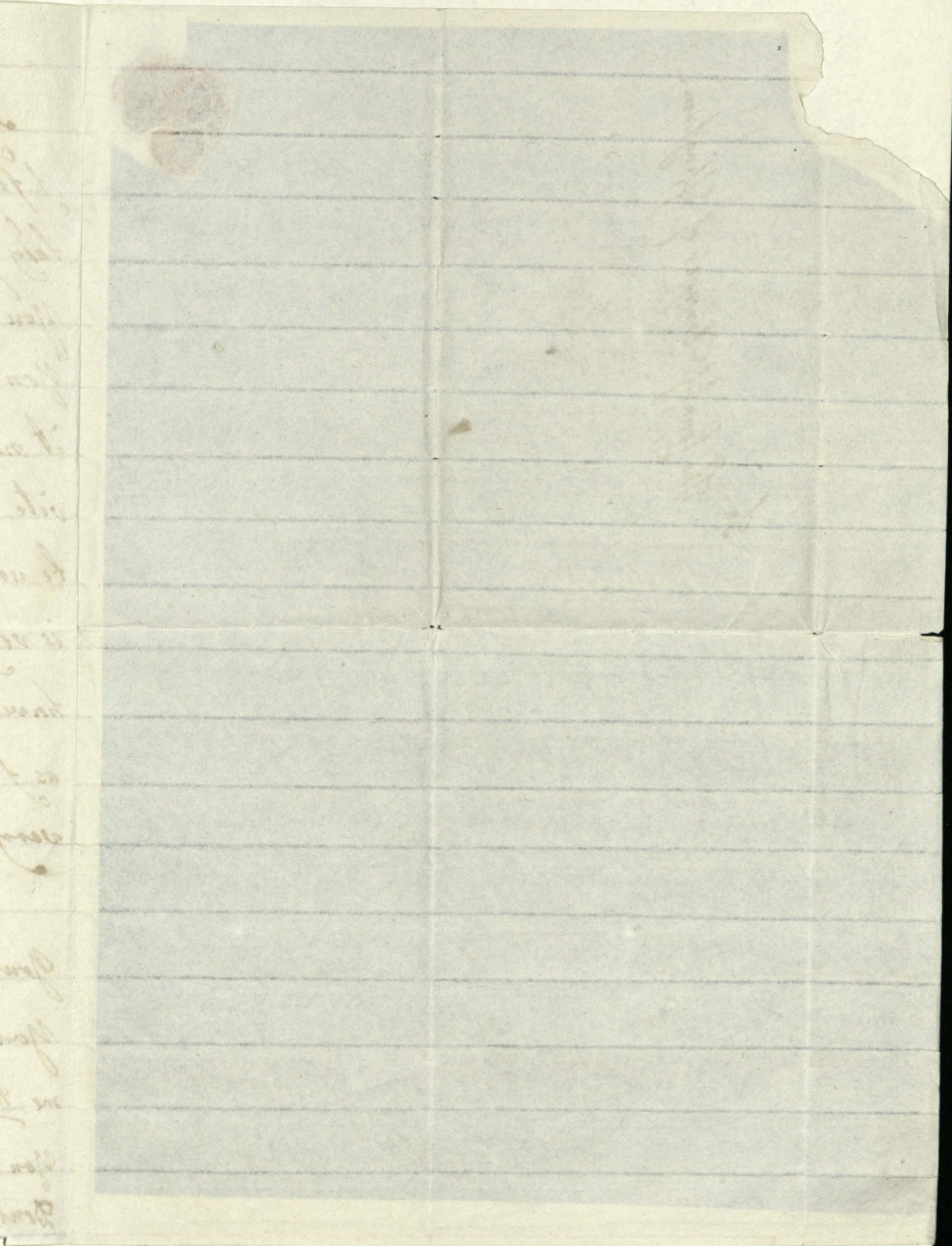


My dear lady Effingham. By Your answer to Mr de Luc  
I find that You mistake <sup>his</sup> the Note (by saying that  
Lady Egremont was in waiting) I know that very well, and  
You may believe that such a Note could not have come to  
You without my direct orders as hitherto I have not thought  
it necessary to ~~be~~ charge the lady in waiting only to in-  
vite the small company for my private parties, it would  
be uncomfortable <sup>indeed</sup> to stick eternally to etiquets. Lady Egremont  
is very ill, but ~~that~~ <sup>was</sup> that not the case, I should very likely  
have charged You equally with the commission particularly  
as I had no thoughts of seeing her. Lady Holderness is also  
very ill, and lady Hartford hath an Assembly to Night

I am very sorry to find that You are not well  
Yourself and hope it is only the act of Parliament, should  
You not be well enough to come this Evening pray let  
me know that I may secure lady Hartford, but desire  
You still to invite Lord Ashburnham, Southampton, Lady Mary  
Doubly, & Lord Prudench. Compliments to Sr George. Charlotte.

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To  
The Countess Dowager of Effingham.

London  
17th Feb  
1771

