

Coles County Ill Decr 7th 1848

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Hon. A. Lincoln, M.C.
Washington City,
D.C.

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From his father
& step Brother



LINCOLN'S FATHER AND STEP-BROTHER
REQUEST MONEY. HE FAVORS HIS
FATHER BUT TO THE BROTHER OFFERS
TO MATCH HIS EARNINGS FOR THE
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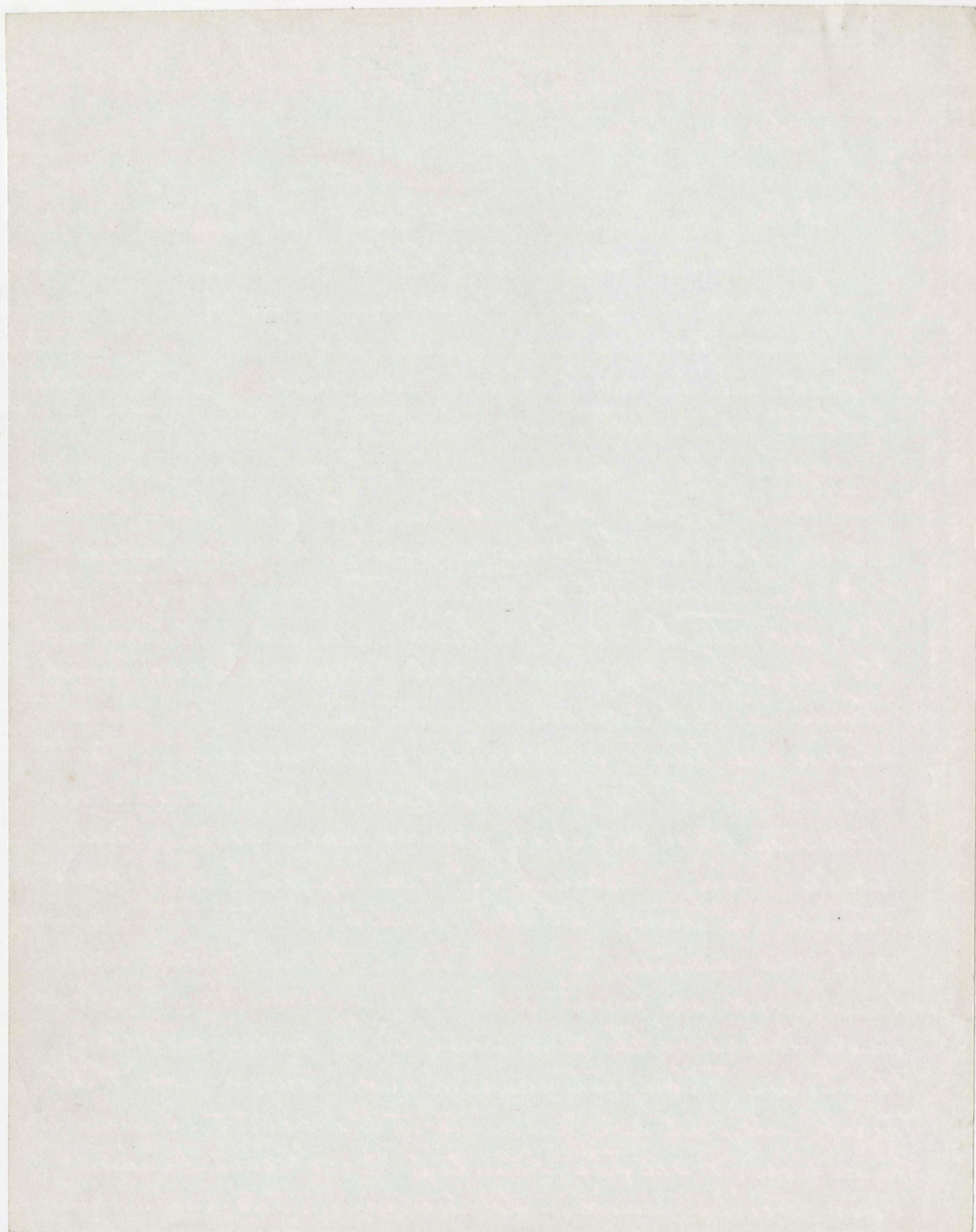


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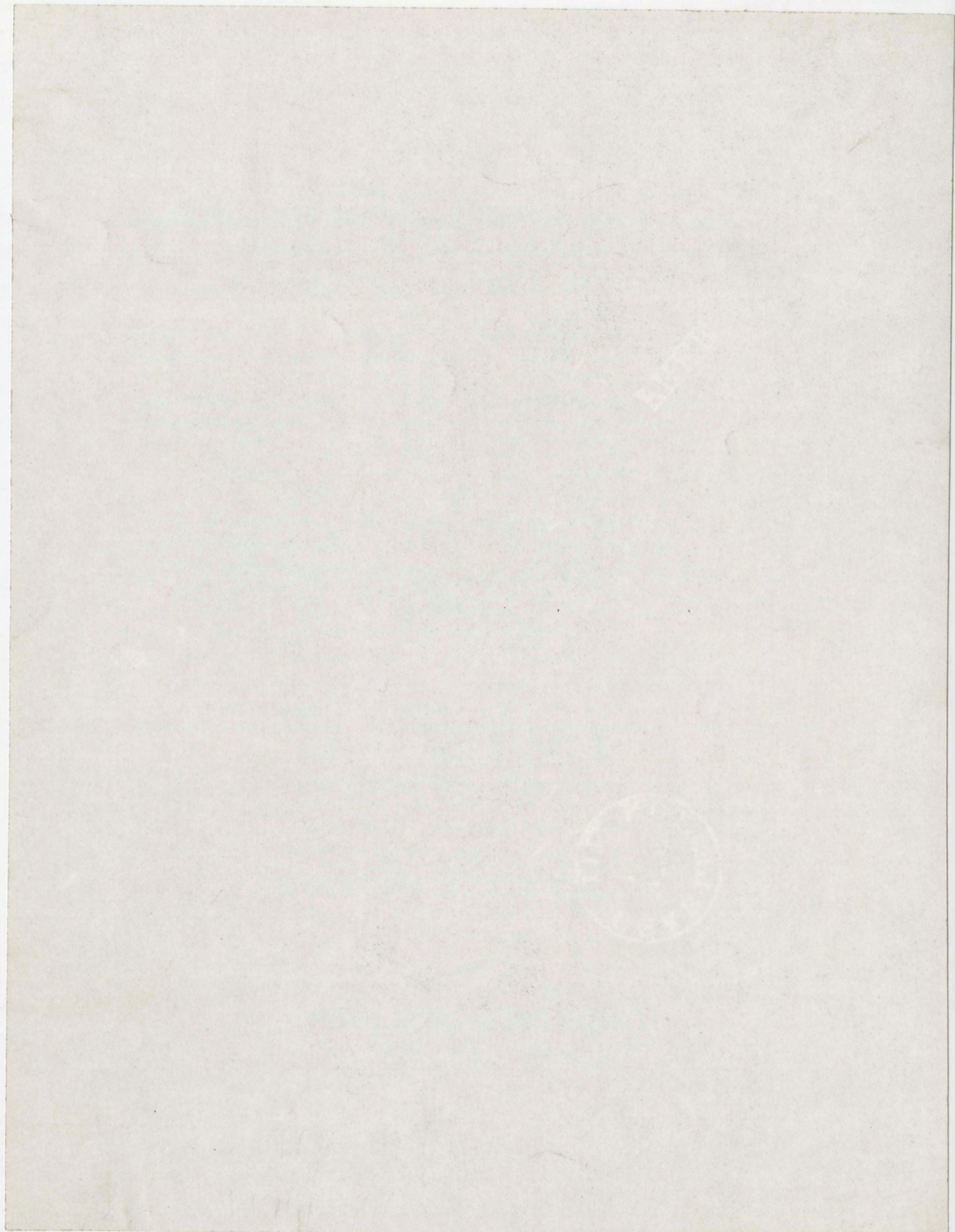


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By John W. Callahan D. C.

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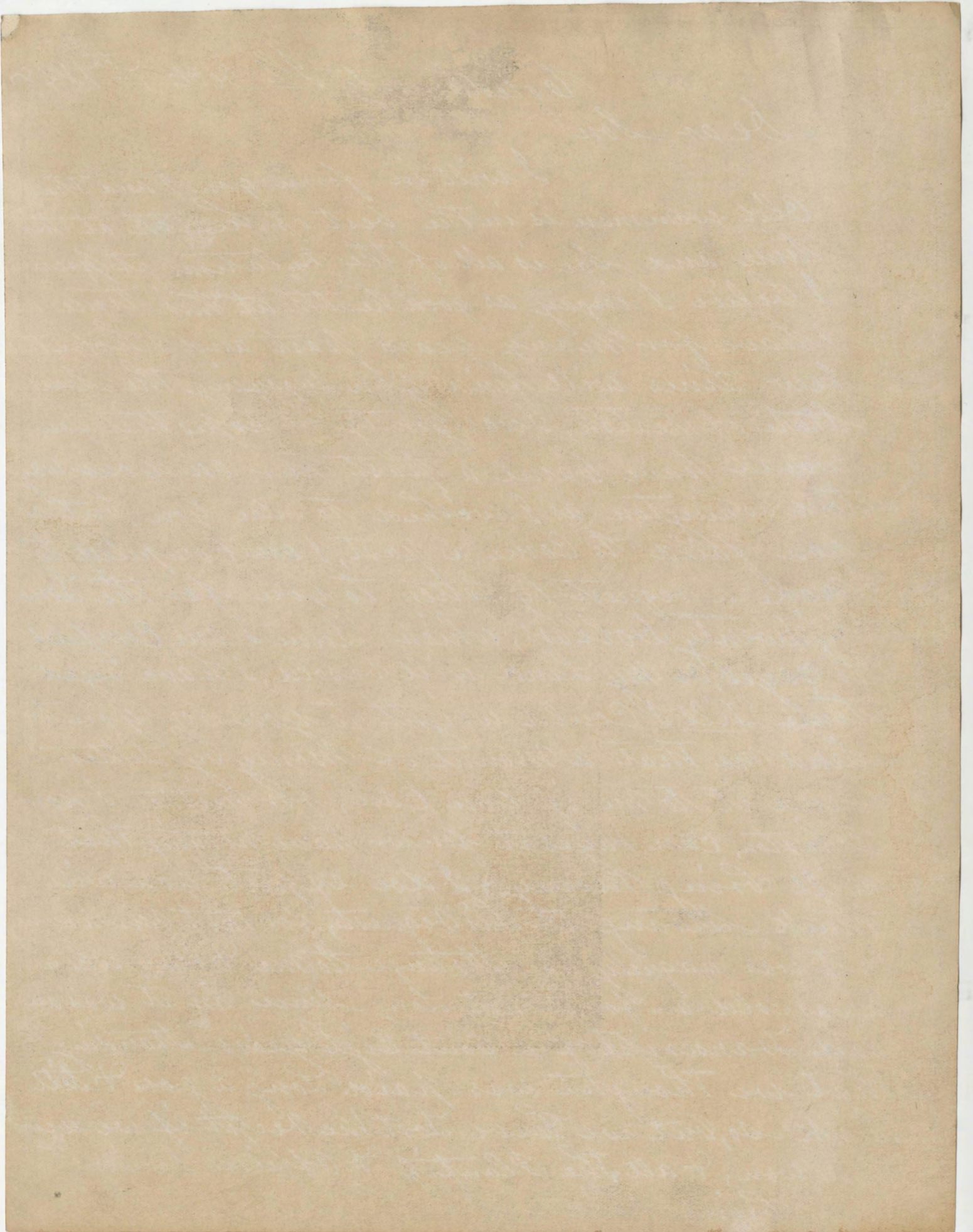
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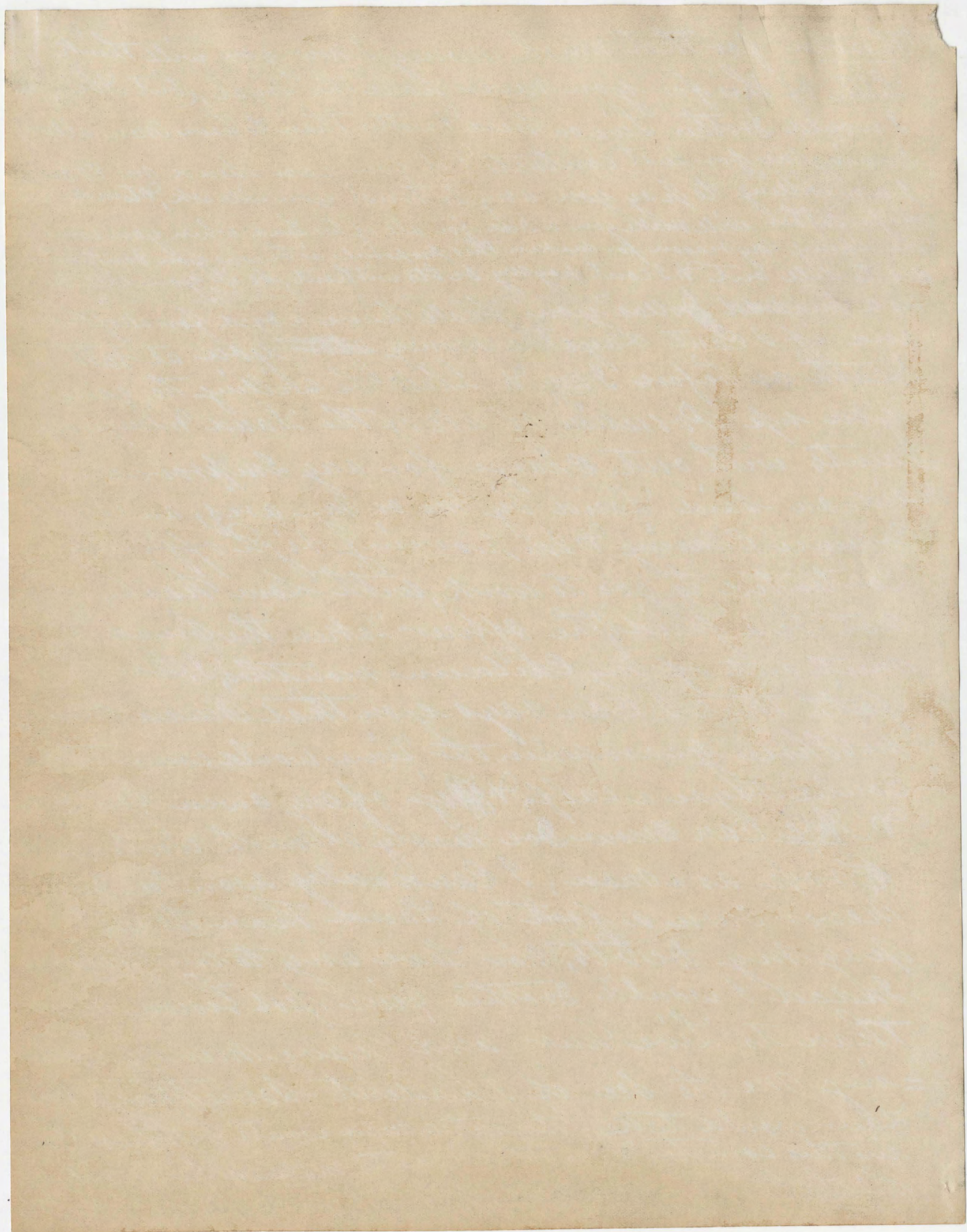
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From W. A. Winckler, M.D.

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to Dr.

Dr. J. M. W. W. W. W. W.

