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Sunny side May 16 1859

My dear Sir,

The handball of Columbus in
quest of which my house, as I thought,
had been completely ransacked, but in
vain, was found this morning, acci-
dentally, when no search was made.
Lying perdu in the corner of a shelf
of books in the bed room of one of my
nieces.

I now forward it to you by express,
begging you to pardon its unintentional
detention, which I assure you has caused
me infinite chagrin and mortification.

With high respect

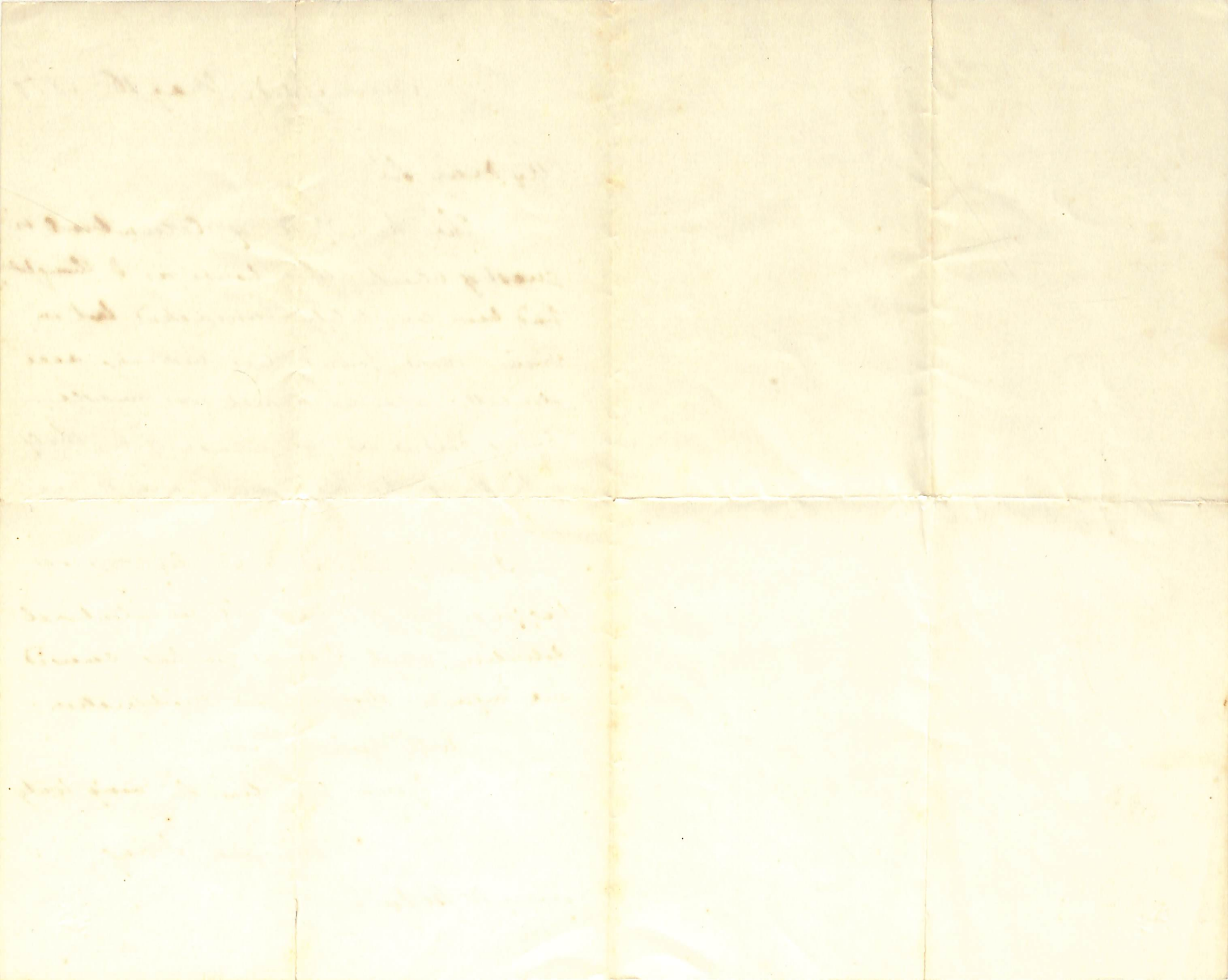
Yours, my dear Sir, very truly



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