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Oct 25th 61.

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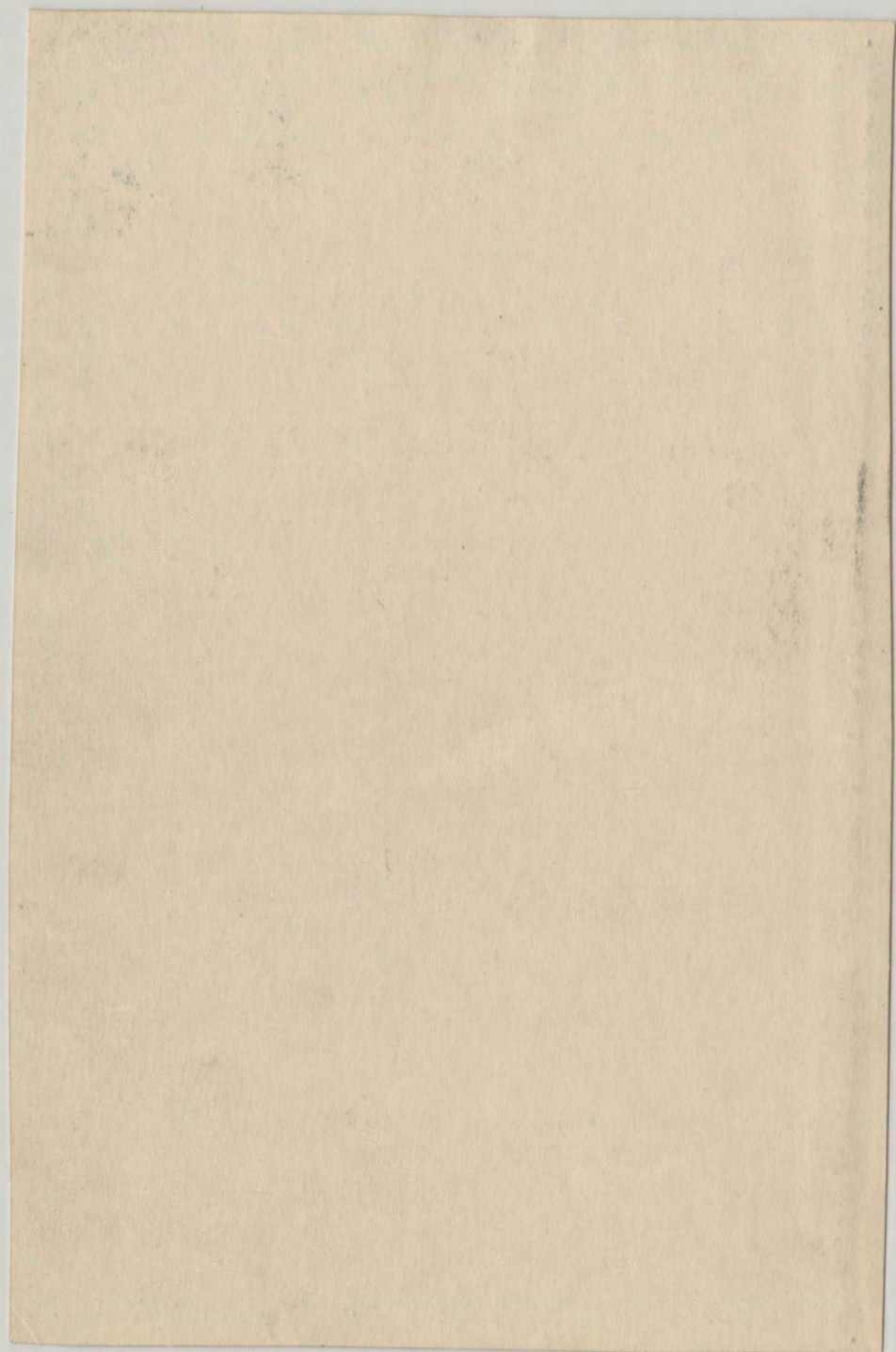
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of more than ordinary gratitude,
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a note, expressive of my thanks
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time, when your powerful in-
fluence would be sensibly felt.
In the hour of peace, the kind
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acceptable, how much more so,
when a "man's foes, are those

of their own household", when
treason and rebellion, threaten
our beloved land, our freedom &
rights are invaded and every
Sacred right, is trampled upon!
Clouds and darkness surround
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Very respectfully
Mary Lincoln

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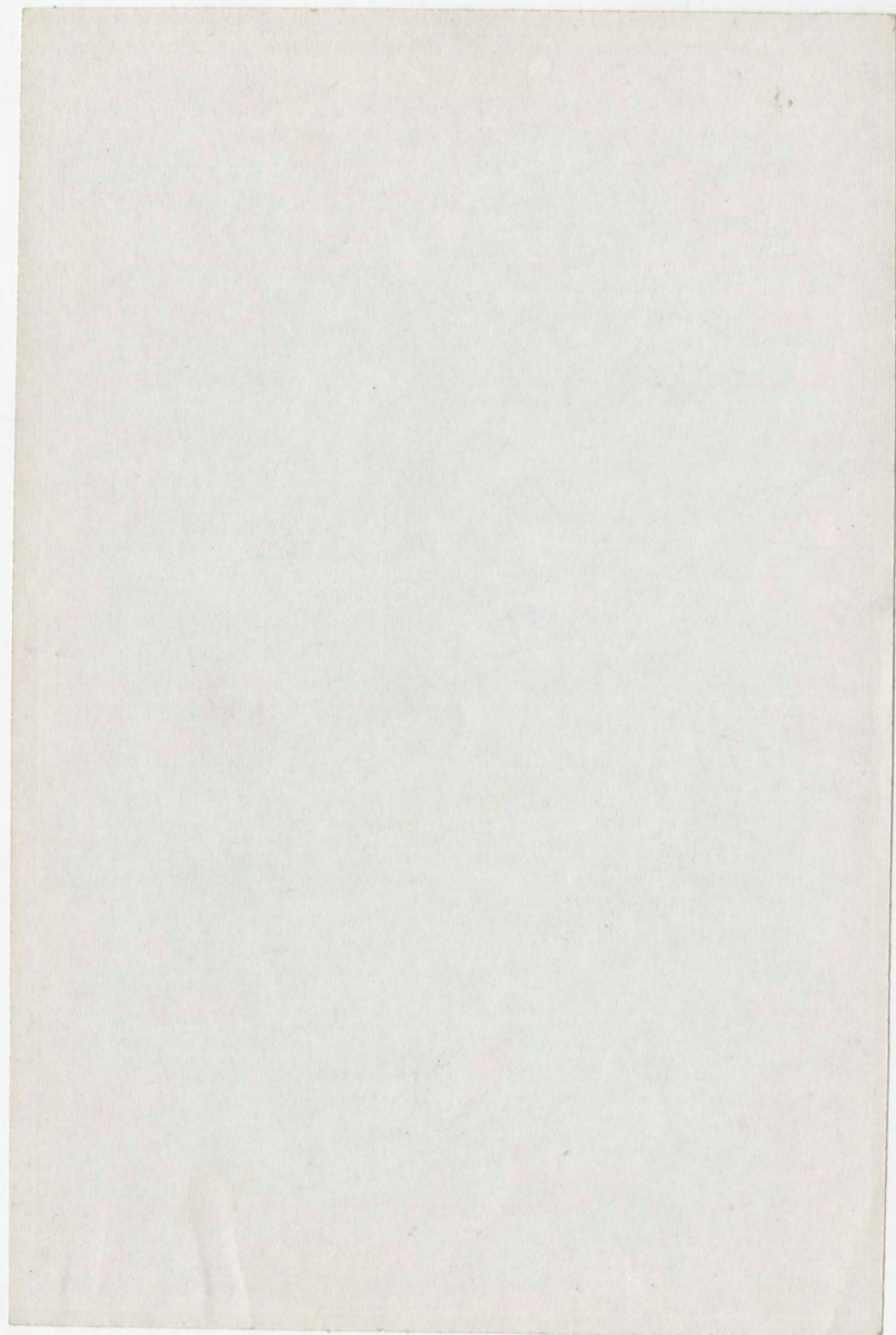


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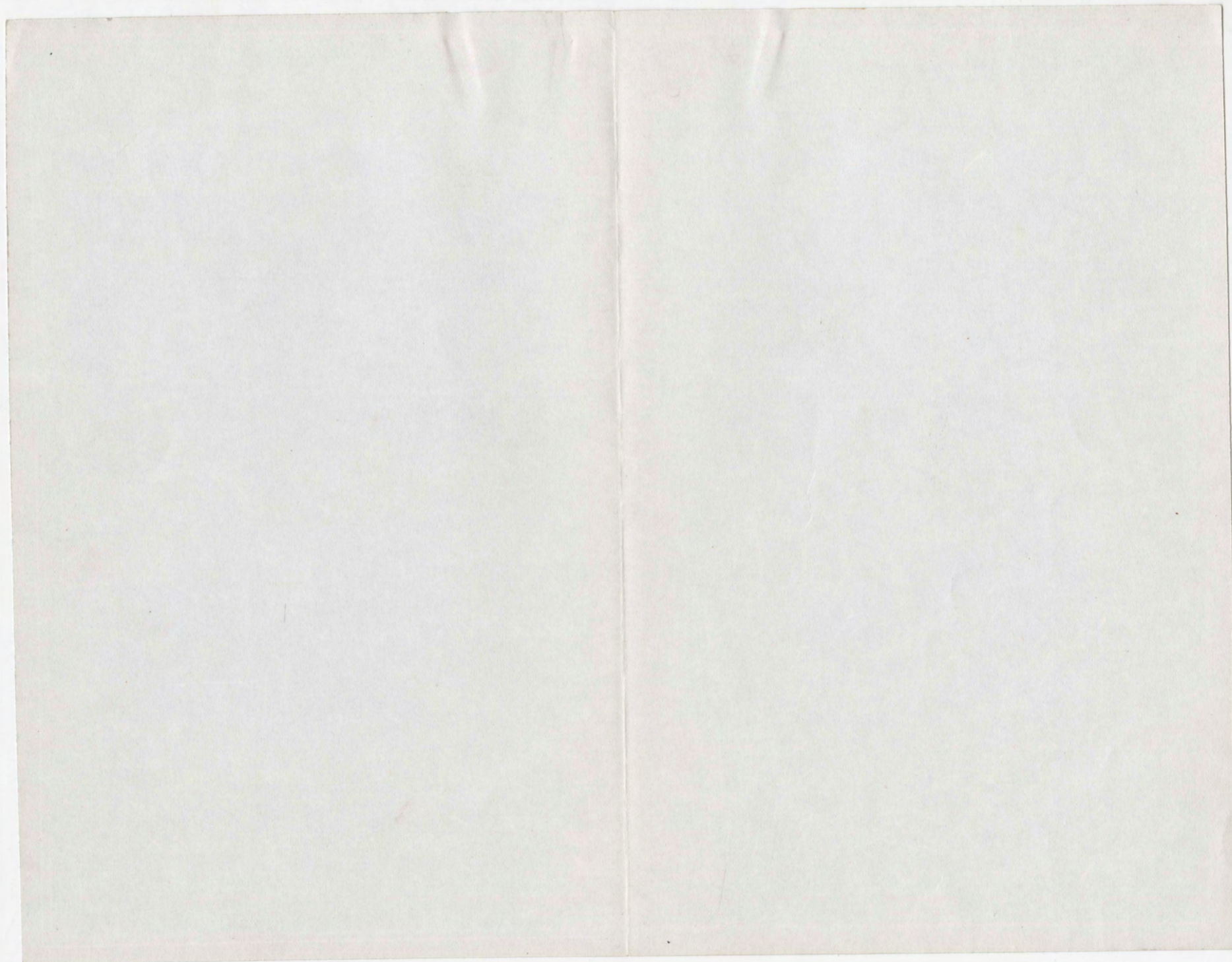
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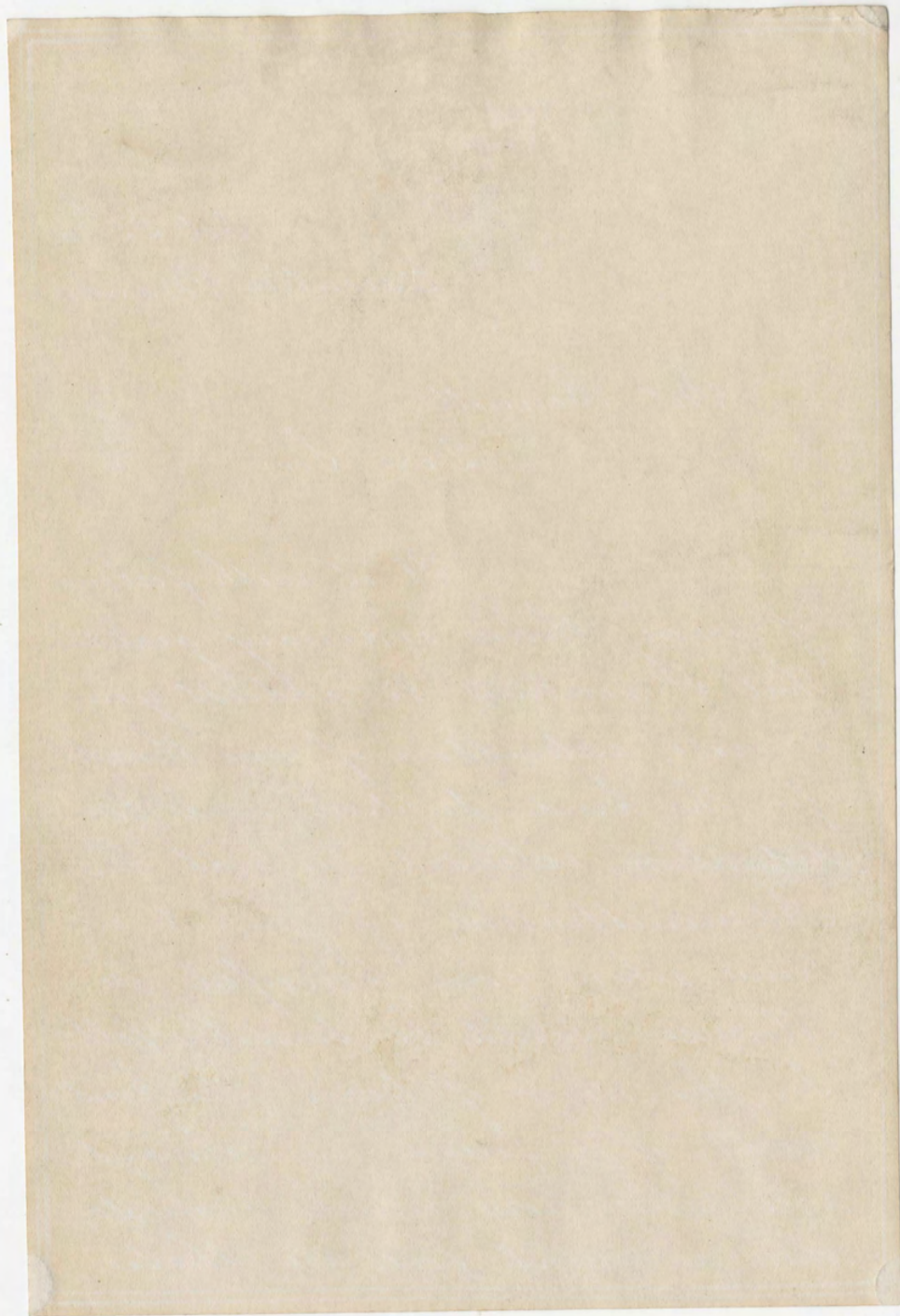


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