

H. L. to Lord North

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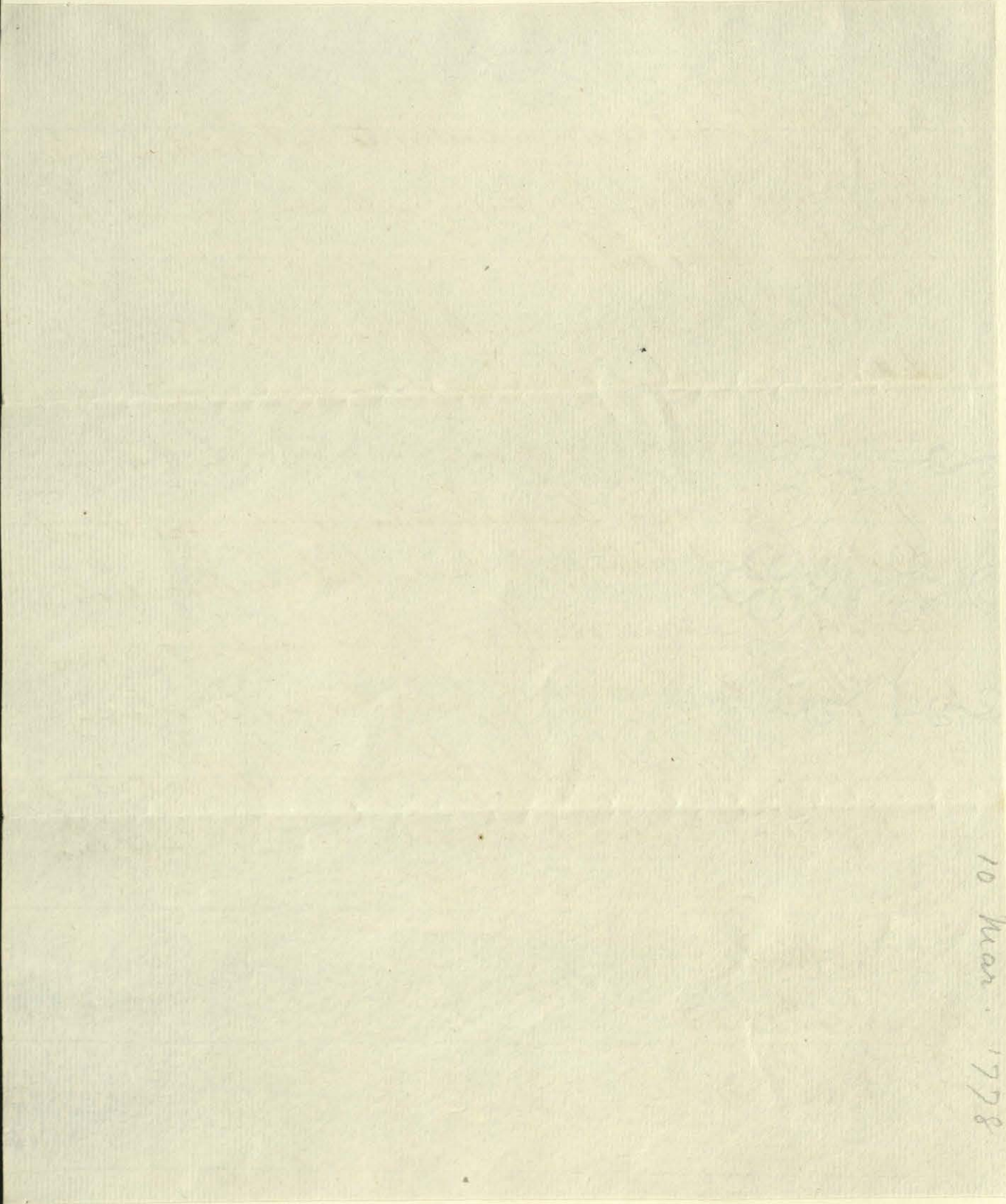
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If Mr. Thornton's communication to Lord North is certain the present state of fluctuation will soon cease, and the Old Lion will be ^{perceiv'd} and must shew that Resolution and Activity that alone can keep his wonted station, and deserve the respect of other Nations. I am certain War has not been sought by us, and therefore I shall do my utmost to withstand the malice of my foes. Would it not be right instantly to decide that the Manchester or Liverpool Regiment shall as soon as compleat be sent to reinforce the Garrison of Gibraltar instead of going to America. I should prefer them to that Regiment or Highland Corps, and therefore mention it at this time.

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