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June 12 Sibaly took command I went on fatigue duty loading teams.

June 13 nothing new.

June 14 wrote to wife and father went in swimming twice.

June 15 received orders to march tomorrow morning D. E. Gile (Possibly David B. Geil) tride to desert and was found 3 miles from camp. Captain Wilson arrested by order of General Sibaly in complaint of Pingrey (2nd Lieut), (Under Wilson).

June 16 broke camp 5 A.M. left camp at 7 A.M. march 16 miles and camp at Camp Crooks One of the drivers broke his leg by his team running away.

June 17 broke camp at 6 A.M. march 12 miles and camped at wood lake.

June 18 broke camp at 6 A.M. march 8 miles cross the Yellow Medicin and Hashwood and camp at Riges place one of the scouts shot by mistake and killed.

June 19 remained in camp all day to repair waggons the prairie burnt over all about camp The grass been all dried up very cold and windy sprinkled awhile at night had the long roll at 9 A.M. and received orders not to stray from camp was sick all day Camp named Camp Baker.

June 20 broke camp at 6 A.M past camp (?) at noon and march 5 miles beyond and camped at Camp McPhail at 1 P.M. having marched 20 miles.

June 21 Sunday remain in camp wrote to Huntley. Co. F went on guard at night.

June 22 broke camp at 6 A.M. Co. F being rear guard for the day crost the Lac Qui Parle at 2 P.M. and camp at Gook Lake at 3 P.M. no timber in sight. Camp named Camp Ramsay. march 16 miles.

June 23 broke camp at 6 A.M. had a team for each company. for the first time the train march by (?) march (?) Prairie interspersed with small ponds march 16 miles and camp near several small ponds at 4 P.M. Camp named Camp Dunell (not shown on official map of campaign)

June 24 broke camp at 6 A.M. crost the yellowstone 2 miles from camp Crost the Dakota line at 9 AM march 16 miles (?) The remains of large number of Buffalo the prairie's set on fire by the scant and humid (?) fine to (?) the wheat (?) and camp at camp Marshall at 4 P.M. The men caught large number of fish.

June 25 broke camp at 5 A.M. march 12 miles over a very fine rolling prairie and camp at 1 P.M. on the banks of a small lake the first Buffalo near hear.

June 26 broke camp at 6 A.M. march 12 miles over a very rich level prairie and camp at 1 P.M. near Lake Traverse on the State Line (?) the most romantic place I ever saw being a level prairie extending from Lake Traverse to Big Stone lake and about 2 miles wide with hills on either side 150 feet high and the Minnesota running through the center of the valley and about 20 miles to the south is the Coteau dividing ridge looming up 2000 feet high and about 100 miles in length.

June 27 reamin in camp and commence a general inspection of ( ? ) the supplies went swimming in Lake Traverse.

June 28 remain in camp and wrote to wife had company inspection inspector condemmed 165 barrels of hard bread.

Monday June 29 remain in camp 4 companies of cavalry sent in persute of indians reported to be near the dividing ridge.

Tuesday June 30 (? ) at 8 A.M. a train of 25 waggons, 2 companies of Cavalry, 2 of Infantry and a section of the batery with the mail left for Fort Abercrombia after supplies broke camp at 9 A.M. march 10 miles over a rich level prairie entirely destatute (?) of timber and camp at camp Bardaley (Bradley) near 2 small lakes had a little rain early in the morning very warm and sultry all day.

July 1 broke camp at 7 A.M. march over a (?) prairie thickly dotted with small ponds and lakes carried our wood. no timber in sight all day march 16 miles and camp at 4 P.M. at Camp Cook.

July 3 broke camp at 4 AM march over a very poor and stony prairie march 16 miles in a boiling sun and at 2 P.M. on the bank of a good pond and dug wells for water many of the men and mules gave out camp named Camp Buell 9 buffalo seen here.

July 4 broke camp at 5 A.M. march 16 miles over a very hansom level prairie and camp on the on the south bank of the Sheyenne River a (?). The batriey fired a salute at sun down and the whole camp had a general drunk had a heavy shower about 10 P.M.

July 5 remain in camp some of the Teamsters saw about 1000 Buffalo and killed one about 10 miles from camp. Saw some Elk a mail started for Fort Abercrombie wrote to father and went on guard weather very hot had Dress Peraid indians reported to be coming to meet us from Devils Lake 3000 strong.

July 6 in camp had general inspection at 10 A.M. began to rain at 2 P.M. had a short shower the teamsters shot a Buffalo and Elk received very strict orders on account of the news from the indians. Very hot weather the Grasshoppers as thick as ever and eating the tasels very bad.

July 7 the hottest day of the season had Dress Peraid nothing new from the Indians.

July 8 remained in camp mail arrived from Ambercrombie received a letter from Father dated June 4 and from brother Herman dated June 11 and from Huntley dated June 28 went on guard at night. Adujant of the 3TH arrived and reported to Sibaley for duty.

July 9 remained on guard until 8½ P.M. nothing new except the arival of the train from Fort Abercrombia. Thermometer stood at 106 in the shade very smoky all day write to wife.

July 10 still in camp. Very windy and smokey the scout Cheska started for Devils lake wrote to brother Herman.

July 11 broke camp at 3 A.M. received ( ) orders and the orders of march was changed the train moved by fours and the redgments were divided and march on eather side of the train as flankers one half of the guards in front and the rest in the rear very cold and smoky no grasshoppers to be seen march 12 miles following the course of the river Camp Wharton saw signs of the Indians timber more plenty.

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August 5 remained in camp on account of the mules giving out about 10 A.M. The scouts reported an Indian camp about 6 miles ahead received orders to march imaidialy got ready to leave when a messanger came in and the Indian camp proved to be the mail from Abercrombie and the order to march was countermanded received a letter from wife dated July 5 destroyed 20 wagons at sundown for the want of mules to haul them.

August 6 left camp at 6 A.M. had a very heavy wind storm from 1 to 4 A.M. march 20 miles and camp at 4 P.M.

August 7 left camp at 6 A.M. march 16 miles past and half breed camp at noon and camp on the bank of a small lake the scouts brot to camp 13 Sioux prisoners about dark taken about 2 miles from camp.

August 8 left camp at 5 1/2 A.M. march 13 miles crost the James River at noon and camp near it 8 miles above our old camp.

August 9 remained in camp it being Sunday sick all day had general inspection.

August 10 left camp at 5 A.M. took our old trail march 25 miles and arrived at Camp Atchison at 4 P.M. found the boys much improved in health.

August 11 remain in camp to unpack and load the teams.

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August 18 remained in camp on account of so many men giving out yesterday.

August 19 left camp at 5 A.M. and march 16 miles over one of the richest and ( ) country I ever saw and arrived on the bank of the Shayenne River at noon a mail arrived from Fort Abercrombia and also Chalanet Mamcy (?)

Inspector General of the western district for the purpose of inspect the forces here.

August 20 had general review the first the brigade ever had another came in from Bembinom (?) left camp at noon and crost the river march 5 miles and camp at 3 P.M.

August 21 left camp at 5 A.M. march 16 miles crost the Wild Rice Creek and arrived at Fort Abercrombia at 2 P.M.

August 22 remained in camp wrote to wife.

August 23 still in camp went pluming and had good luck went up the Red River.

August 24 still in camp had a very hard rain during the night there is 5 white women here at the fort who paid our camp a visit today.

August 25 left camp at 6 A.M. crost the Red River and march 12 miles and camp received a letter from wife and Sarah dated Aug. 10.

August 26 left camp at 4 A.M. past one of the Burhankaw (?) stage stations and crost the Otter Tail River and campt on the bank having march 18 miles this is a very nice stream and full of fish.

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August 28 left camp at 4 A.M. march 15 miles crost the Pam De Tearre [Pomme detern] (Plame De Terre) and Patalac Rivers and camp on the hill beyond.

August 29 left camp at 6 A.M. march 13 miles and camp near some small lakes.

August 30 remained in camp being Sunday had inspection.

August 31 left camp at 6 A.M. march 20 miles and camp at White Bear Lake at 3 P.M. had general muster.

September 1 left camp at 6 A.M. march 18 miles and camp at Camp Beavers a very nice place there is 3 improved farmes near hear.

September 2 left camp at 5 A.M. march 15 miles and arrived at Sauk Center at noon this is a small town very pleasently located and may become quite a place in time there is 2 companies of soldiers here.

September 3 remained in camp and had a good time pluming.

September 4 left camp at ( ) A.M. march 26 miles and camp at sundown.

September 5 left camp at 6 A.V. march 16 miles and camp at Richmond a military station and a small town.

Sunday September 6 remained in camp and had inspection.

September 7 left camp at 6 A.M. past through Cold Spring St. Augustin and St. Joseph crost the Sauk River and camp 3 miles from St. Cloud.

September 8 left camp at 6 A.M. past through St. Cloud and crost the Mississippi River march 8 miles and camp at 4 P.M.

September 9 left camp at 6 A.M. march 24 miles and camp at Big Lake at 4 P.M.

September 10 left camp at 6 A.M. march 21 miles and camp near Anoka.

September 11 Left camp at 6 A.M. past through Anoka and march 11 miles and camp 5 miles above St. Anthony.

September 12 left camp at 7 A.M. crost the Mississippi River at the upper bridge past through Minneapolis and arrived at camp near Fort Snelling at noon thus endingding the Indian campaign.

## MUSTER ROLL

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### SERGEANTS

1st John J. Clague

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3rd Ole Nelson

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### PRIVATES

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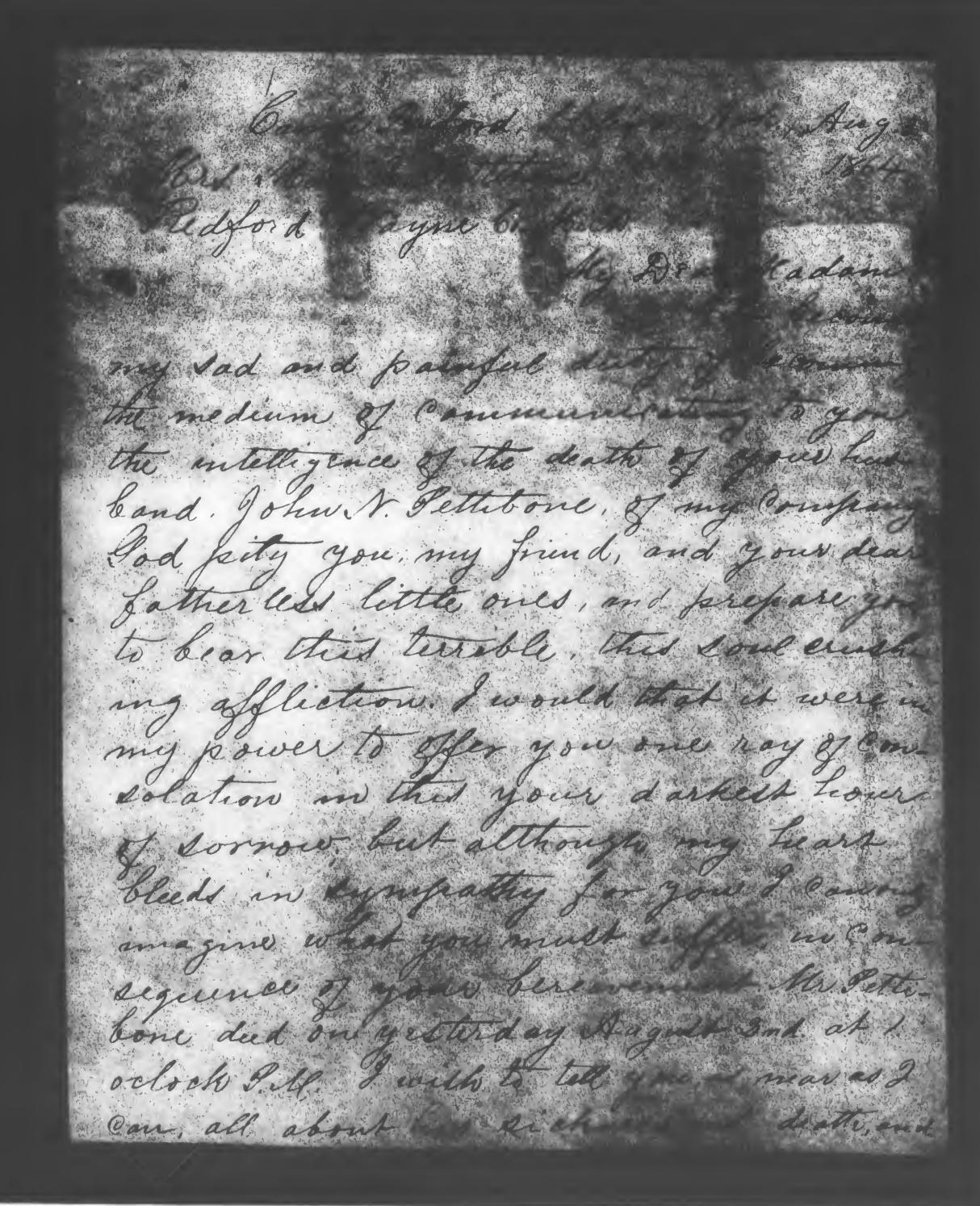
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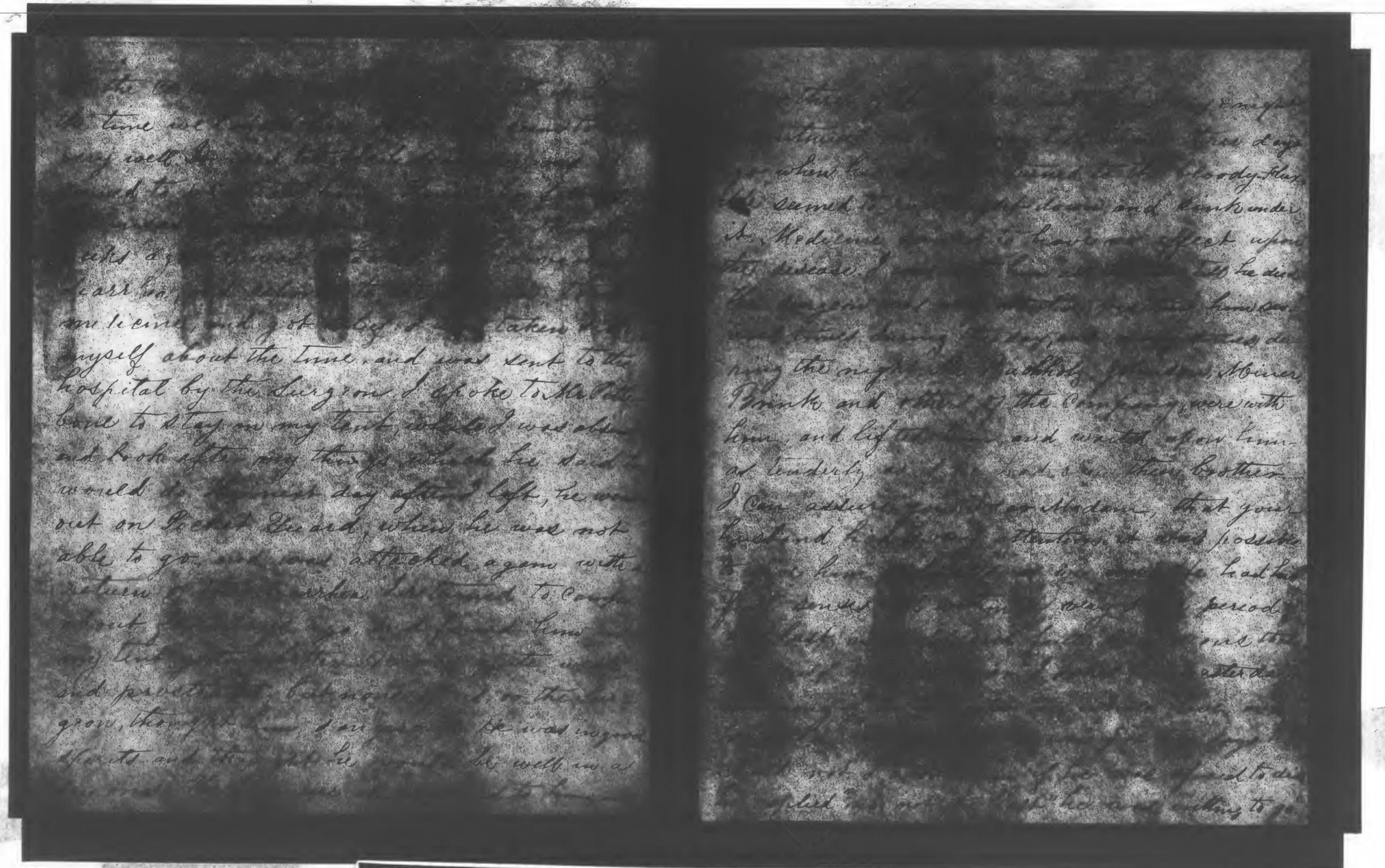
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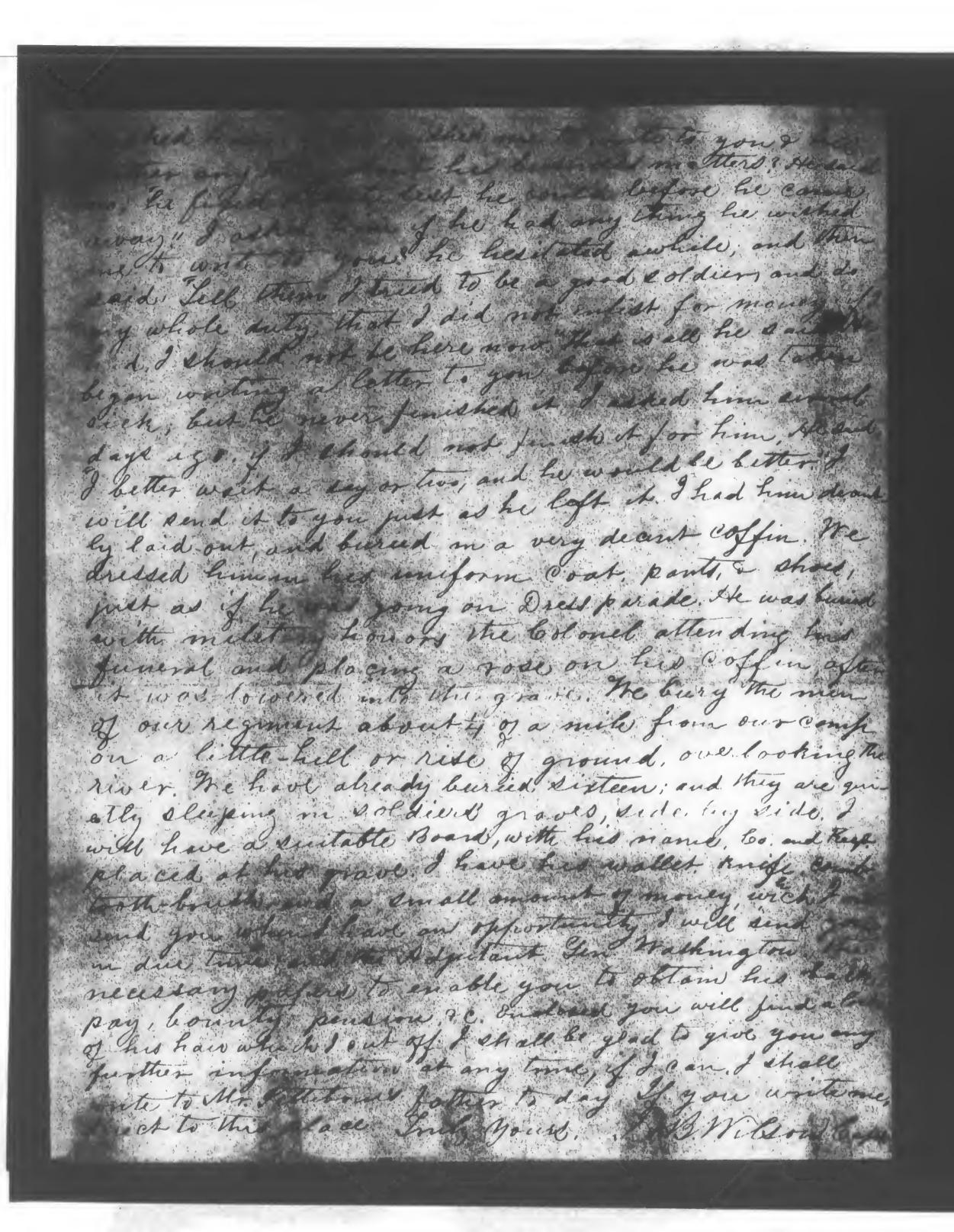


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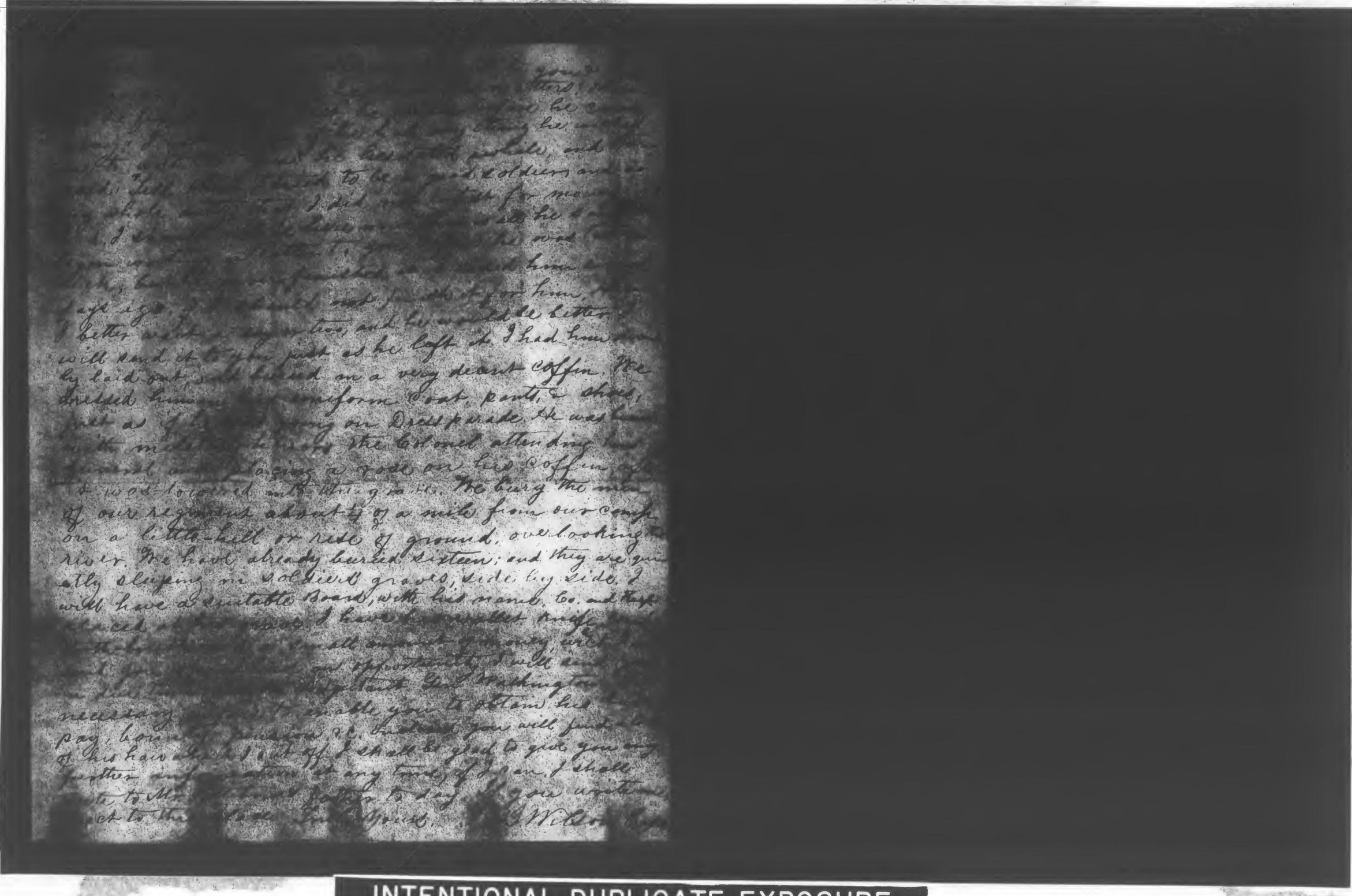
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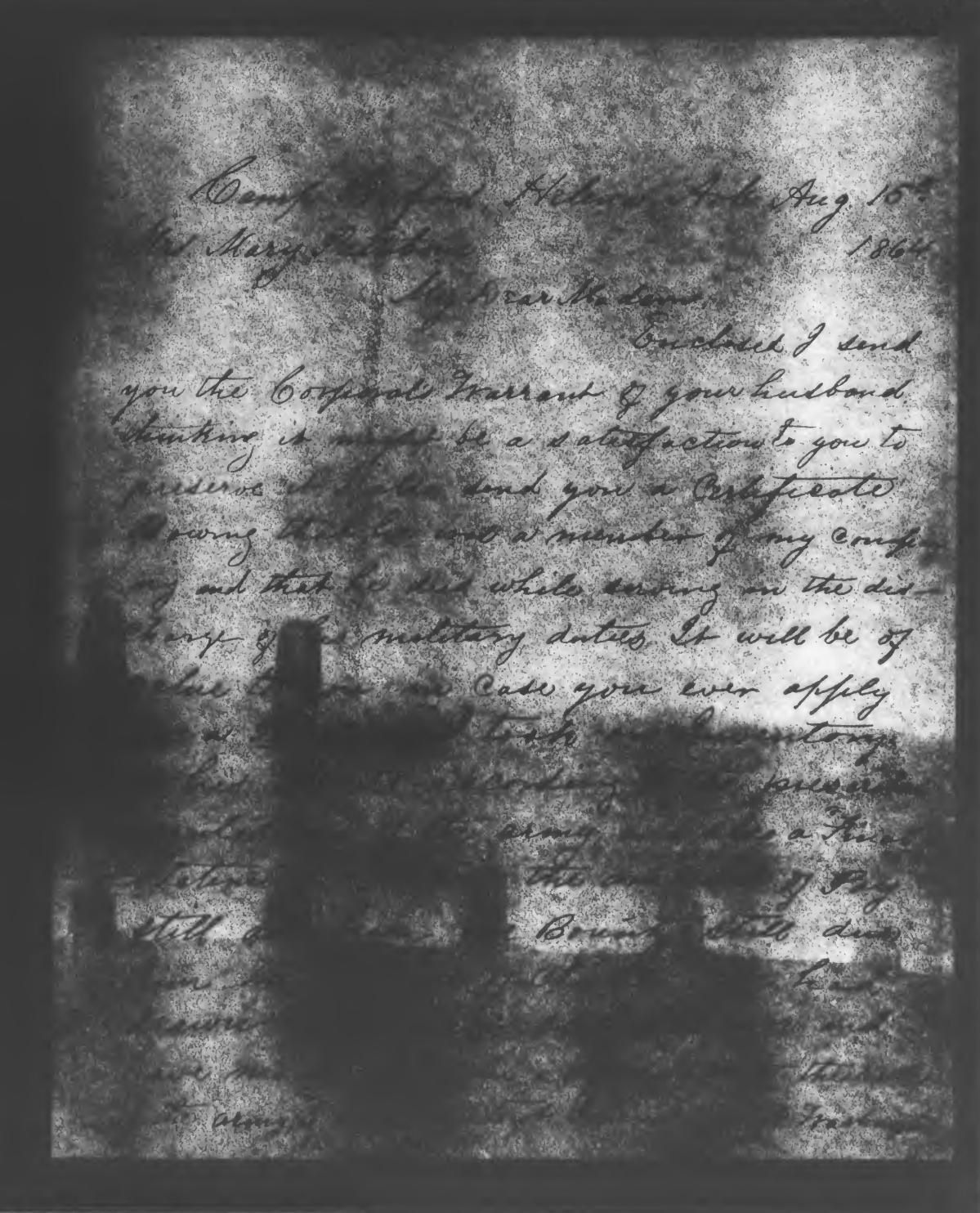


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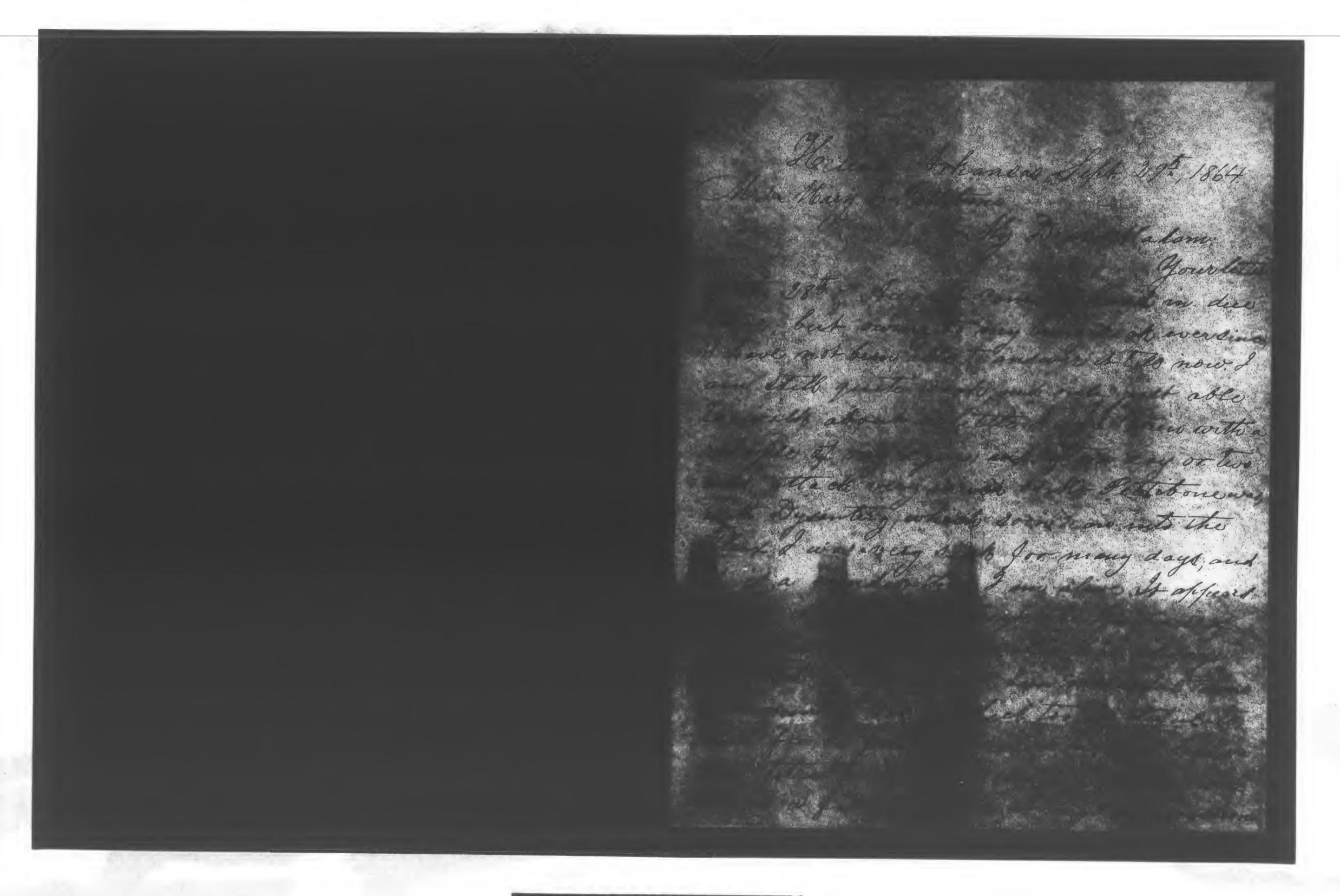
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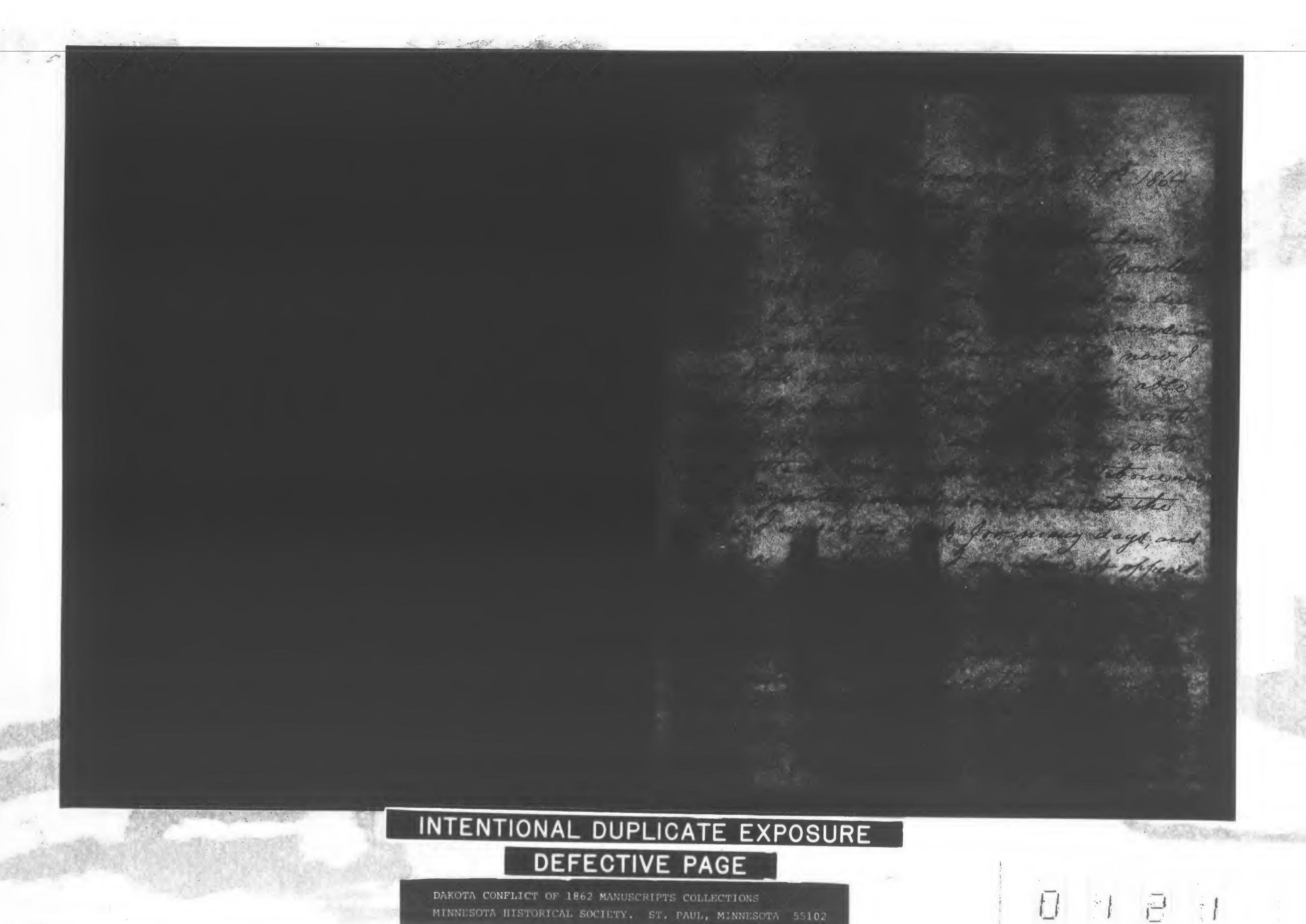


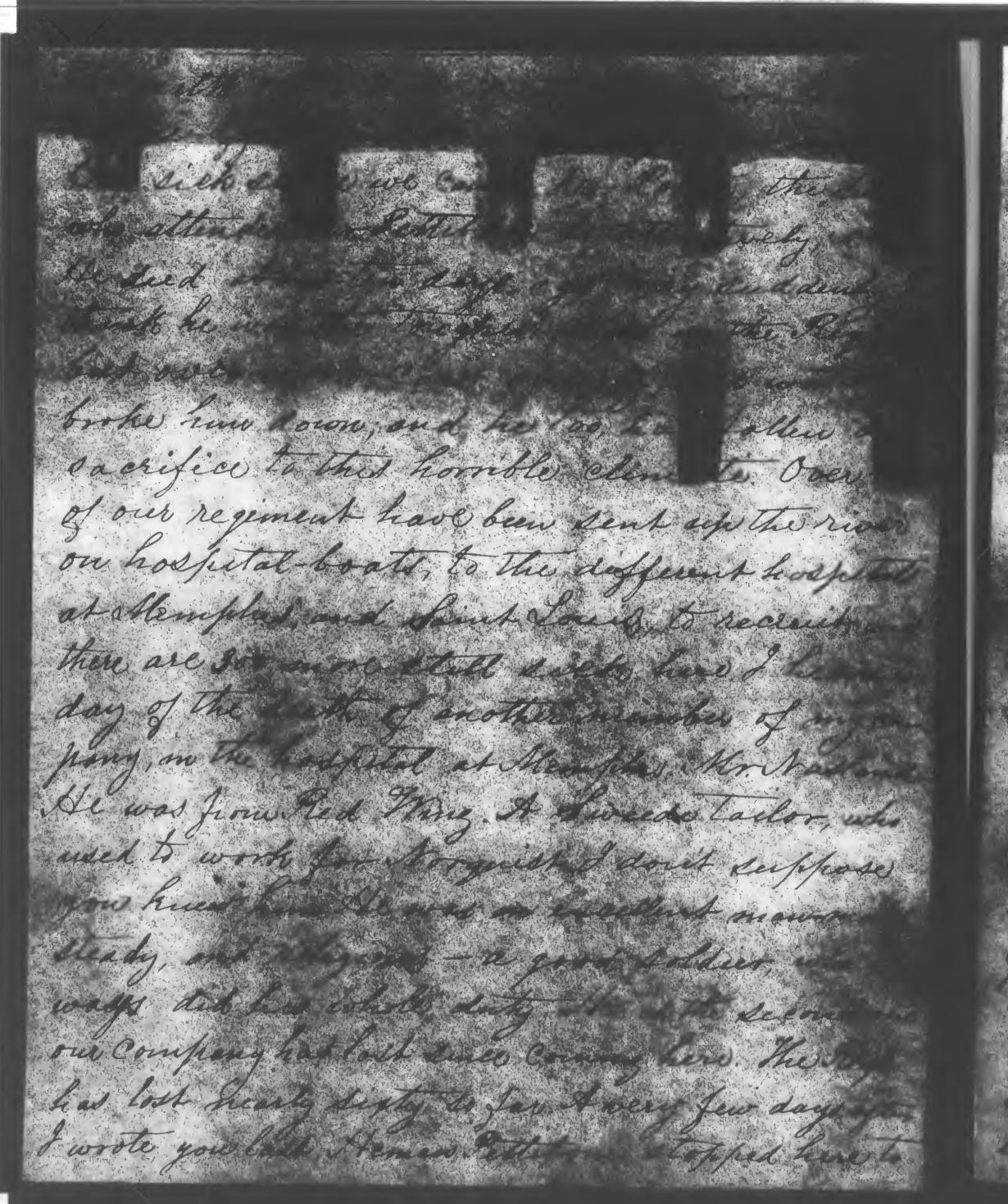
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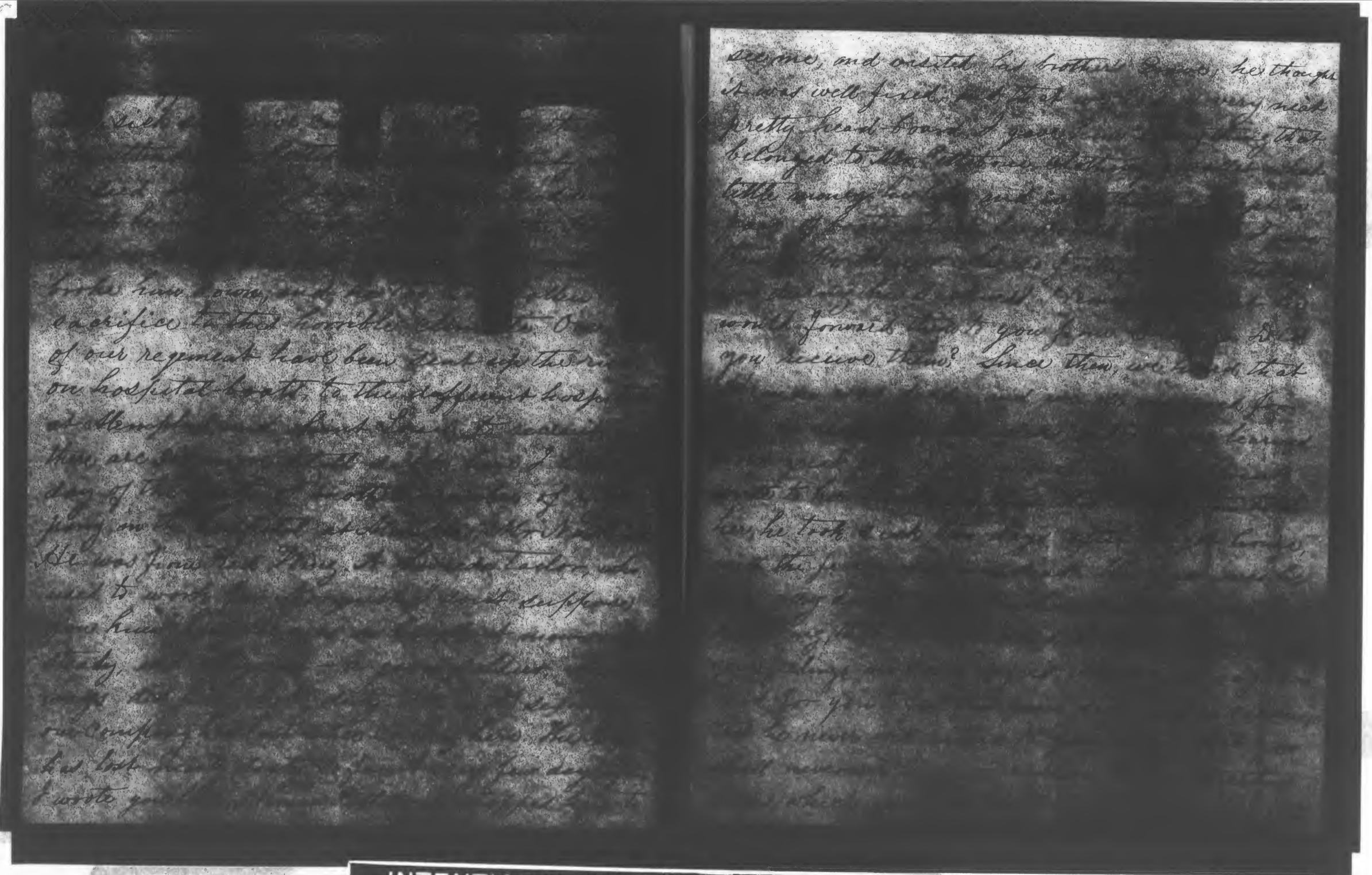
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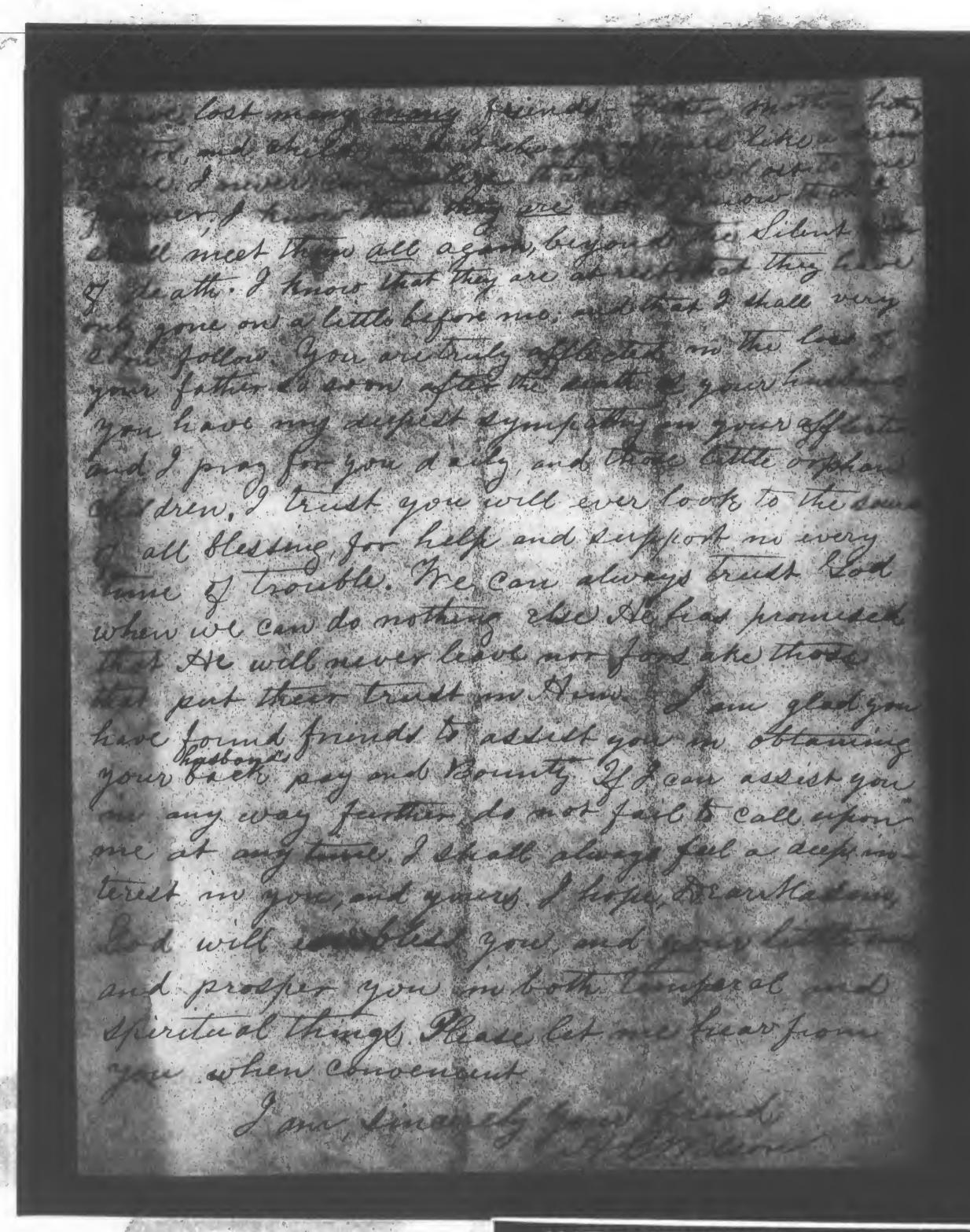
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