an Idea

you must be satisfied that I love your Brother and self above all other things in life and if you did not turn out clever fellows I should be humbled to the dust I am much pleas'd to hear that you are learning the Spanish Language it will more than probable be of the greatest advantage to you. I suppose M^r Martier will instruct you in the French, your Dear Mother will strain every nerve to give you an education and when you know how to provide for your self and conduct your self with honor you will be respected by every body if I live to see that day how my heart will rejoice

I am now with a relation about 25 miles from the City and often talk of you and your Brother and I am sometimes

So foolish as to wish you were here, to ramble with me in the woods and ride to the cedar swamps to drink the water which is ~~esteem~~ very wholesome, but I know you are much better situated for your own advantage you would not get much improvement in ^{this} place, I am sorry to hear that Samuel Thompson never call'd to see your Mother his Mother thinks it is diffidence in him I suppose he will not be there when you receive this He lodged at Madam Hogages I wish you would call there because if he dont leave your country as soon as he wrote that ^{he} intended I wish you to ask him to visit your Mother and I beg her to write by him as it will be a safe conveyence and I hope that you and your Brother will do the same

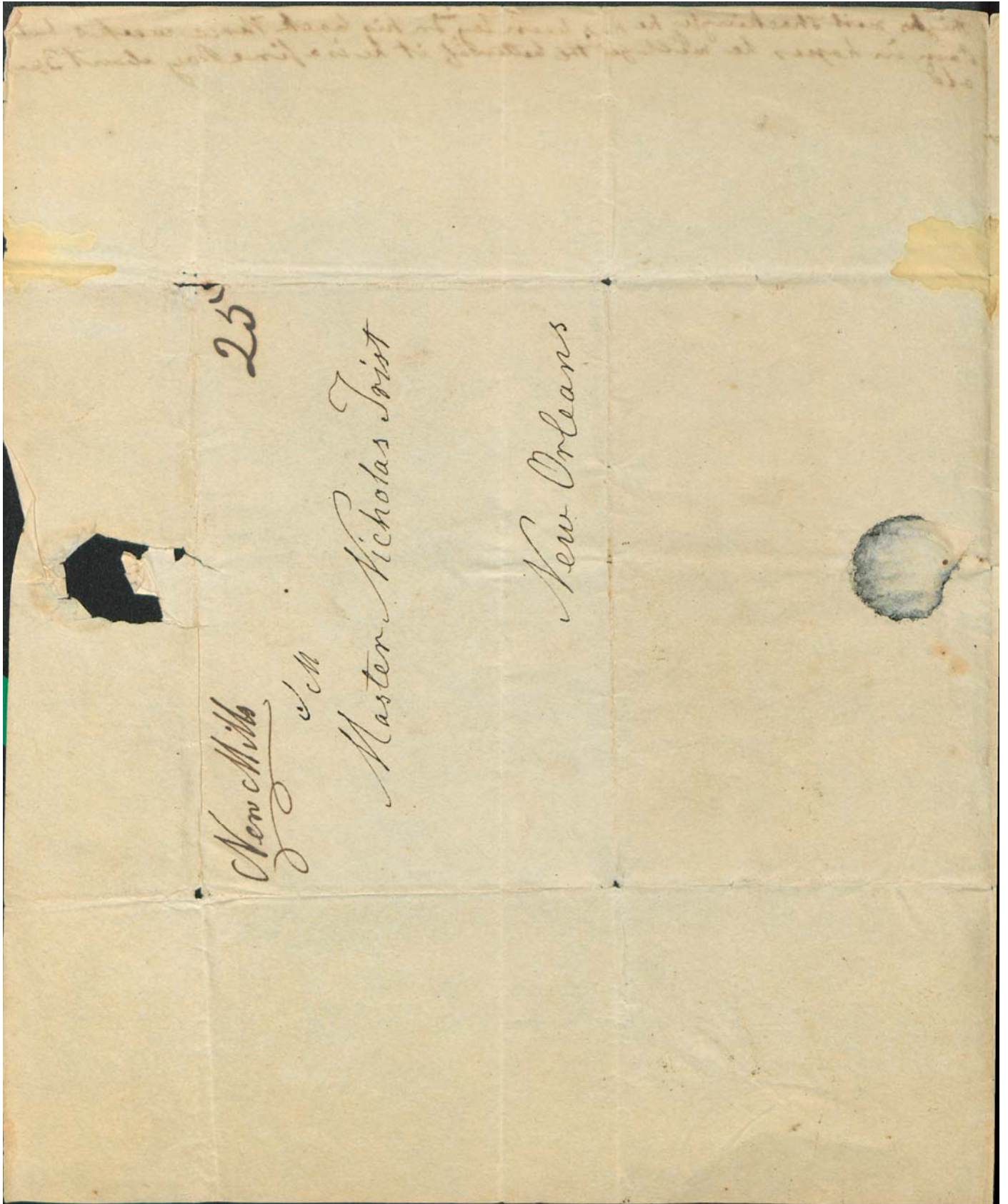
I am sorry to hear that Mr Nabelt did not behave well perhaps he was too much grieved at leaving the family to take leave formally - you dont say any thing of your Aunt Euphemia and your little cousin I hope they are well My love to her your Dear Mother Grand Mother and Brother and believe me to be your ever affectionate friend and Grand Mother E. Trist

I forgot to mention that your letter was ruted and torn so badly that it look'd as if it had been chew'd by some Savage man or beast but I made out to read it with ease your cousins Sally and Abraham Van Wyck send their love your little Phil Renslein their Brother fell over a coffee pot of boiling coffee and has scalded his stomach and

thighs most shockingly he has been lay^{ing} on his back three weeks but
I am in hopes he will get the better of it he is a fine Boy about 2 years
old

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