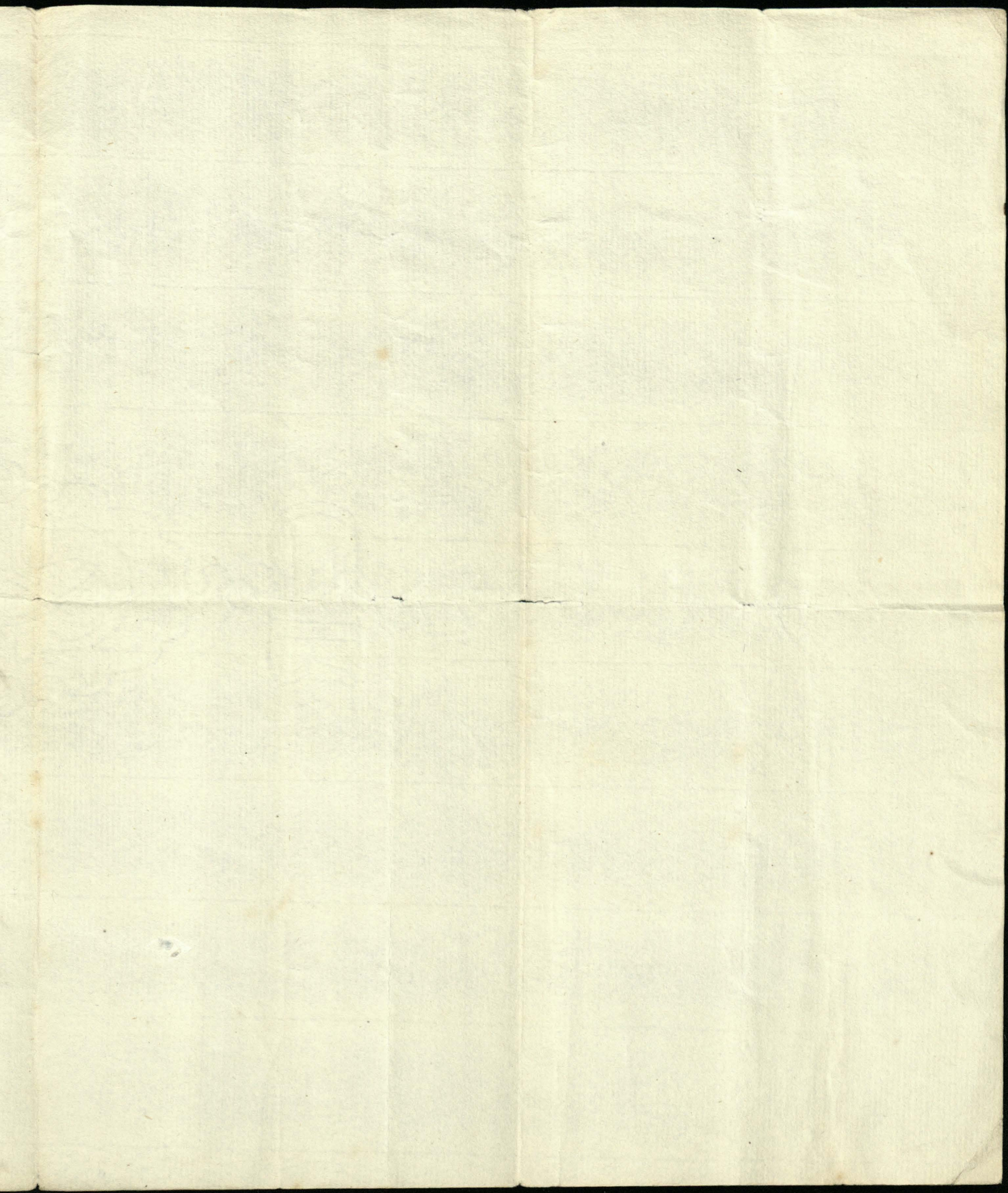


Lucas Lucas Nov. 25. 1783. (44)

My Dear William, had Lord Kippel declined making a
Master and Commander of the Frigates who had attended you in
the Barflies it might have reasonably hurt you; but Mr. Mackenzie
was entirely unknown to you till you went on board of the
Yacht it certainly never used to be the custom to have Midshipmen
onboard of them made Lieutenants till the Queen came
from St. Ade, and undoubtedly that was an occasion which
naturally called for any indulgences to the Service; but
great inconvenience would arise if every time any of my
sons go to the Continent a young person unknown to
the Admiralty should by the Command of Yacht be
taken on board to get a promotion; you know me too well
to think I am from partiality to the present board
holding that language, but I must be just and have
the Service not partial instances as guides for my
conduct. Capt. Morris has acted very properly in
preventing your having any claim to a promise of
future favour held out to the young Man, that he should
with rank is very natural. My Dear William
Your most affectionate Father
L. L.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]



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