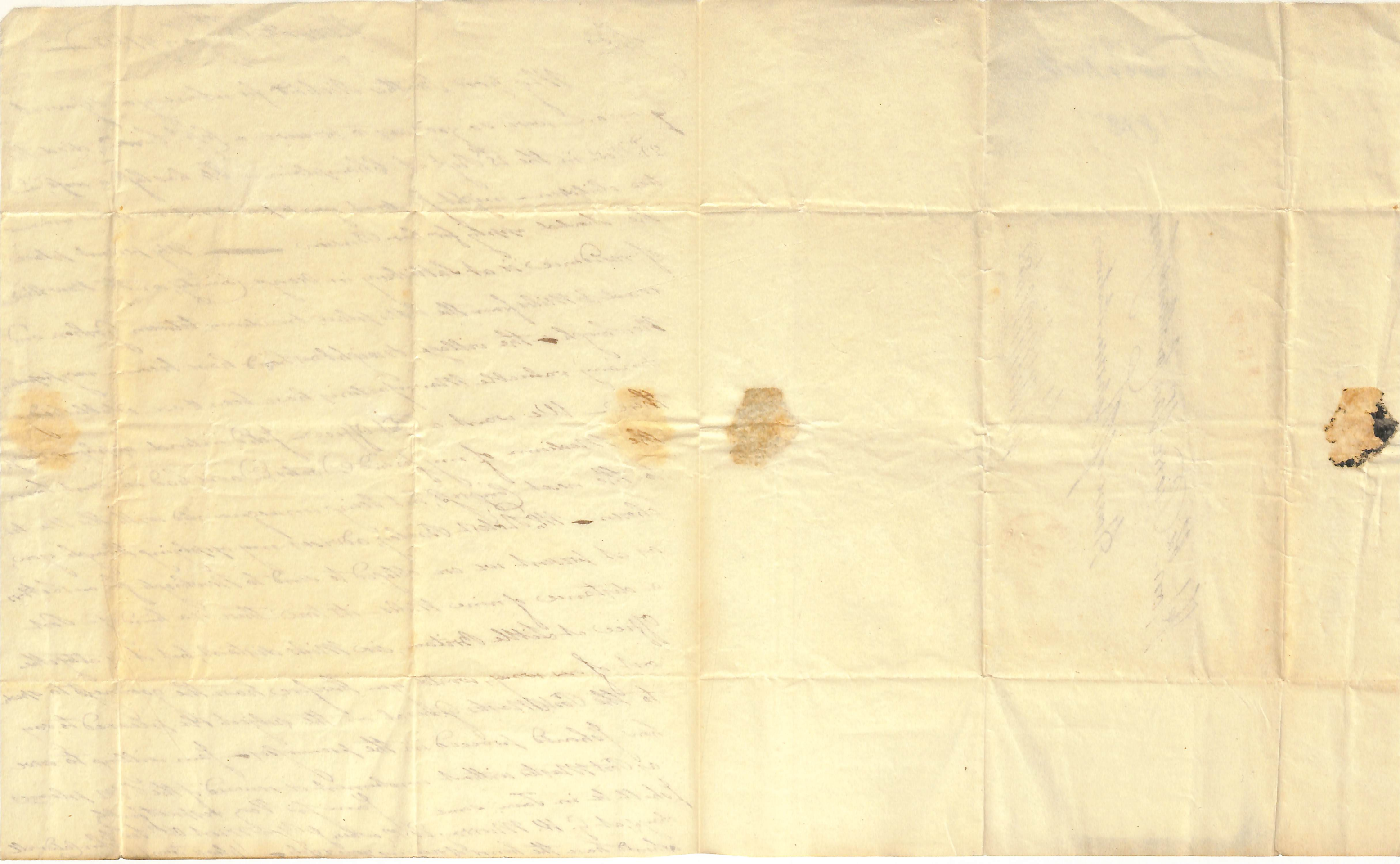


John

Nov 15. Jan 1813

My dear Brother Richard for whom you & General  
Gurnan were so good as to procure a Capt Gurnan, died the  
22. Nov. in the 25. Regt of Champlain - He has left a wife and  
two children - might I intrust you to point out in what manner  
she should apply for her Pension - My present place  
of residence is at Salisbury in Orange County, on the New Windsor  
road, 6 Miles from the latter place midway between Goshen and  
Newburgh - the village & neighbourhood have become very populous  
many valuable Manufactories have been & are establishing  
there - We want a Post Office - I did intend applying through  
the Medium of my friend Doctor Davis, had we sent him  
to the next Congress, but being unacquainted with the Members  
chosen - Mr Robert Bailey, advises my applying through you,  
as at present we are obliged to send to Newburgh for our Letters  
a distance of nine Miles - its true - there is a kind of a Post  
Office at Little Britain, six Miles distant, but it is altogether  
out of our way, would you therefore have the goodness to speak  
to the Post Master General on the subject & be pleased to say  
how I should proceed in the premises - I am willing to serve  
as Post Master without emolument or reward, if the P. M. please  
I shall be in Town some days, I am very respectfully  
Yours at G. W. Murray Esq. where I have most Obedt Servt  
should have the honor of receiving your reply - (please turn) John Caldwell



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