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St James's Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1780

I would not avail myself of your Majesty's most gracious permission, lest Business should accumulate too much during my absence.

I have this moment seen Court Rice who came to inform me that he has brought a letter for your Majesty from the King of Sweden who according to Court Rice's Report treated them with the greatest confidence. I told him that we could not deliver this letter to yr Majesty neither could I



I receive it without your orders as  
there was no copy. I learnt in  
the course of our conversation that  
the King of Sweden had trusted  
Mr Rice with the general contents  
of this letter, it is full of  
compliment and expressions of  
friendship and contains an  
offer of this Mediation. I will  
not allow myself to make any  
observation upon this very singular  
mode of Negotiation but wait  
your Majesty's orders. if I am to  
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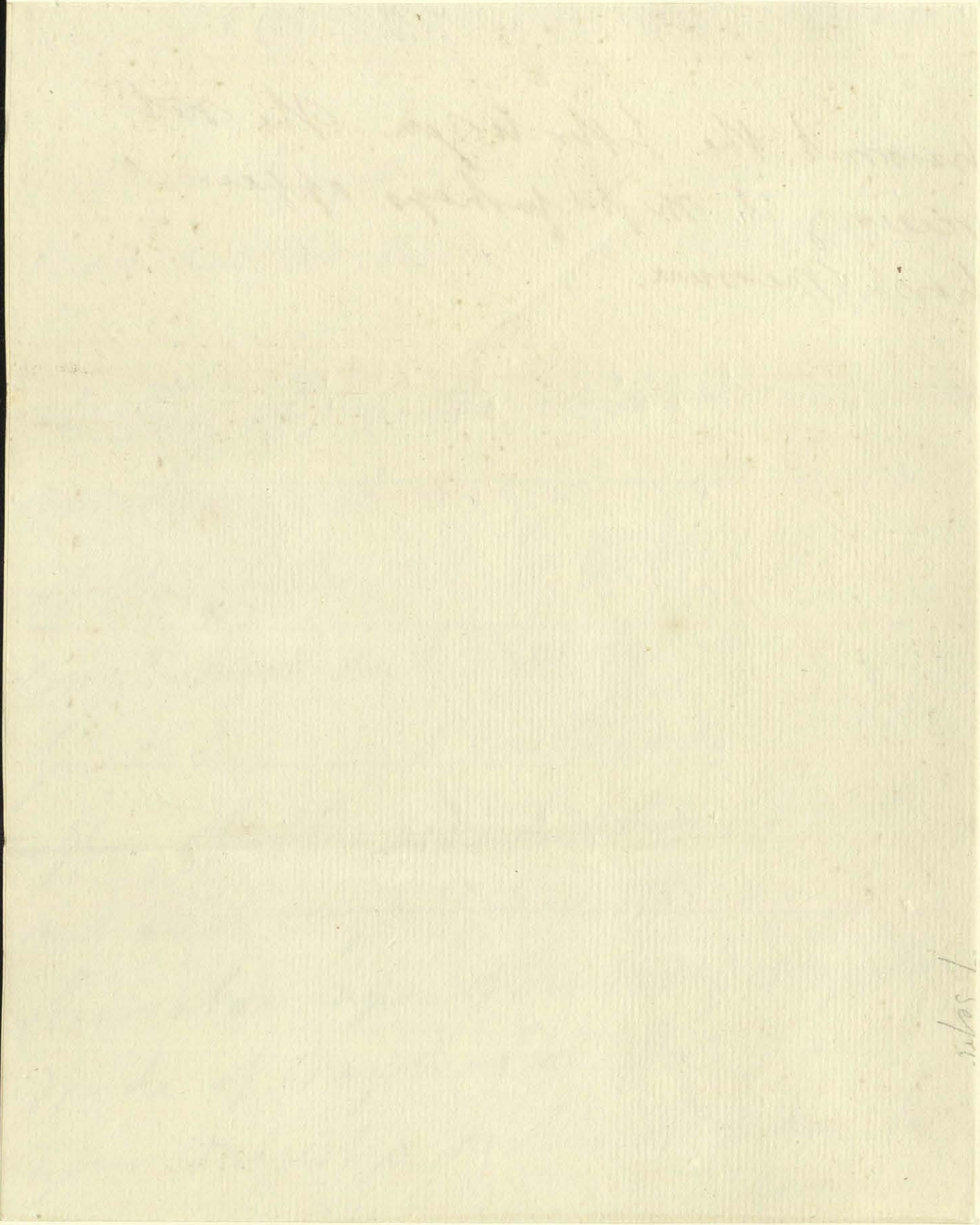


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transmit the letter to you. The not  
receiving it might perhaps appear a  
harsh measure.





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