

April 1. 1812

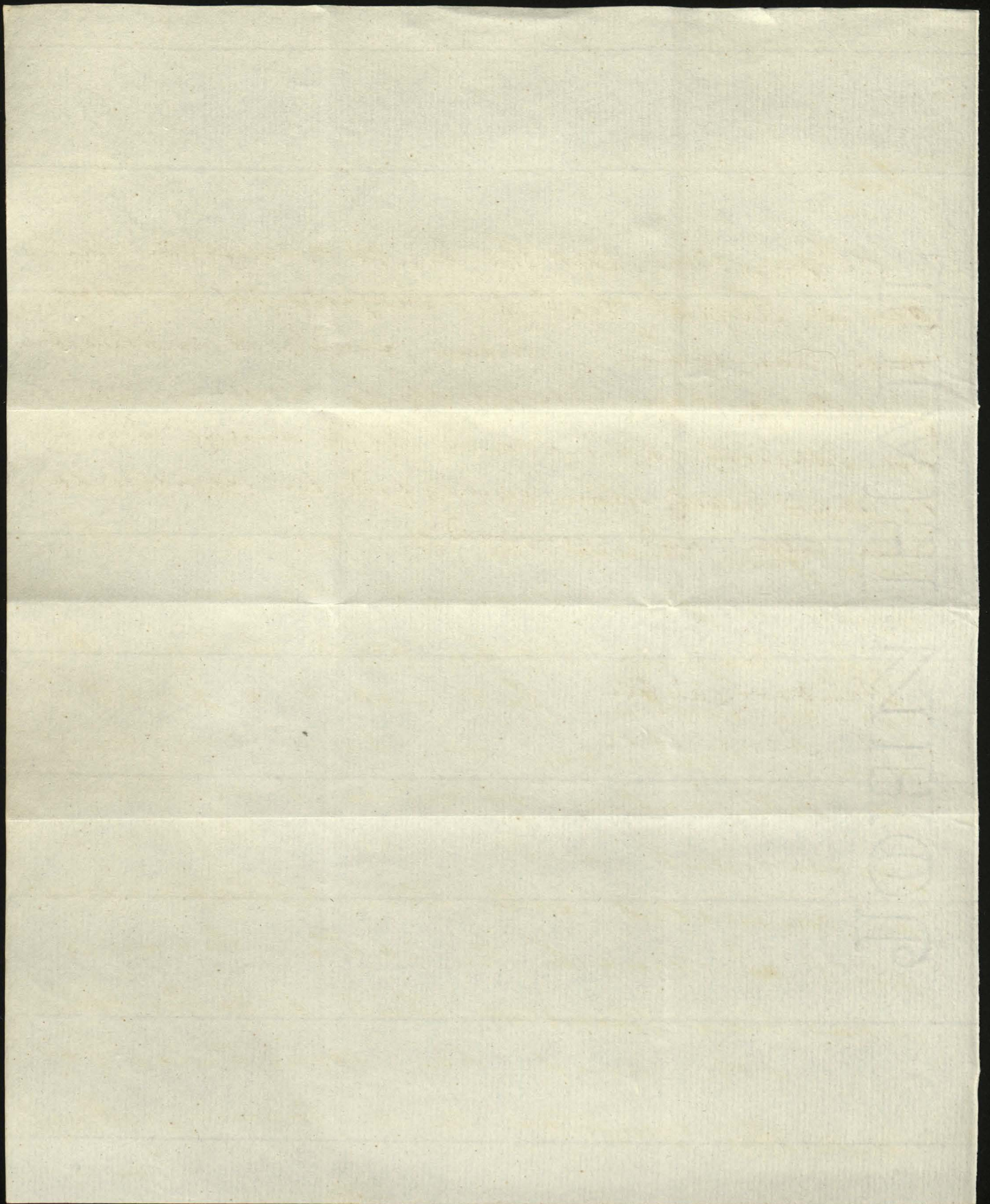
MSO 16/3/205

Dr Herberden has the honor to inform The  
Prince Regent that His Majesty talk'd rather  
more than usual yesterday, & with some appearance  
of excitement, or, more properly, of excessive spirits.  
His Majesty pass'd a good night, during which  
he slept nearly five hours; and he seems to day  
to be calm and composed.

Windsor Castle

1 April 1812







April 2. 1812. MED/16/3/206

Sir

There was nothing observable yesterday in His Majesty's demeanour and manner & distinguished it from several of the preceding days. The King was generally quiet, ate His food well - went to bed without reluctance, and slept more than five hours in the course of the night at four several times.

His Majesty looks well to day - His legs are swollen - but not to a great degree - However, we have not had the satisfaction of noticing any improvement in the state of the mind as connected with this appearance, which I remark the rather because it has been thought that a better condition of the mind has sometimes followed this symptom in a former illness.

I am, Sir,



most respectfully, your Royal Highness  
faithful, devoted servant

Henry Hatford

Windsor Castle

April 2. 1812.



April 3. 1812 MED/16/3/207

Sir

The King's conduct and manner was altogether less satisfactory yesterday than it has appeared for some days past, not from His Majesty being more excited than usual, tho' there was occasionally a height of tone and language, but from a levity and a trifling quite unworthy of Himself. His Majesty's dinner was protracted more than an hour by an abstracted attention to a part of His despatch; and called to me immediately after His accustomed prayer. His Majesty indulged Himself in speculations and notices which had neither sense nor reason in them. The King slept four hours and a quarter in the course of the



night, with a considerable interruption,  
and it was necessary for DeWolfe to  
interpose during the day of this  
morning.

I am, Sir, most respectfully  
Your Royal Highness's faithful

Servant

Henry Hallford

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1812

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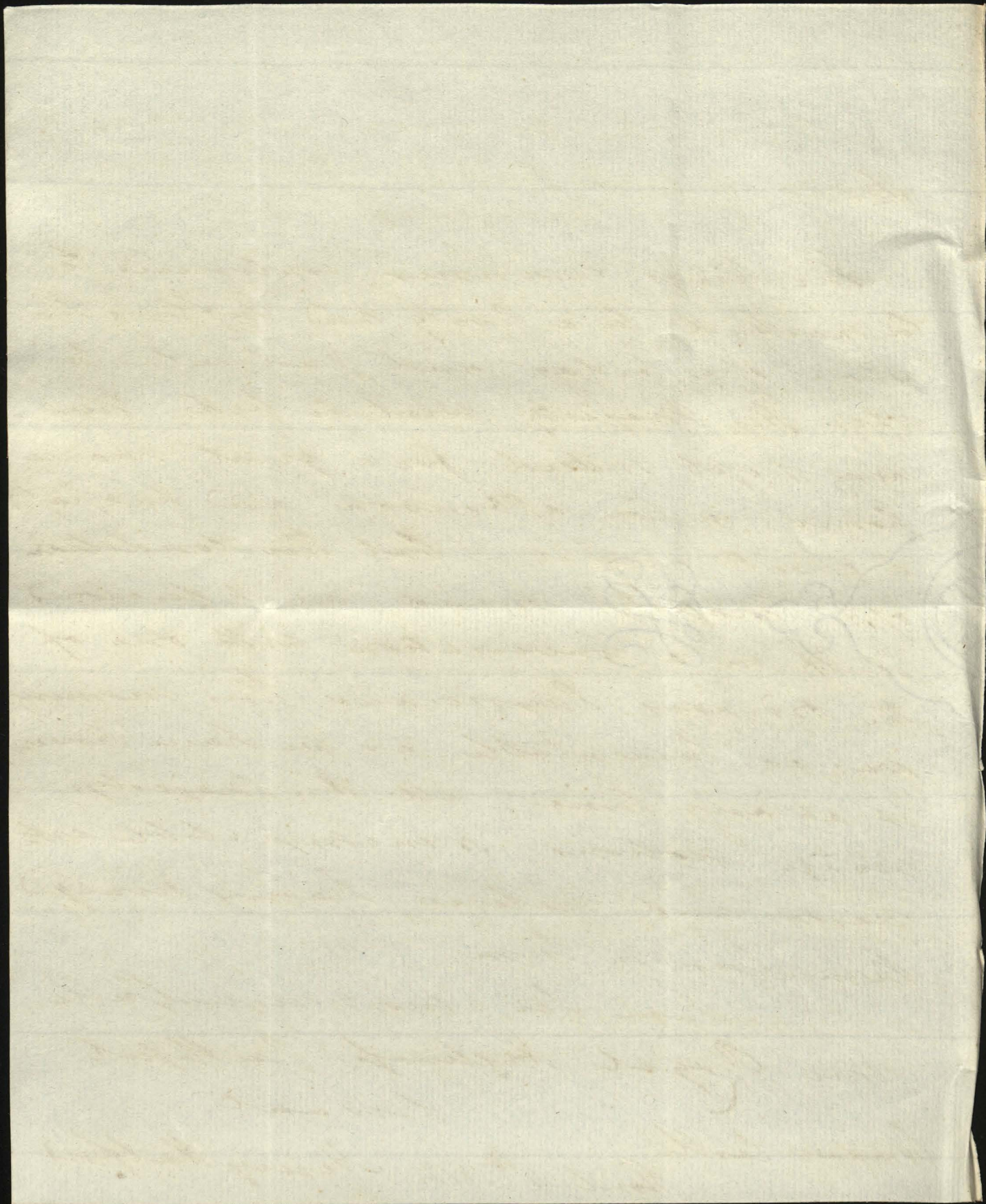
April 4. 1812 M60/16/3/208

Sir

The King's manner continued to be marked by a levity and trifling the whole of yesterday, and particularly when His Majesty went to bed. The King slept indeed for a great many hours in the afternoon, and has passed a quiet night - but the condition of His Majesty's mind, as it disclosed itself in a conversation with one of the ordinary Physicians this morning was as lamentable as we have known it at any time, all His Majesty's strange notions, so incompatible with reason and nature, having divulged themselves in turn.

I am, Sir, most respectfully  
Your Royal Highness's Obedient  
servant  
Windsor Castle  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1812. Henry Hallford







April 5. 1812

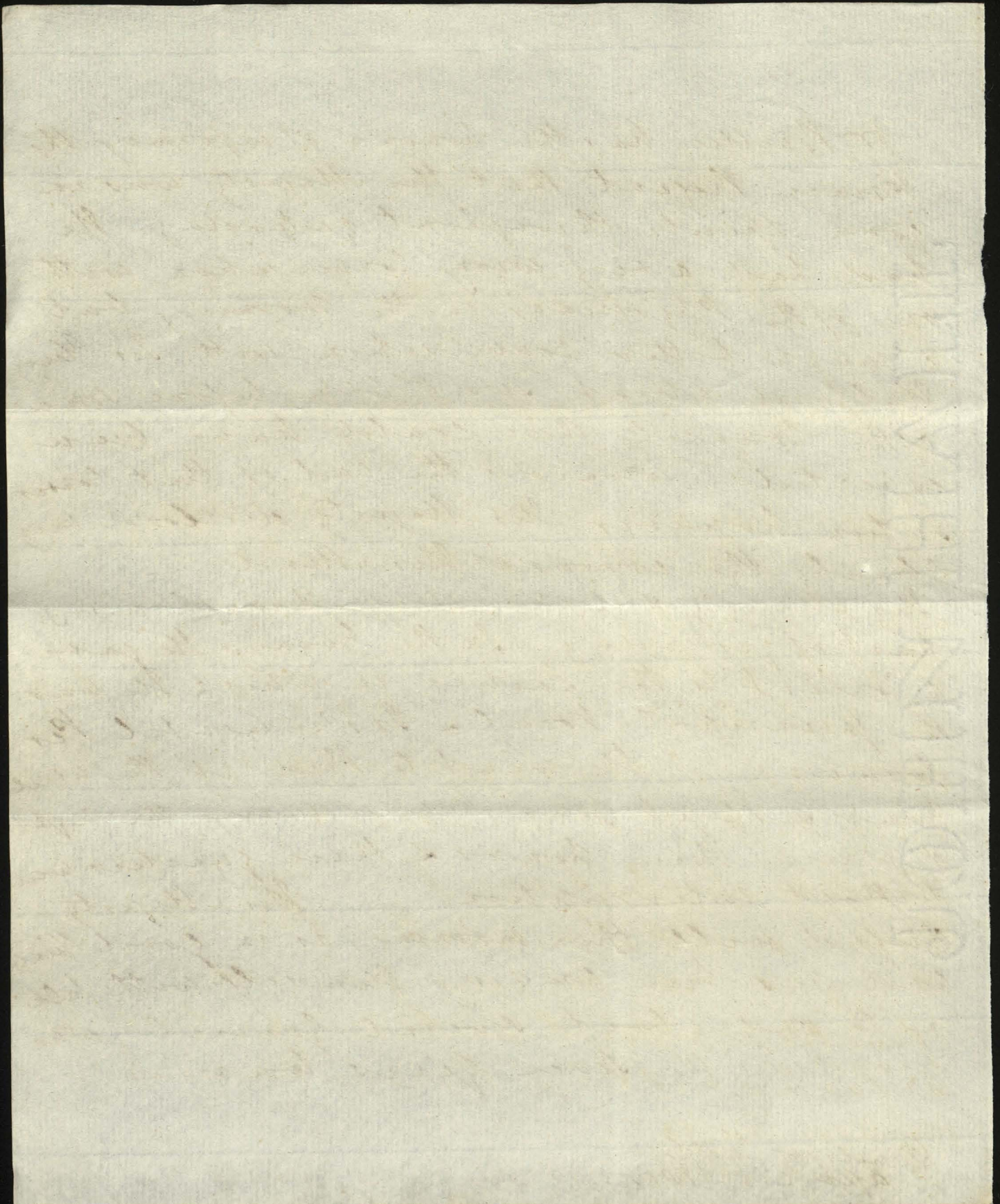
MS. A. 16. 3. 209

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty was in good spirits throughout yesterday - He had had a very wrong conversation with one of the Physicians in the morning, but a much better conversation with Sir Henry Hallford about Two o'clock, before some of the Council, than could have been expected - Towards the end of that conversation however, His Majesty disclos'd very clearly the errors of His Mind -

His Majesty did not sleep through any part of yesterday - In the evening He gave a concert to the Ladies, in which He was the principal Vocal & Instrumental Performer - He went to Bed at the usual hour, & slept four hours during the night, of which three hours & three quarters were without interruption - His Majesty dress'd well this morning, is in good spirits, and has been amusing Himself with talking to and about several Generals, who served in the Seven years war -

Windsor Castle  
April 5 - 1812







April 6, 1812 MED/16/3/210

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform  
His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, that the  
King afforded abundant proofs yesterday that  
His Majesty's state of Mind was not improved,  
by recurring to his notions of the drowning of  
London & Middlesex & the mention of an  
ideal spirit, which he has not noticed  
for a long time -

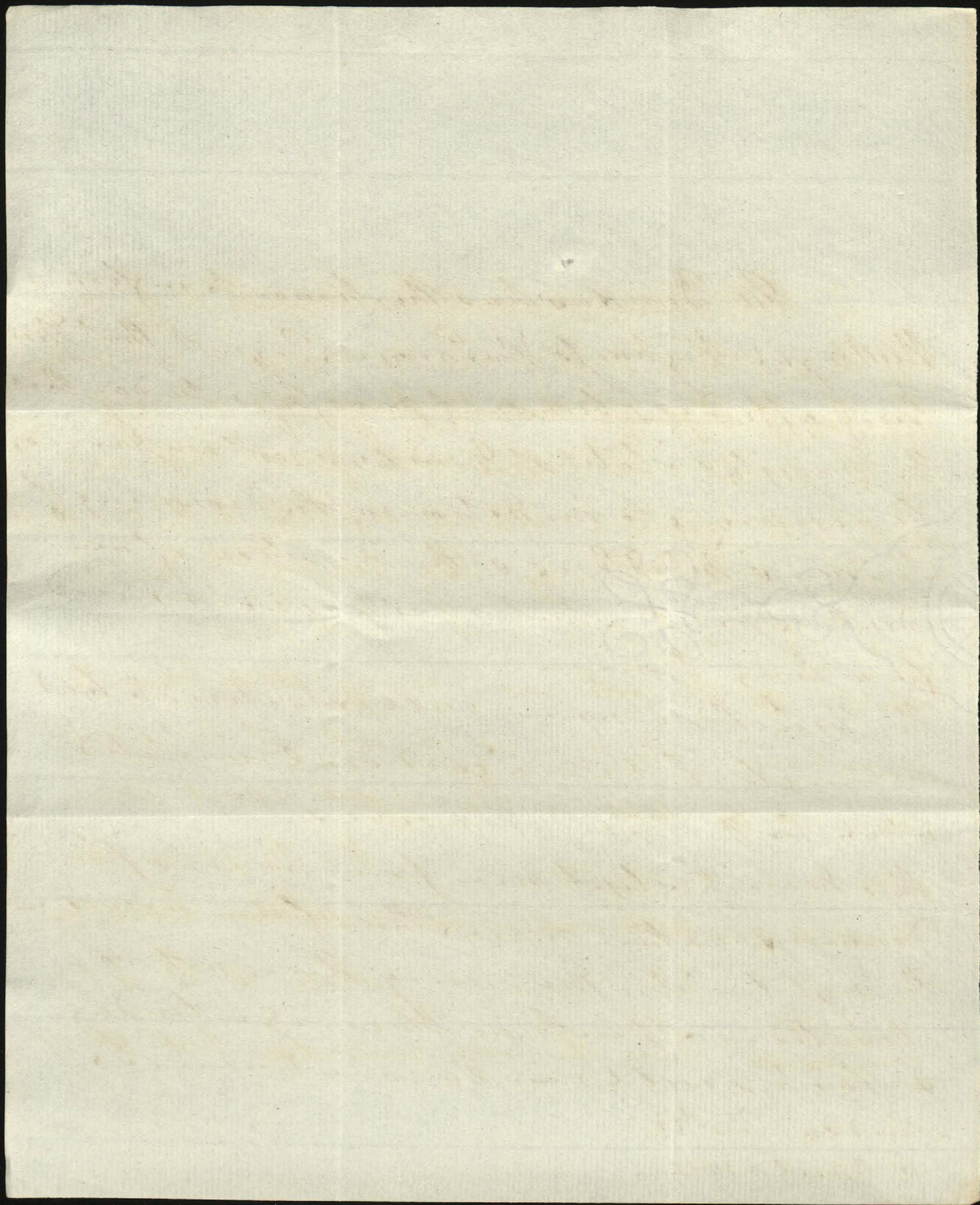
He took his dinner well & retired to bed  
willingly, but was a good deal irritated  
upon both these occasions.

His Majesty slept near four hours after  
dinner & rather more than four hours in  
the night - This morning he is not so  
depressed in spirits as he was yesterday,  
& looks well in the countenance.

Windsor Castle

6 April 1812 -







April 6. 1812. MED/16/3/211

D<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Willis presents his humble duty to  
The Prince Regent and has the honour of acquainting  
His Royal Highness that The King was in very  
high spirits. He talked with great eagerness  
and with reference almost entirely to His disordered  
actions. His Majesty was however tractable,  
and ate His meals well; and slept in the  
course of the afternoon nearly four hours in  
His chair. He retired to bed at the usual  
hour and slept in the night about four  
hours and a quarter. His Majesty has  
dressed and breakfasted well this morning;  
and He appears, upon the whole, to be more  
composed than He was yesterday, but it is



a painful duty to add that, in other respects  
the disorder remains in full force.

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April 6. 1812.



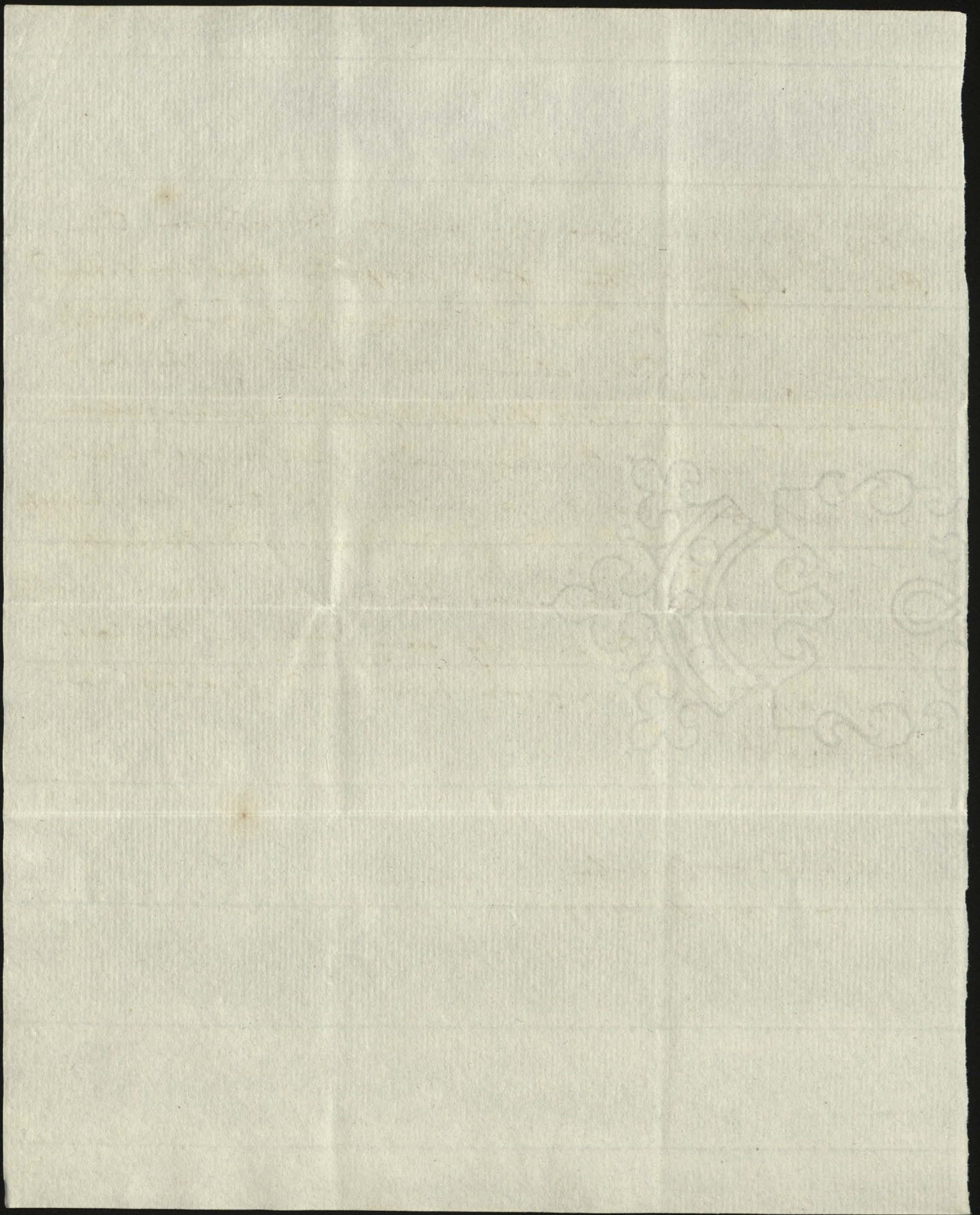
April 7. 1812 McO/16/3/212

Dr Hubbard has the honor to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty has continued to talk with considerable earnestness, and great marks of disorder, almost the whole of the last twenty four hours. His Majesty's conversation has been directed to imaginary personages, but has not been rapid, or incoherent. And His Majesty has generally appeared good humoured towards his attendants, and has taken his meals quietly. His Majesty had scarcely any sleep in the last day, and slept only an hour and quarter in the night.

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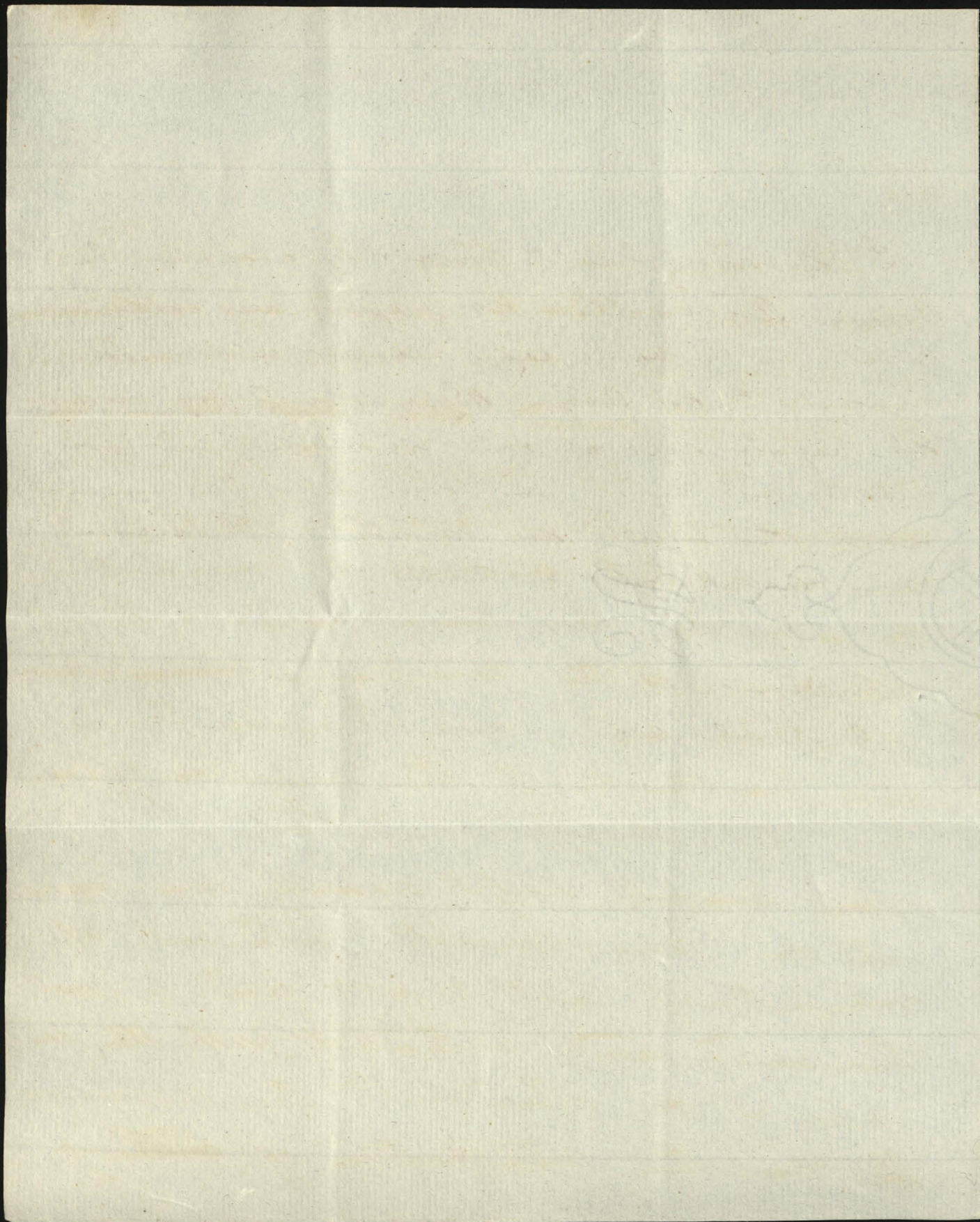
April 8. 1812 MCO/16/3/213

Dr Herberden has the honor to acquaint the  
Prince Regent, that His Majesty has continued  
to talk in the same eager manner, which was  
represented to His Royal Highness yesterday morning.  
His Majesty slept at once four hours and three  
quarters last night, and looks better this morning;  
but in other respects His Majesty is little different  
from what he was yesterday -

Windsor Castle

8 April 1812







April 9. 1812 Mc0116/3/214

Sir

The King has been less talkative since four o'clock yesterday afternoon and altogether more composed and still. His Majesty's mind does not seem indeed to be less occupied by false images, nor His train of thought to run in a less disorderly current; but His attention has been gained with less difficulty, to the necessary occupations of the day, and since dinner time more particularly, the King has appeared to be less absorbed and lost.

His Majesty slept nearly six hours with one considerable interval of wakefulness last night, and is good-humoured and contented with the services of His attendants this morning. We have the satisfaction of observing



moreover, that His Majesty looks better  
than he did some days ago.

I am, Sir, most respectfully  
Your Royal Highness's faithful  
Servant

Aenny Halford

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April 9<sup>th</sup> 1812



April 10 1812 Meo/16/3/215

Sir

Mr King slept only two hours and a quarter last night - but this was not a matter of surprise to us because His Majesty had slept few hours after dinner yesterday - Our feelings were rather those of regret that so much sleep had not allayed that irritability which marked the character of the last twenty four hours, and prevails in a great degree this morning. His Majesty was observed to burst forth in frequent sallies of passion with his imaginary company, with whom he continues to hold conversation - and the same temper of mind has given occasion to violent expressions of anger against



his Majesty's attendants without apparent  
provocation. The King began to  
sleep well to day. but when His Ma-  
jesty had finished, it was necessary  
to carry him by force into the sitting  
Room. He is now, however, composed  
and silent.

I am, Sir, most respectfully  
your Royal Highness's devoted  
and faithful servant

Henry Halford.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1812

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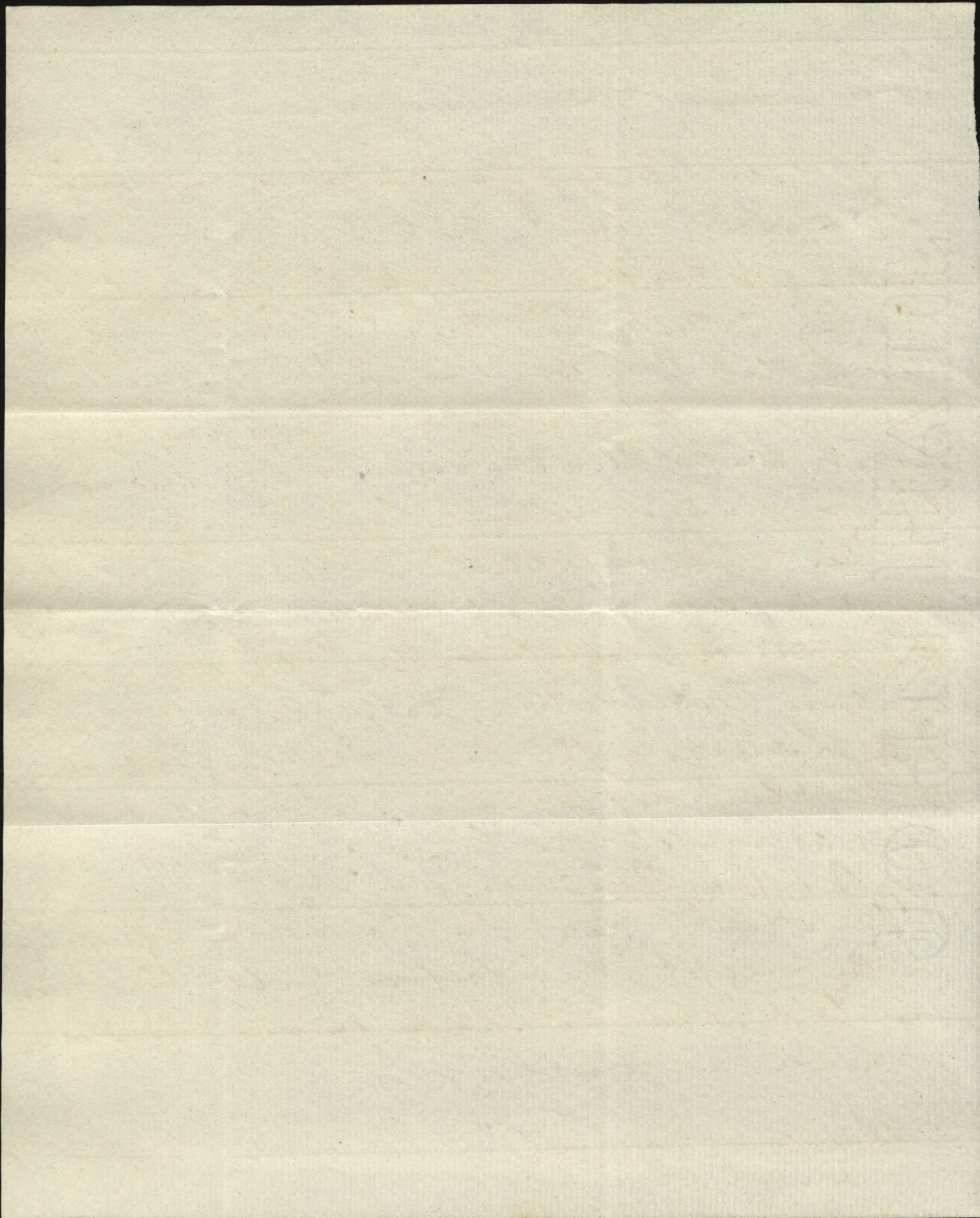
April 11. 1812 Meo/16/3/216

Mr Baillie has the honour of informing  
the Prince-Regent that His Majesty conti-  
nued in the <sup>same</sup> excited state throughout yes-  
terday, which has been so observable  
for the last few days - He was sometimes  
talking with eagerness, & occasionally with  
anger to His ideal Friends; was sometimes  
singing, and sometimes laughing to Himself  
- His Majesty ate His Meals well, &  
went to Bed without reluctance - During  
the time of undressing, He held a very ani-  
mated conversation with one of His favou-  
rite Ladies, with whom He was not very  
well pleas'd, because she did not know  
very accurately the Laws of Succession in  
England & Hanover -

His Majesty slept five hours & a quarter  
in the night, has dress'd well this morn-  
-ing, but is in the same excited condition  
of mind as yesterday -

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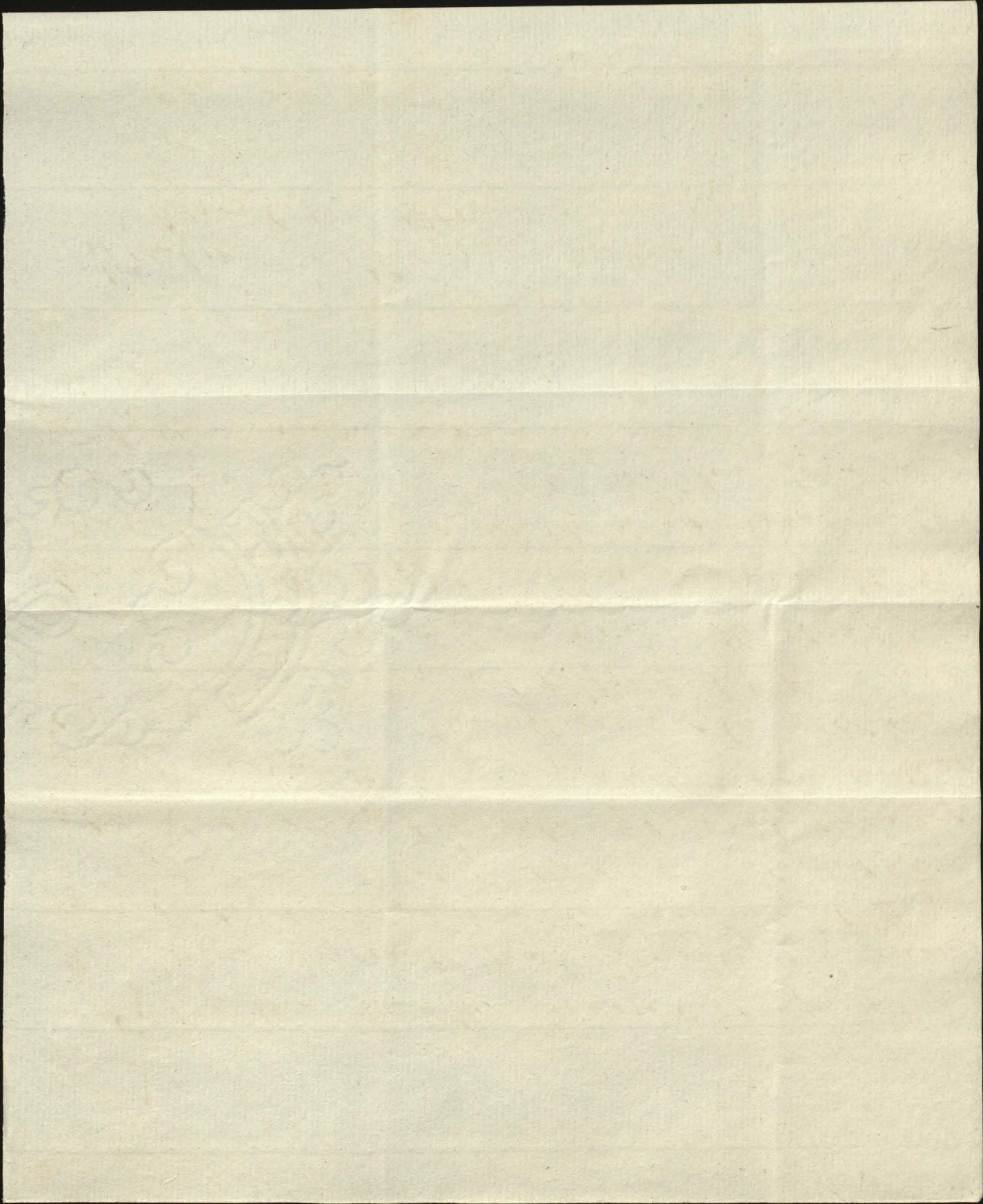
April 12. 1812 MED/16/3/217

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty remained in a state of considerable excitement through out the whole of yesterday - He talked almost incessantly, always with eagerness, sometimes with anger, and never without error - His Majesty ate all his meals well & went to Bed at the usual hour without reluctance - He slept five hours in the night - This morning His Majesty talks as much & as erroneously as yesterday, but in a milder tone & in better humour -

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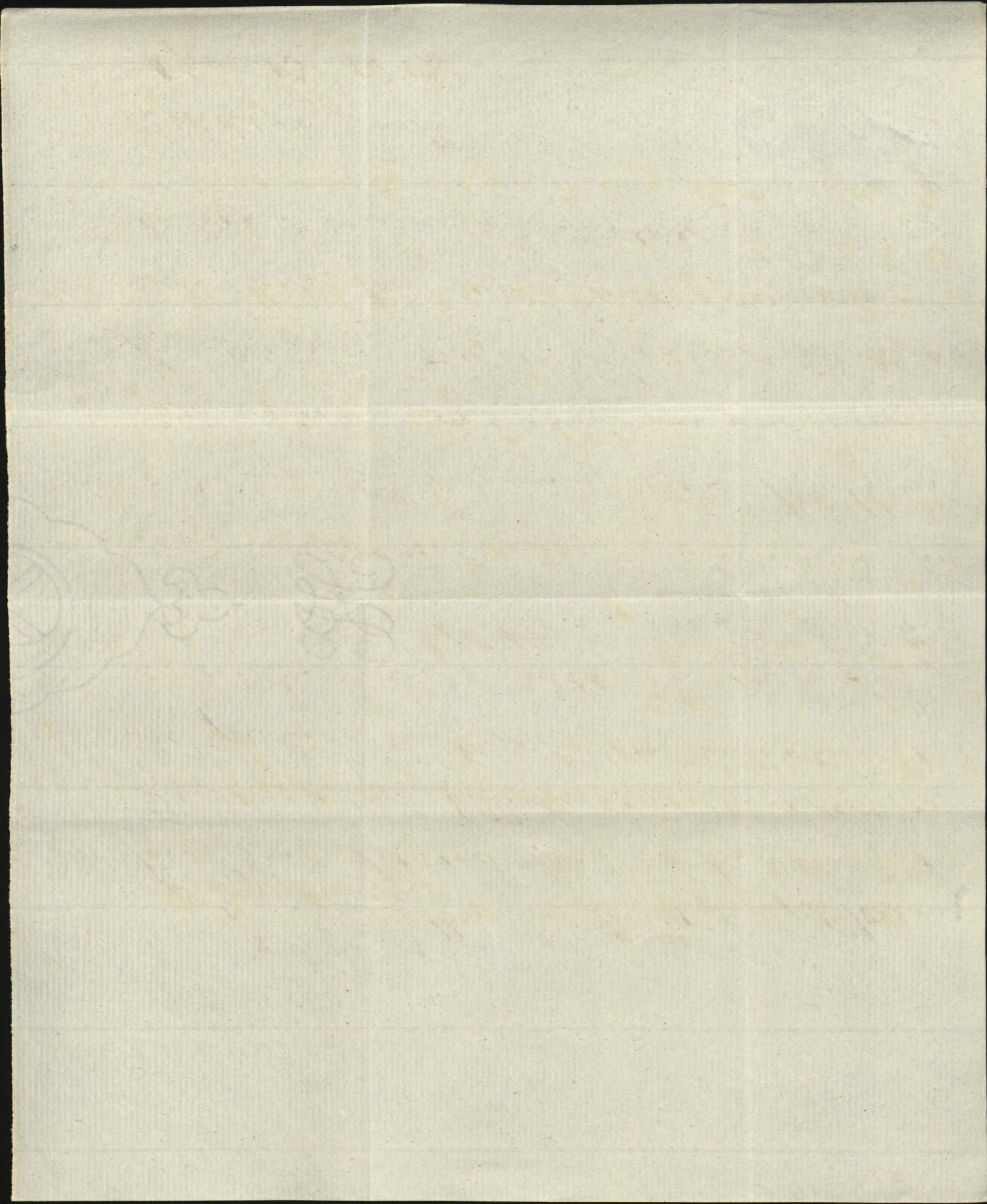
April 13. 1812 m6016/3/218

D<sup>r</sup>. J. Willis has the honor of informing  
The Prince Regent that on his return to  
Windsor at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon  
He found His Majesty very talkative and  
evidently under a mild paroxysm - His  
Majesty went to bed as usual but the  
same state continued uninterrupted till  
5 o'clock this morning when The King  
fell asleep & slept two hours & a half.  
His Majesty dined & breakfasted pretty  
well but the same state continues -  
perhaps somewhat milder.

Windsor Castle

Apr. 13. 1812







April 13. 1812 meo/16/s/219

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the state of excitement of His Majesty, which has been observed for several days, continued all yesterday without intermission. His Majesty was talking incessantly to ideal persons, but not in that happy state of delusion which has often been witnessed, for he was frequently irritated and angry.

His Majesty went to bed in high spirits & continued talking till five o'clock, from which time he slept till half past seven.

He awoke and dressed in good humour, has taken his breakfast well, and appears to be in good bodily health. yet seems disposed to the same loquacity as yesterday, but in a milder manner.

Windsor Castle

13. April 1812



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1812

MEP/16/3/220

Sir

His Majesty has passed the last twenty four hours under more irritation than appeared on any of the four preceding days. His Majesty's thoughts seem'd to be occupied by his distemper'd wisdom, and whaton interrupted these occasions anger and excitement.

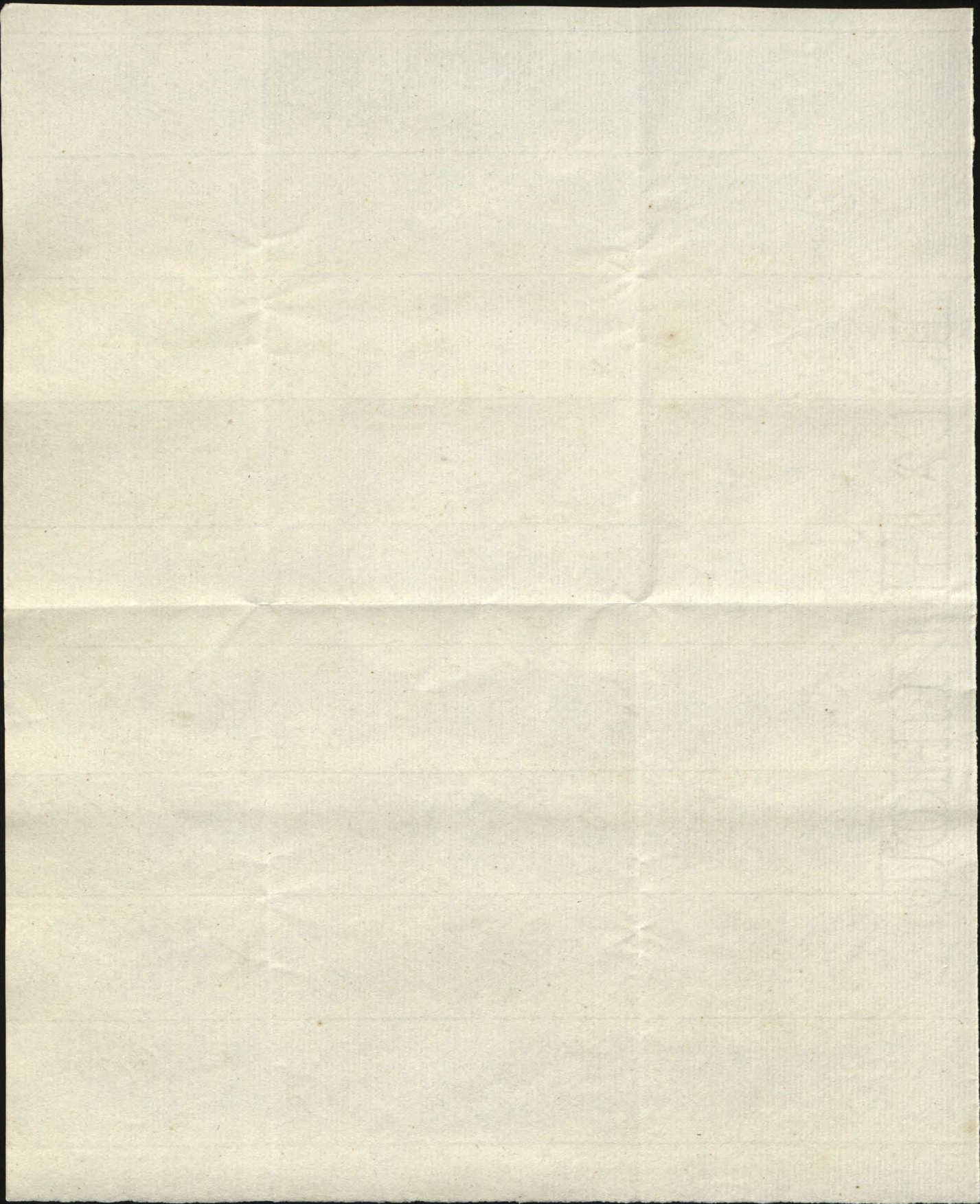
His Majesty did not sleep throughout the day, and slept only two hours and three quarters in the night. He has eaten his food well however, and His Majesty looks in good health.

I am Sir, most respectfully and devoutly Your Royal Highness's faithful servant

Henry Hallford

Windsor Castle







April 14. 1812. MED/16/3/221

Dr Herberden has the honor to inform  
The Prince Regent that His Majesty pass'd the  
last day under a considerable degree of excitement.  
His Majesty talk'd with little intermission, and  
with increasing rapidity; & at night His Majesty  
exhibited an unusual rage and extravagance; yet  
He was tractable and quiet with his attendants. His  
Majesty slept nearly eight hours in the course of  
the night, and seems to be more composed in his  
manner this morning. The character of His Majesty's  
mind is little alter'd from what it was yesterday.

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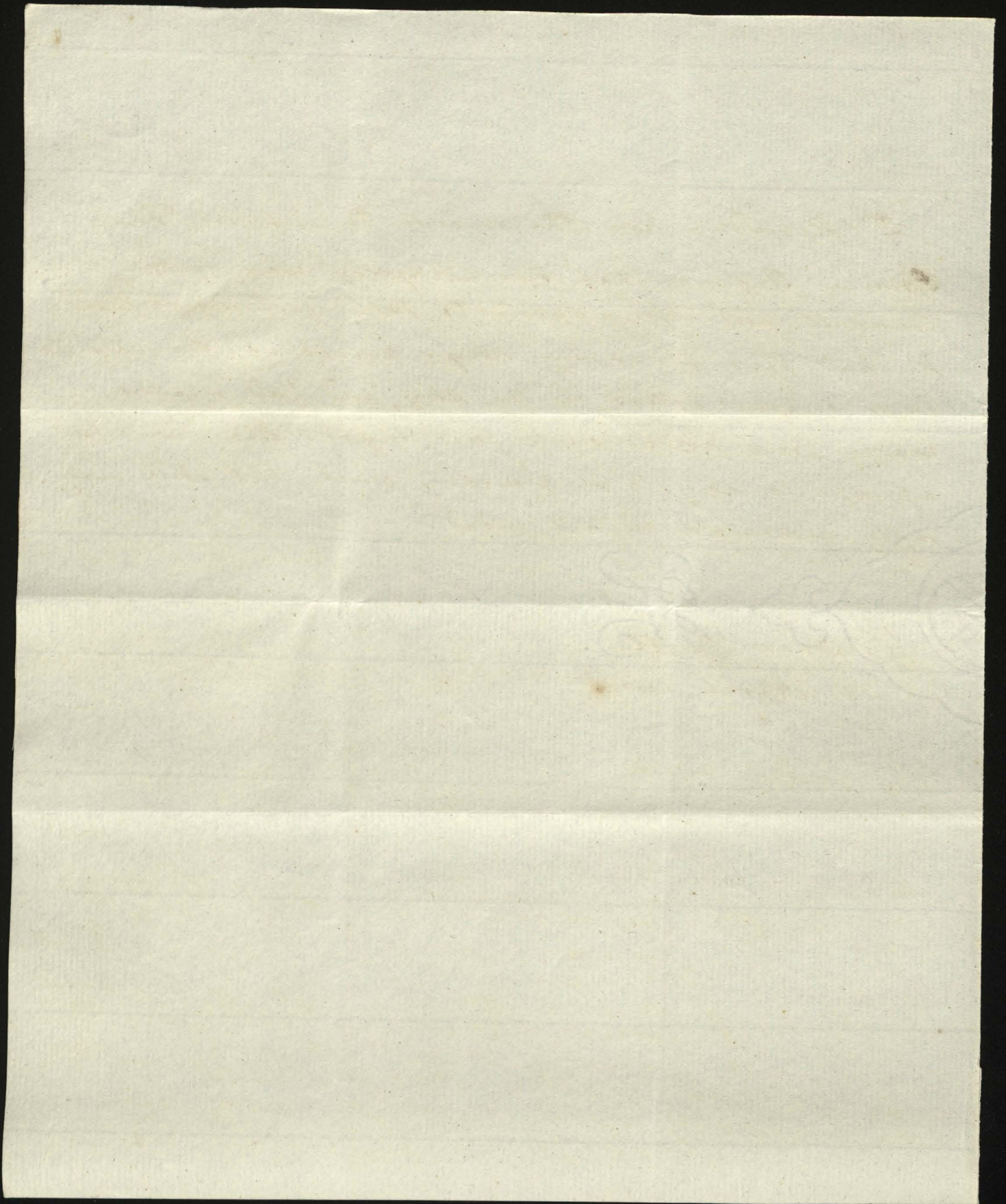
April 15 1812 M60/16/3/222

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty was more tranquil, and less disposed to talk yesterday, than he had been for some days preceding. His Majesty slept several hours in the day, and had besides nearly four hours sleep last night. His Majesty appears to day to be generally quiet, but still very sadly disorder'd in his mind.

Windsor Castle

15 April 1812







April. 16. 1812 M60/16/3/223

Sir

The King did not sleep at all in the course of yesterday - but talked with very little intermission throughout the day. His Majesty's language and sentiments betray'd His disorder forcibly - but these were frequently mixed with His irrational notions some observations on characters in life, correct historical anecdotes - and most interesting remarks on His present situation. The latter were commonly made in anger, and as often as they occurred seem'd to disturb the tranquility with which His conversation was held generally - all this part, I ought to observe to your Royal Highness, in the company of the King's imagination,



for His Majesty was not addressed by  
any other Physicians in the course  
of the day.

His Majesty went to bed quietly and  
slept more than five hours with  
some interruptions - His Majesty  
awoke in a state of irritation and  
excitement, and Dr Willis's interpo-  
sition was necessary during His  
sleeping - but this did not seem to  
have any material effect, and  
the same waywardness and irasci-  
bility continued.

I am, Sir, most devotedly  
Your Royal Highness's faithful  
Servant

Windsor Castle April 16. 1812 Henry Hallford



April 17. 1812 MSO/16/3/224

Sir

I have the honor to inform your  
Royal Highness that the same charac-  
ter of irritability prevails still in His  
Majesty's frame, tho' there has been  
less palpable excitement within the  
last twenty four hours, and less talka-  
tiveness. He has at His dinner  
well, and went to bed willingly - but was  
irascible, and expressed His anger in coarse  
terms on some fancied provocation during  
His undressing. His Majesty slept about  
four hours and a half last night, and  
looks pretty well this morning, but  
he has formed a false notion respecting  
the period of the year, and is too much  
disposed to quarrel with His attendants  
because they do not admit His Majesty's  
calculation. This has given rise to some



untoward rep at breakfast, but to nothing  
of importance.

I am, Sir, most respectfully  
Your Royal Highness's faithful  
servant

Henry Balfour.

April 17. 1812.

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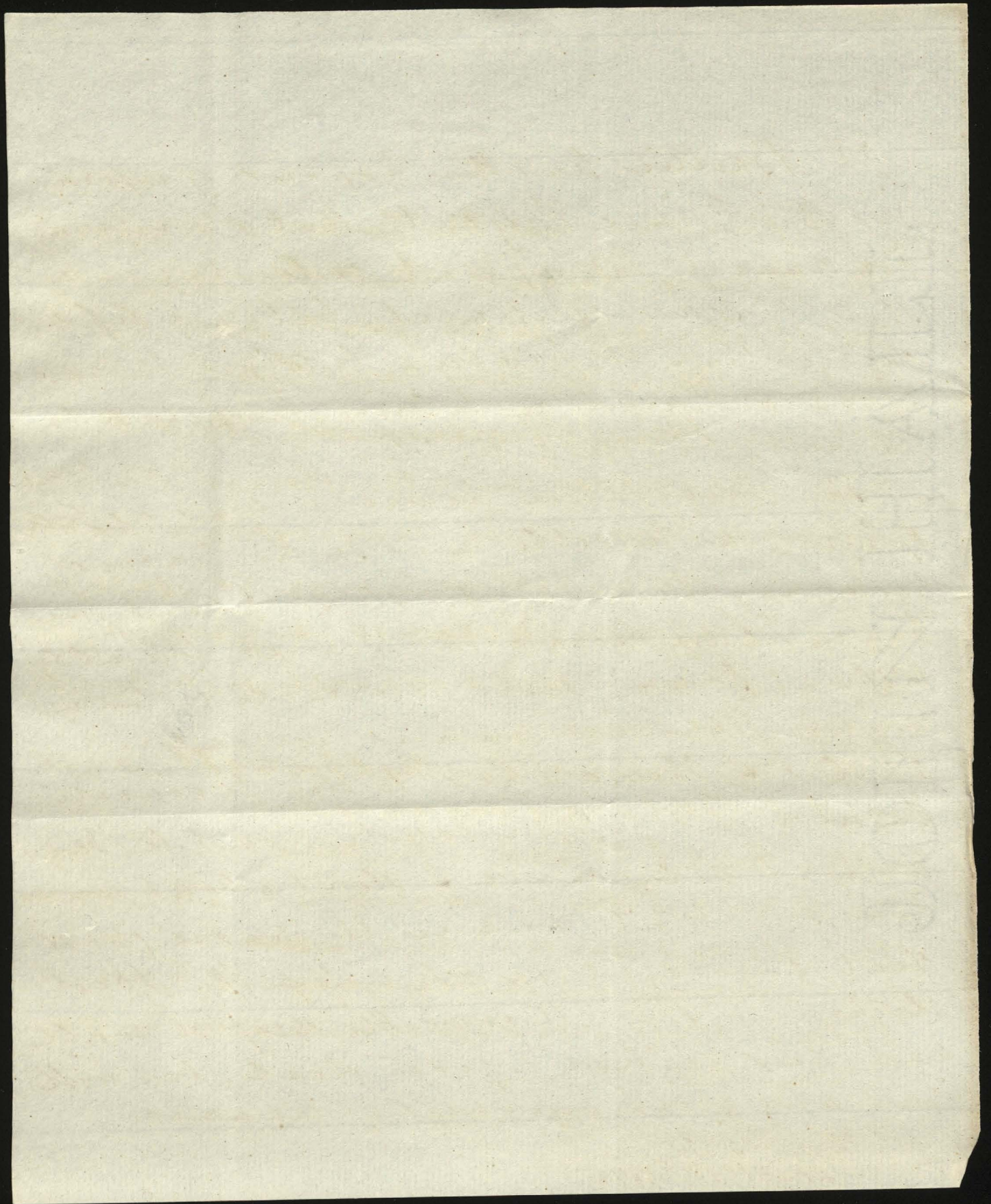


April 18. 1812 MED/16/3/225

Mr Baillie has the honour of inform-  
-ing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty  
continued throughout yesterday in a  
state of some excitement, but in a less  
degree than it has been lately — He was  
much occupied in talking throughout  
the day, but in a milder tone than usual  
— The conversation however was as full  
of error as possible — In the course of  
yesterday His Majesty slept about five  
hours and He ate His dinner tolerably  
well — It was more protracted than  
usual from His making presents of  
Apples & Cheesecakes to His favourite  
Ladies — His Majesty went to Bed  
without reluctance & slept about four  
hours — While awake He was a good  
deal employed in adjusting the Bed  
clothes — This Morning He dress'd well  
and has talked a good deal, but with-  
-out any great eagerness of manner —

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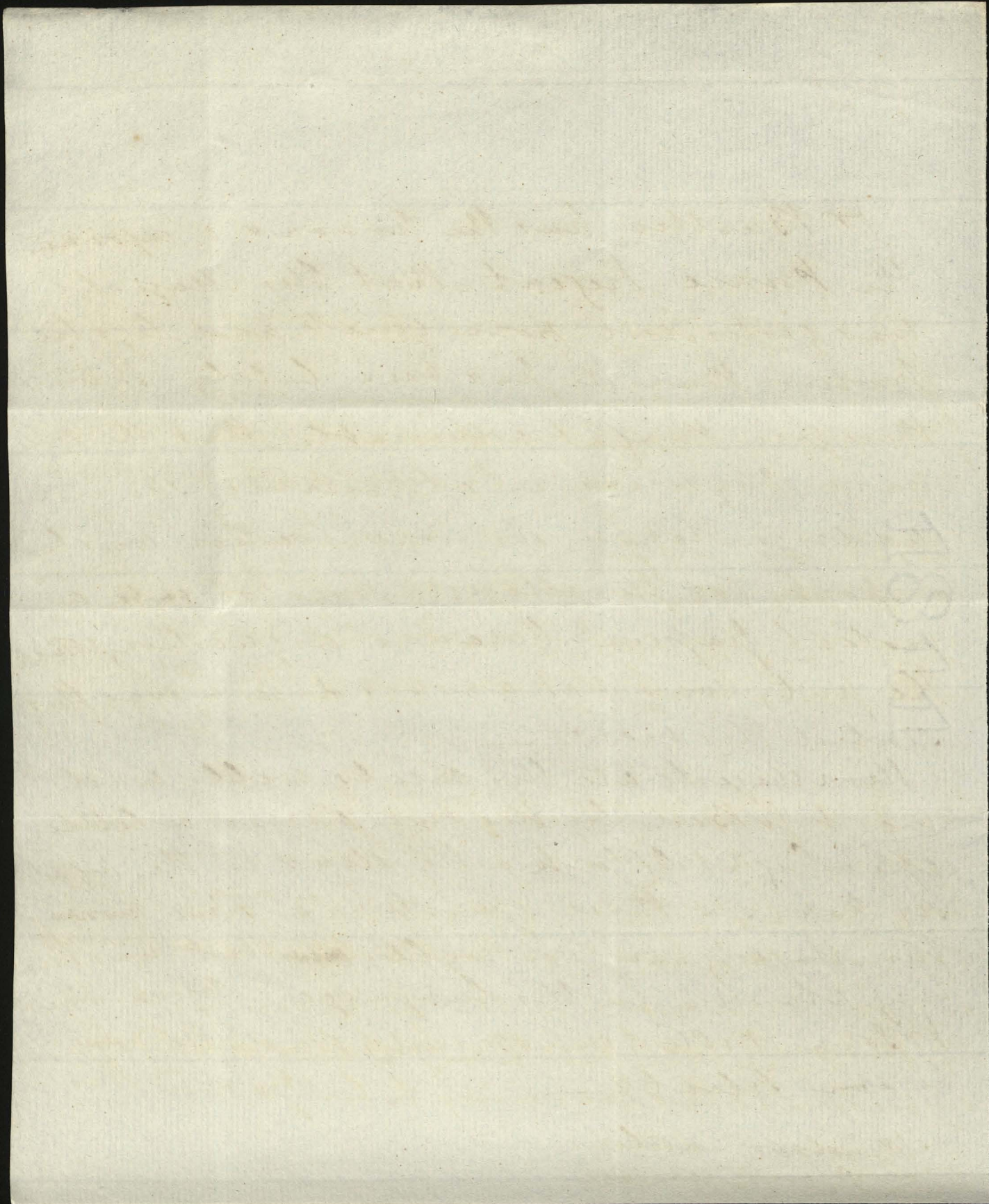
April 19. 1812 M60/16/S/226

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent that His Majesty was yesterday more quiet and less talkative than he has been lately - It was therefore thought advisable that the ordinary Physician in attendance should address him - The conversation was bad & short, for His Majesty soon got into a violent passion because a question, which he put, was not answered in a way that suited his views -

His Majesty ate his meals well and went to bed by his own desire a little after eight o'clock - He slept in the night six hours & three quarters - This morning His Majesty dressed well, ~~was~~ but was then very abusive in his language - Upon this Dr John Willis interfered, and he soon became silent -

Windsor Castle  
April 19 - 1812







April 20, 1812.

MEO 116/3/227

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal  
Highness The Prince Regent that The King passed  
yesterday in a quieter manner than He had  
done for some days, but not without occas-  
ional bursts of anger against His ideal  
company - as for instance, a violent storm  
against a Col in the Guards, who happened to  
interpose his opinion, while His Majesty  
was making arrangements for distributing  
the three Regiments of Guards in the garrisons  
of the different Cities of Italy -  
His Majesty went to bed of His own accord, slept  
six hours & a half, got up well & continued  
in good humour.

His Majesty looks well, his pulse has been  
ascertained this morning to be 70, and His  
Tongue is clean.

Windsor Castle

20 April 1812



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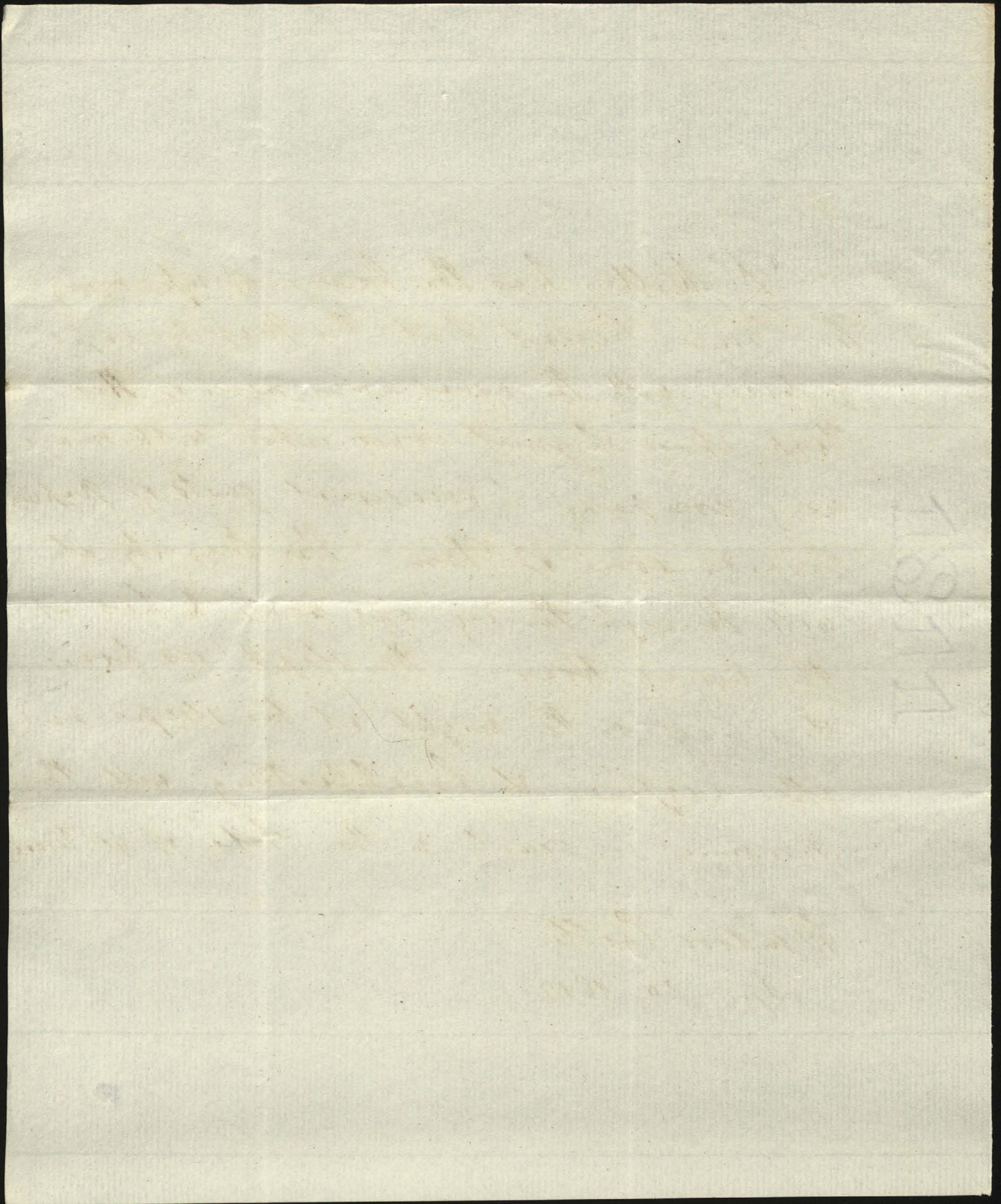
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D. Willis has the honor of informing  
The Prince Regent that His Majesty passed  
yesterday with the usual amusement of His  
Hereditary Squit conversation with imagi-  
nary company & occasional gusts of passion  
towards some of them. His Majesty ate  
well through the day and went to bed at  
the usual hour - He slept six hours  
& a half in the night at two sleeps and  
after dressing & breakfasting well this  
morning is nearly in the state of yesterday.

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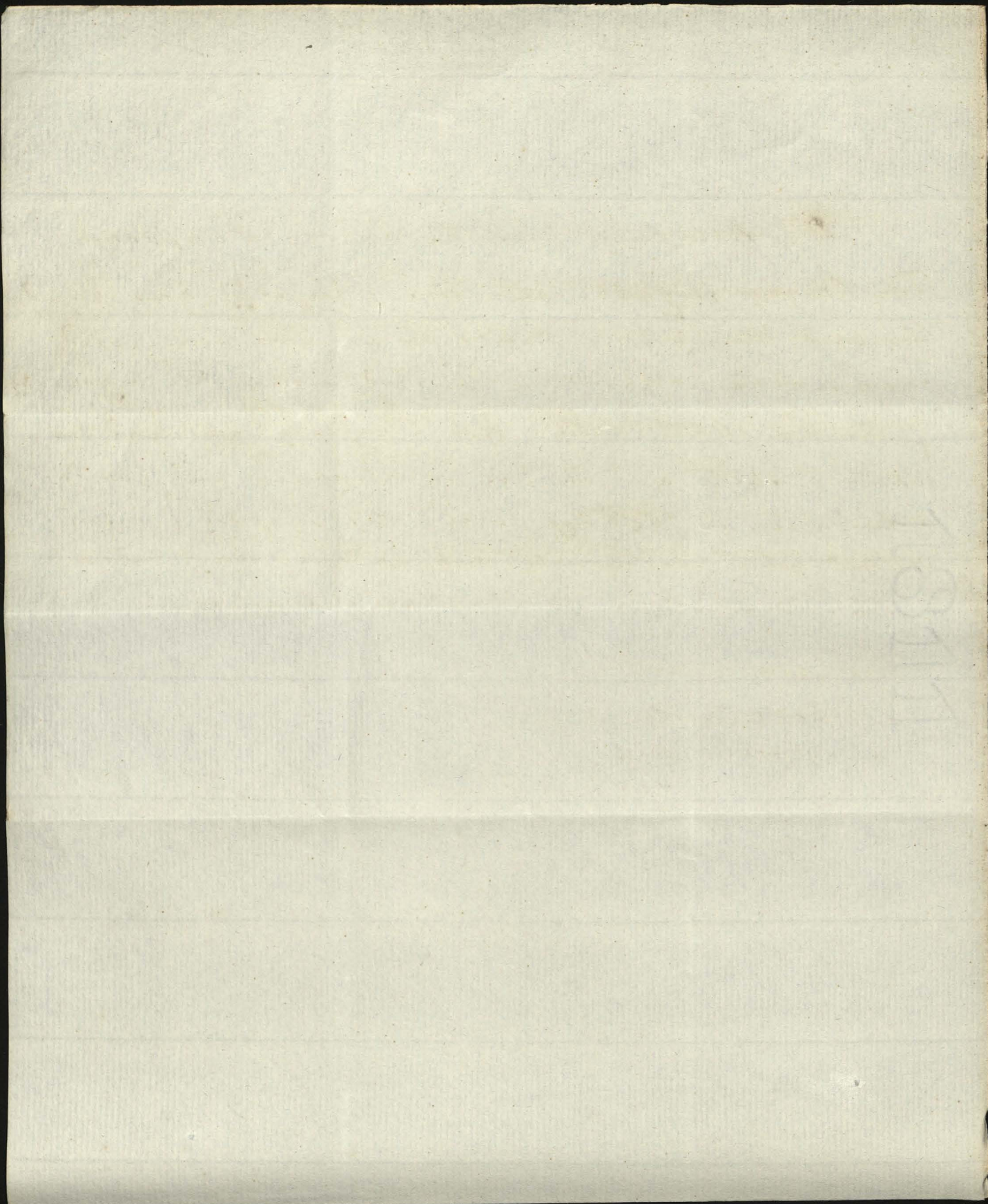


April 21, 1812 M60/16/3/229

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform  
The Prince Regent that His Majesty has passed  
the last twenty four hours in a more composed  
manner than has been observed since the beginning  
of the present month. His Majesty has had no  
want of sleep, and in his countenance and general  
appearance is looking well. His Majesty's mind  
is free from irritability, but without any mark  
of improvement in its essential characters.

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21 April 1812







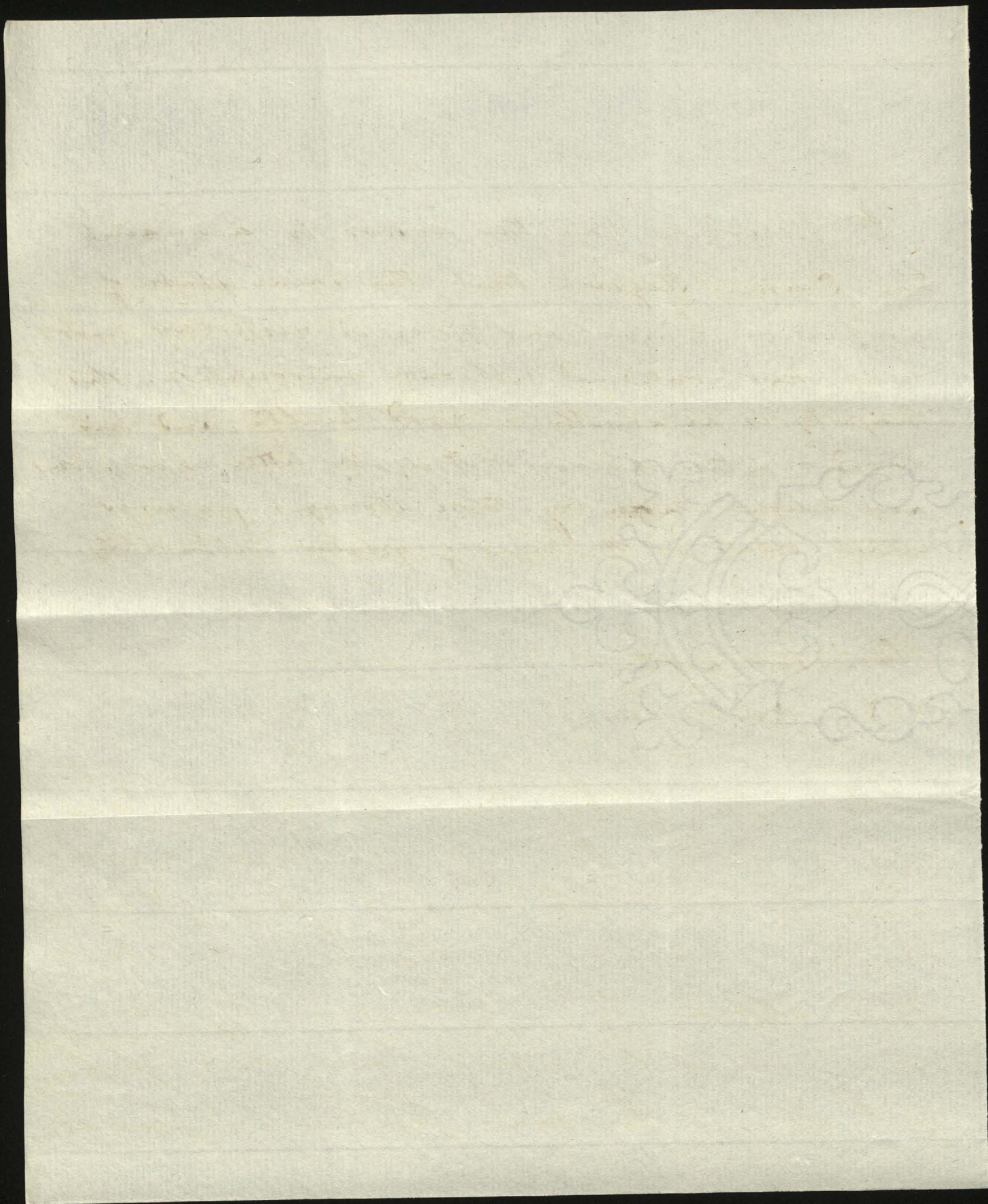
April 22. 1812 M60/16/3/230

Dr Herndon has the honor to acquaint  
The Prince Regent that the same state of  
composure, which was observed yesterday mor-  
ning, has continued without interruption. His  
Majesty is apparently in good health; and his  
disorder rather discovers itself by little expressions  
and actions, than by those stronger features  
which occur in the times of greater irritability.

Windsor Castle

22 April 1812







April 23. 1812 MCD/16/3/231

Sir,

The King continues in the same state of tranquillity which has been reported to your Royal Highness for the last two or three days. Under this composure His Majesty has taken His food well - has slept occasionally in the day time, and gone to bed without reluctance or disturbance. The King slept about four hours and a half last night, and passed the rest of the night in perfect stillness and quiet.

The state of His Majesty's mind, I am sorry to add, this 'Morn' agitated and excited is not less wrong - and His thoughts, whenever the King discloses them, appear to be occupied by the same conceits which have had possession of it, during the more perturbed periods



of his despatches.

I am, Sir, with the most  
respectful attachment, your Royal  
Highness's faithful servant

Henry Hallford

Windsor Castle

April 23: 1812.



April 24. 1812. ME0116/3/232

Sir

His Majesty continues in a state of perfect composure and quiet. The King amuses Himself sometimes with His Harpsichord, but is generally silent.

It is obvious that His Majesty is full of thought, and we are sorry to add that His mind appears to be as deeply involved in error as ever; for as often as He talks, His conversation has a reference to the same ill founded notions which have had possession of His imagination so long.

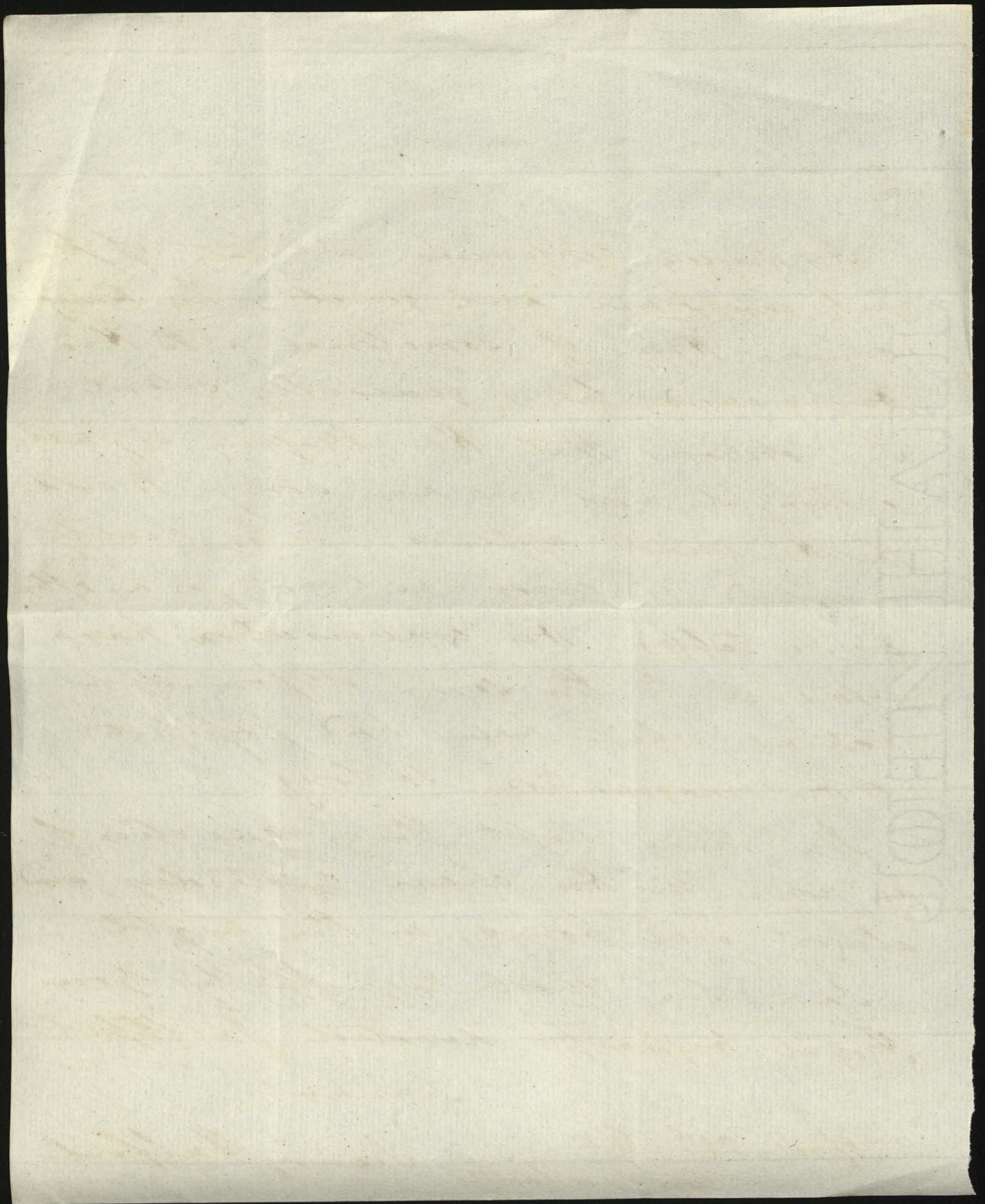
The King slept three quarters of an hour in His chair yesterday, and almost five hours in the night.

I am, Sir, most respectfully Your  
Royal Highness's devoted faithful  
Servant

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1812

Woodstock. Henry Balford





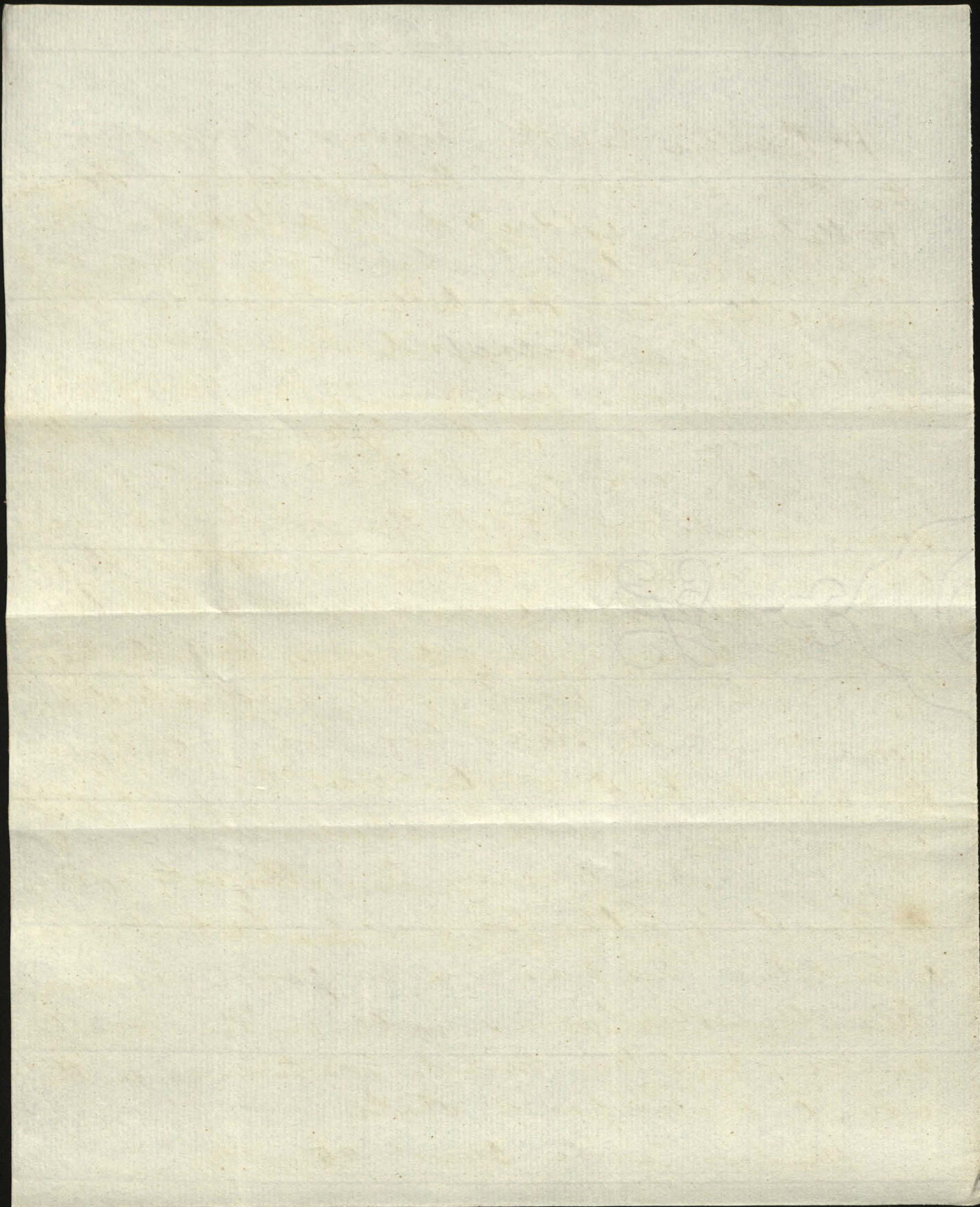


April 26. 1812 me0116/3/233

Fr Baillie has the honour of informing  
the Prince. Regent, that yesterday Forenoon  
Fr Heberden address'd His Majesty - The  
conversation lasted about an hour, and  
was altogether of a better character than  
has often been witness'd. Still however  
there was some mixture of His distemper'd  
notions in it - In the afternoon His Ma-  
jesty talk'd a good deal, and with  
some irritation, and the irritation was  
eas'd in the evening - When the  
hour of rest was announced to His Ma-  
jesty he became very angry, but he made  
no resistance and was address'd as  
usual - He slept two hours only in  
the night, and while awake, talk'd  
a good deal with considerable excite-  
ment - This morning His Majesty is still  
dispos'd to talk too much, but it is in  
a milder manner & in good humour  
His Majesty looks well in the counte-  
nance, but his mind continues in the  
usual distemper'd state -

Windsor Castle April 26 - 1812







April 27. 1812 M6016/3/234

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness The Prince Regent that His Majesty yesterday in the forenoon slept about an hour, and in the evening five hours and an half at once - while awake he spoke more than he had done the two preceding days, was very irritable at dinner, but ate His dinner well.

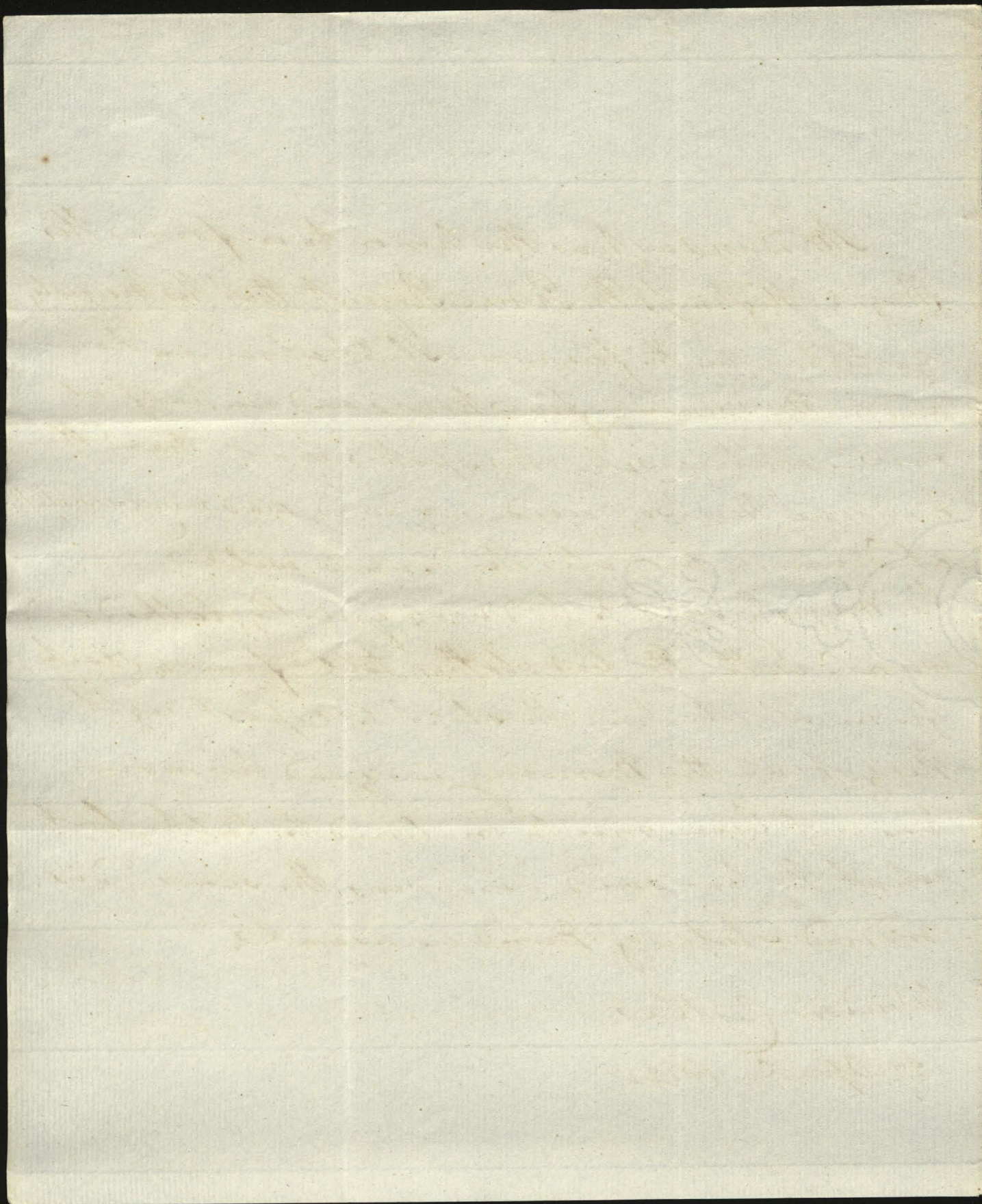
His Majesty went to bed very quietly, talked and worked with the bed clothes till five o'clock, from which time he slept till past eight.

He got up this morning in good humor, has not been much inclined to talk, but what he has said discovers the same disordered state of mind as usual.

Windsor Castle.

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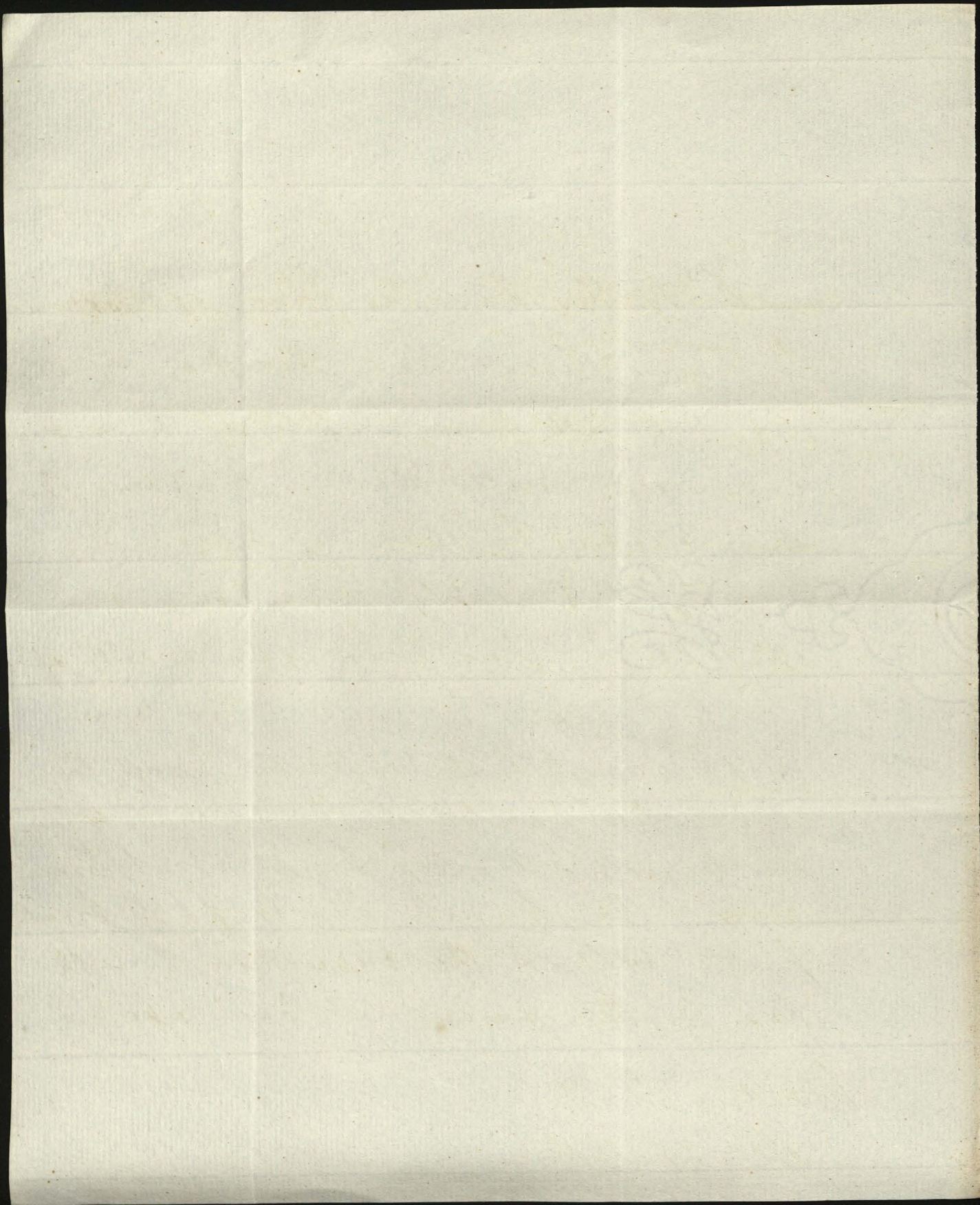
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D<sup>r</sup>. Willis has the honor of informing  
The Prince Regent that His Majesty was  
disposed to talk through yesterday in a very  
disordered & excited manner excepting the  
time occupied by sleep of which His  
Majesty had nearly seven hours and  
after dinner five hours and a half of  
it took place at once. The same  
disposition to talk continued through the  
night till five o'clock this morning when  
His Majesty fell asleep & slept about three  
hours. His Majesty has dined & break-  
-fasted well & the disposition to talk  
has for the present at least abated.

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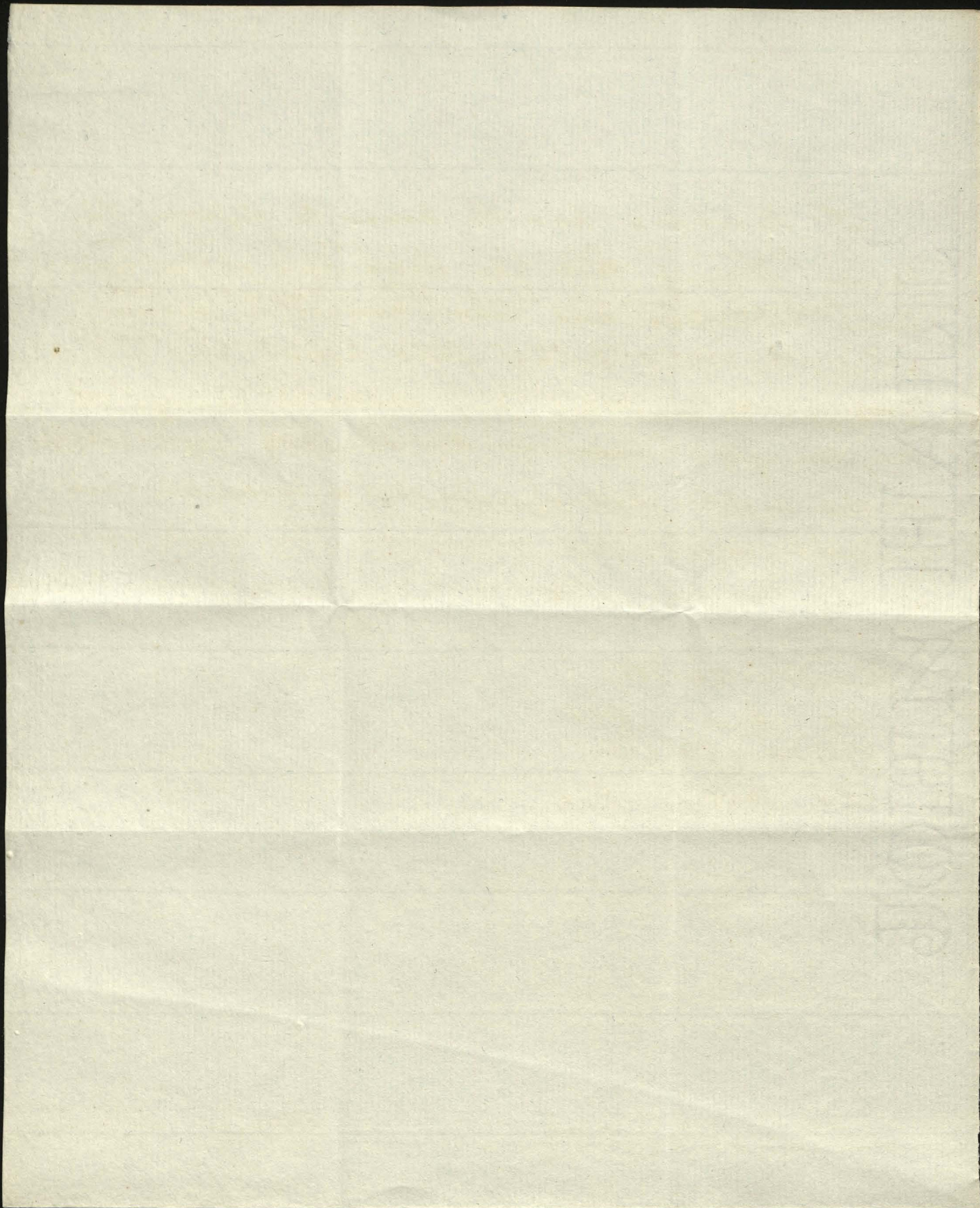
April 28, 1812 M2016/3/236

Dr Herberden has the honor to inform  
The Prince Regent that His Majesty has  
continued generally in a very tranquil state  
throughout the last twenty four hours. His  
Majesty got between four and five hours sleep  
in the night, and appears to be composed and  
good humoured this morning. The mind still  
retains the same character of disorder, as before.

Windsor Castle

28 April 1812







April 29. 1812 meo/16/3/237

I Herbolden has the honor to inform The Prince Regent, that The King has rather been more talkative, and more hurried in manner, during the last twenty four hours; but not in a degree to constitute any material change in His Majesty's disorder. His Majesty slept between three and four hours and pass'd upon the whole a good night.

Windsor castle

29 April 1812



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April 30. 1812 M6016/3/238

Sir

Excepting an hour and a quarter, during which the King slept after his dinner yesterday, His Majesty talked incessantly throughout the day. His conversation was held in good humour generally, but often under considerable excitement, and tho' His Majesty has slept about three hours and a half in the night, the same disposition to talk without intermission continues. The King has slept well, and is now breakfasting heartily, and looks well in the face, tho' perhaps somewhat heated.

His Majesty has taken some Emetic Tartar.

I am, Sir, most respectfully Yours



Royal Highness; Justitia Secunda

Henry Balfour

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1812