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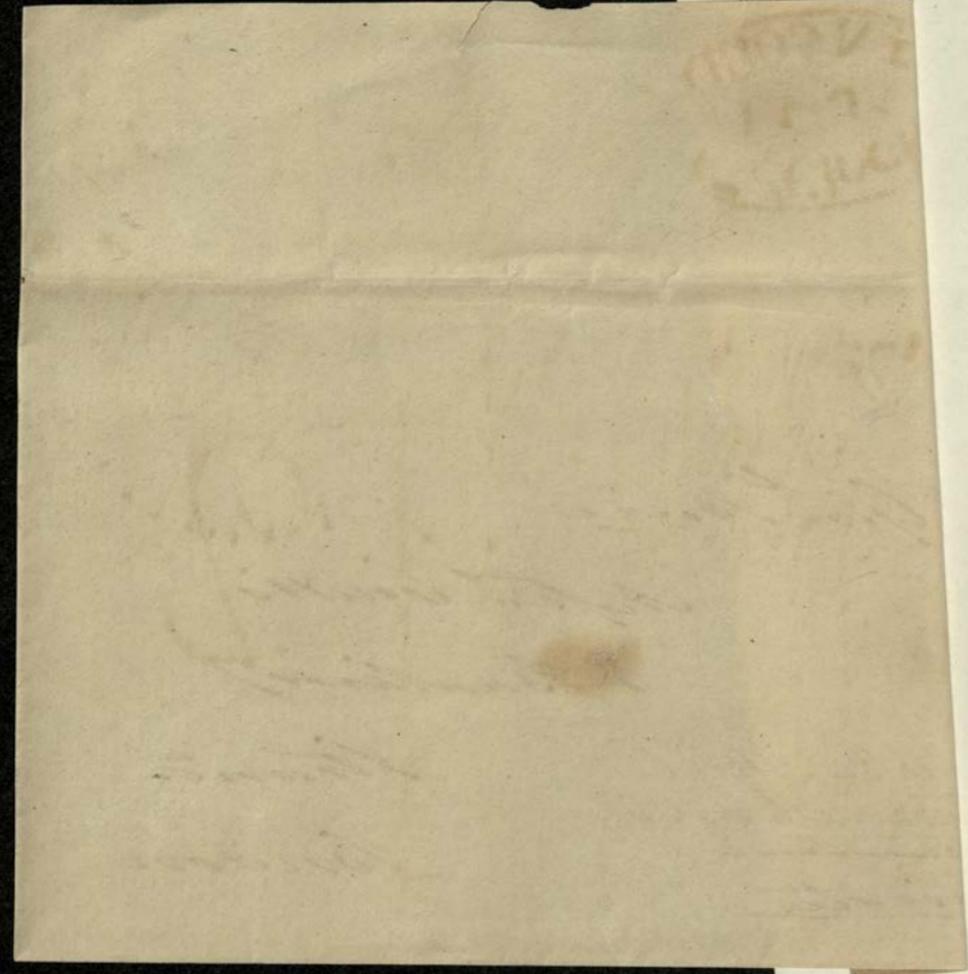
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Jan. 15 1805

Sir

You do me injustice, if you suppose me, unmindful either, of the many obligations, I have received, at your hands, wholly undesired by me, save by distaste for the pecuniary situation, I stand with you. But, I cannot combat, with impossibilities, my present income, which depends on contingencies, is barely bread for us. We have reduced ourselves, to one Girl servant, and that in a bed. I have lost, since I first had the horror of seeing you, two 90 £'s a Year, by the death of one, and the removal of another, of Mrs. Bulmer's daughter, by her fish husband, The Hon^{ble} Mr. Grove, who died Colletts, and of the Council of Dominica.

If in my situation, indeed you, to come
passionate, our renewal of affection, I surely
am at this moment, more kindly concern;
stated, than ever I was in my life. Tragically
were I and some of the first associates,
whom you will miss. have given aid, to
Mr. Polson, who were intimate with her, in
former days of conquest, I might say
affluence. We need have wanted, this
winter, but for Mr. G. Rose Mr. P. and Sir
Francis Baring, Bart. and others. My
great concern is, that, I seem to have lost
your friendship I pardon the term! I
should say, warmer interest in my behalf.
For no man, of my kind, or heart, was at
the time I borrowed the money I had
100 £ more a year, and the assistance
of the first legal opinions, that I was to
have this 1000 £ money legacy, and I
had the hope, also, I could have performed
the duties of the Lim^o Missions in the
2^d Stafford, which you possessed me

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I could suffer any penance, with joyful
resignation, to be restored to your good
opinion, which on cool reflection, you cannot
say I intentionally defected. I am not
inactive in mind, nor without hope, but
I may find some Solicitor of credit who
will take this legacy up. No gain, No pay.
A 5th will secure it, I could not raise it.

But this may take time. If you'll
forgive, if I have offended, without any of
your intention, on my part, and will men-
tion me to the present Secretary at War,
so, as I may have a Baron. I will
if a 5th one put ahead. The 25th to year
Loans money, if a 10th one, so much
more, in liquidation of the 4th, and
pay interest also, from the time borrow-
ed.

I again repeat, if ever, I was
an object, of your consideration, I am
doubly so now, from distress, and to
assure you, my heaviest afflictions
at this moment is, tho without three

shillings in the house, or a farthing to receive, till 9th of Feb^y. Then 4 Guineas, the apparent displeasure. You seem to feel towards me. If you persist in this, spite of all I have advanced, conceiving you have just cause, or reason.

I must silently submit, to such a humiliation. But, to my latest hour must gratefully remember, past suicidal and earnest in bitterness of soul. I did not stare, in I borrowed the money.

I am with much respect
Yr

Your obedient, obliged
and devoted slave

John Belson

15th Jan 1805

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our address, that will connect me.