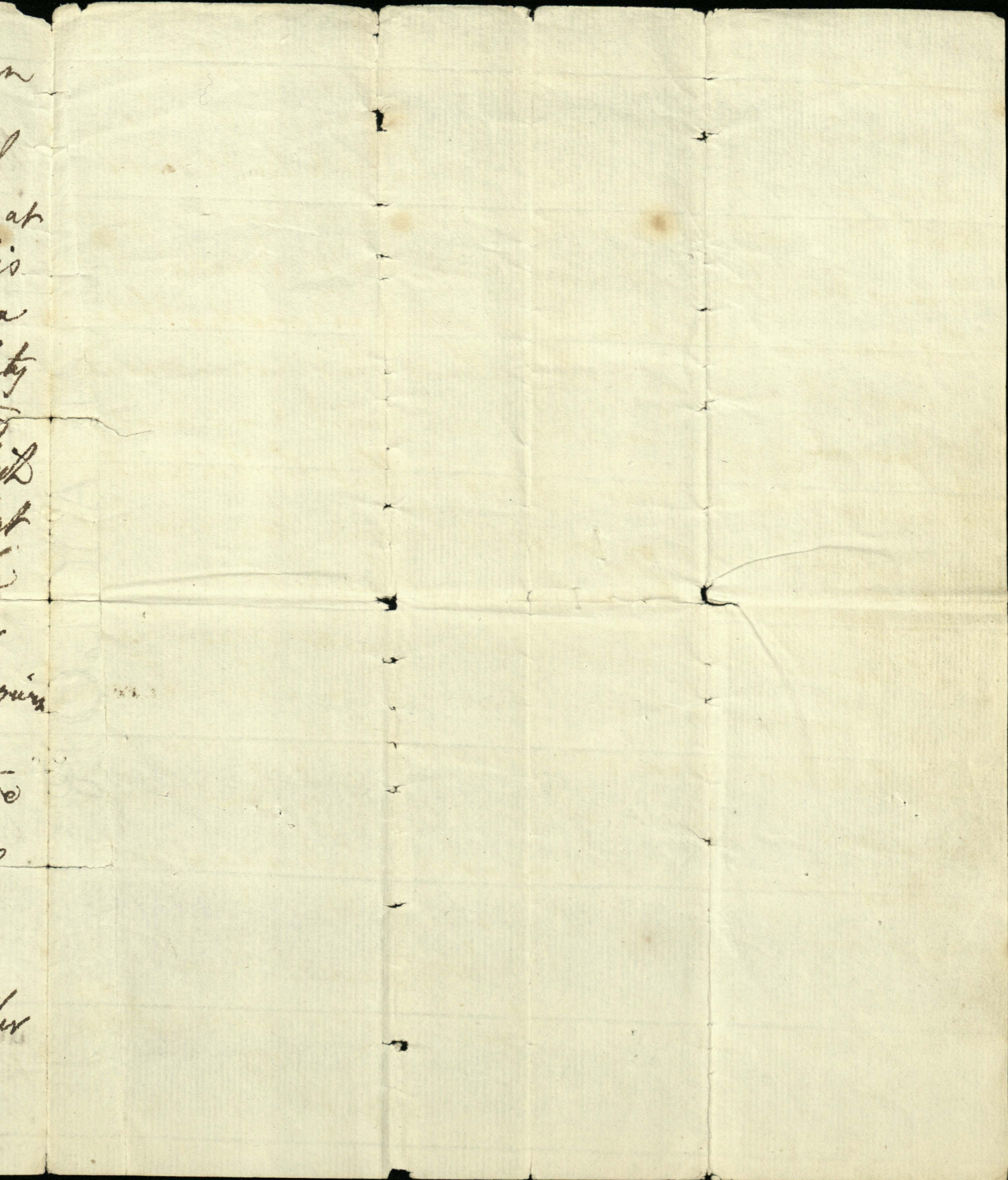


My Dear William, By your letter of the 2^d of last month I see by the good management of Major General de Bude'le has been able to assist you in discharging some debts you have made; I cannot too strongly set before your eyes that if you permit yourself to indulge every foolish idea you must be wretched all your life; for with thirteen children I cannot with the greatest care make both ends meet and am not in a situation to be paying their debts if the contrary, and to any one that has either the sentiments of common honesty or delicacy without the nice feelings which every gentleman ought to possess, the situation of not paying what is due is a very unpleasant sensation. In you I fear that vanity which has been too predominant in your character has occasioned this; but I hope for the future you will be wiser. I cannot conclude without saying that I wish you had profited as much by my sending you to Hanover as Frederick has the commendation of ~~himself~~ all Ranks of People in ~~Germany~~ his civility and propriety are remarked by all that come from thence; but I am sorry to say your manners are still compared as I too well saw when you returned from America to the frequenters of the proscenium, and your love of improper company particularly

particularly of some ill behaved Englishmen that have been
at Hanover. This intelligence does not come from any that
attend you and therefore I have not liked to write that I
know this; but you may easily believe nothing can pass at
Hanover that I am not acquainted with; I mention this
that you may reflect on your conduct and consider that a
Prince is to be an example to others, that by the propriety
of your conduct I can alone with justice to my Country
advance you in your profession that the civility which
was natural in a Boy must ill become you now that
when you return to see you must be the Prince, the
Gentleman and the Officer which requires ideas I fear
as yet you have not turned your mind to. I have been giving
you the advice of an affectionate Father it is not by
promises I am to be held, I shall by your future
conduct watch whether my advice takes any real
effect and then you will ever find me

My Dear William
Your most affectionate Father
George II.



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