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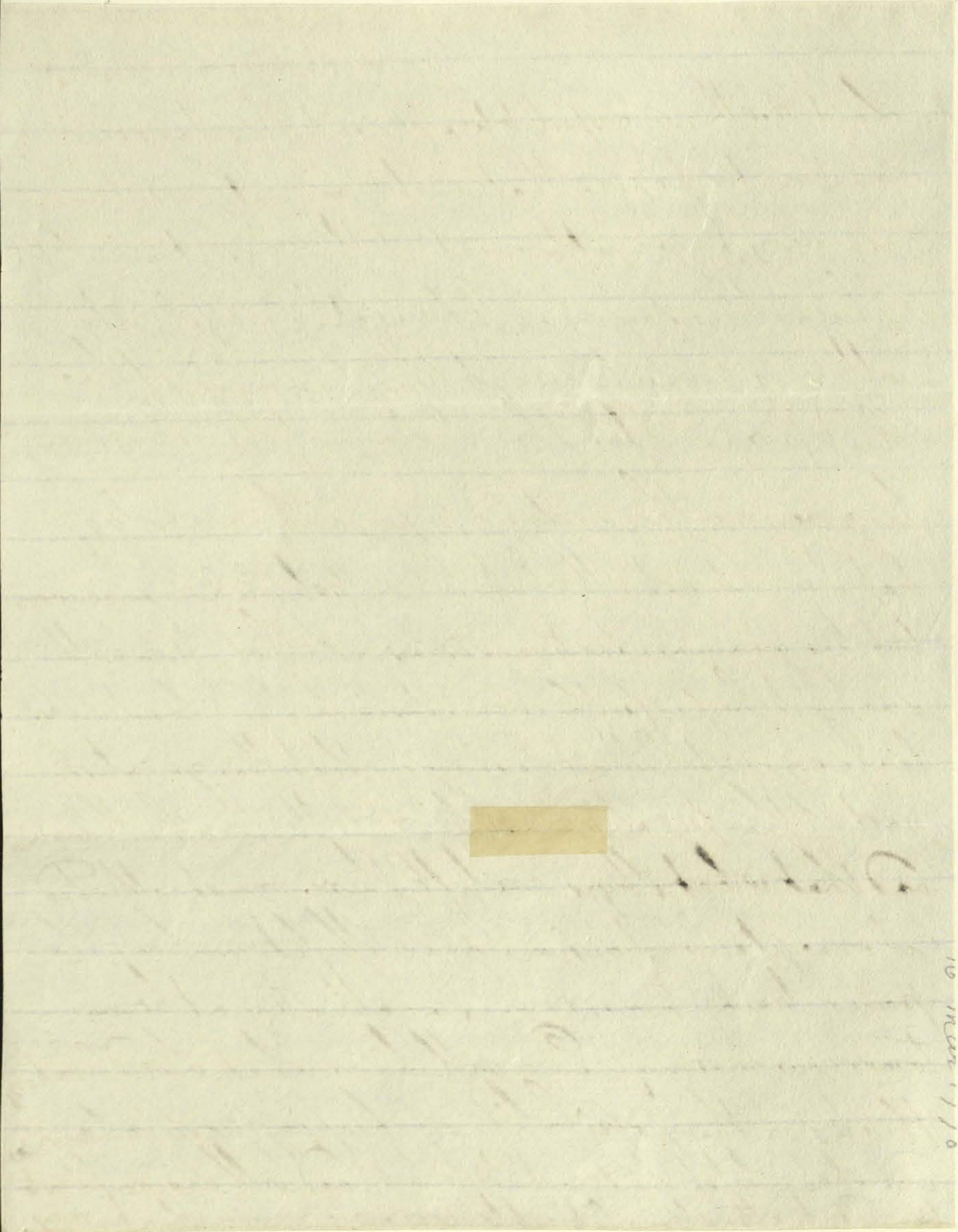
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North 16<sup>th</sup> 1778 <sup>PM</sup> 45 p. 10. P. 10.

Lord North, so respectable a Majority this day on a question for papers that might naturally catch many is a very favourable event at the present moment; I have this day seen Admiral Stuppel who will very properly accept the Command of the Fleet proposed for the defence of the Kingdom; he gives me the enclosed paper, with an apology that I might not attribute to any political manoeuvre but his genuine sentiments as a sailor; You will see by it he perfectly coincides with Lord Sandwich's language at Cabinet last night that the greatest part of the frigates must be recalled from both America and that what ships are left there must be collected at one place; I desire you will let me have the paper back tomorrow. I shall stay at home tomorrow morning and will hear what Lord Sandwich thinks on the possibility of keeping post in America and what whilst the French war lasts, and will desire him to be ready to attend Your Cabinet tomorrow forenoon when he may state his sentiments and things be prepared for we have not an hour to lose.

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