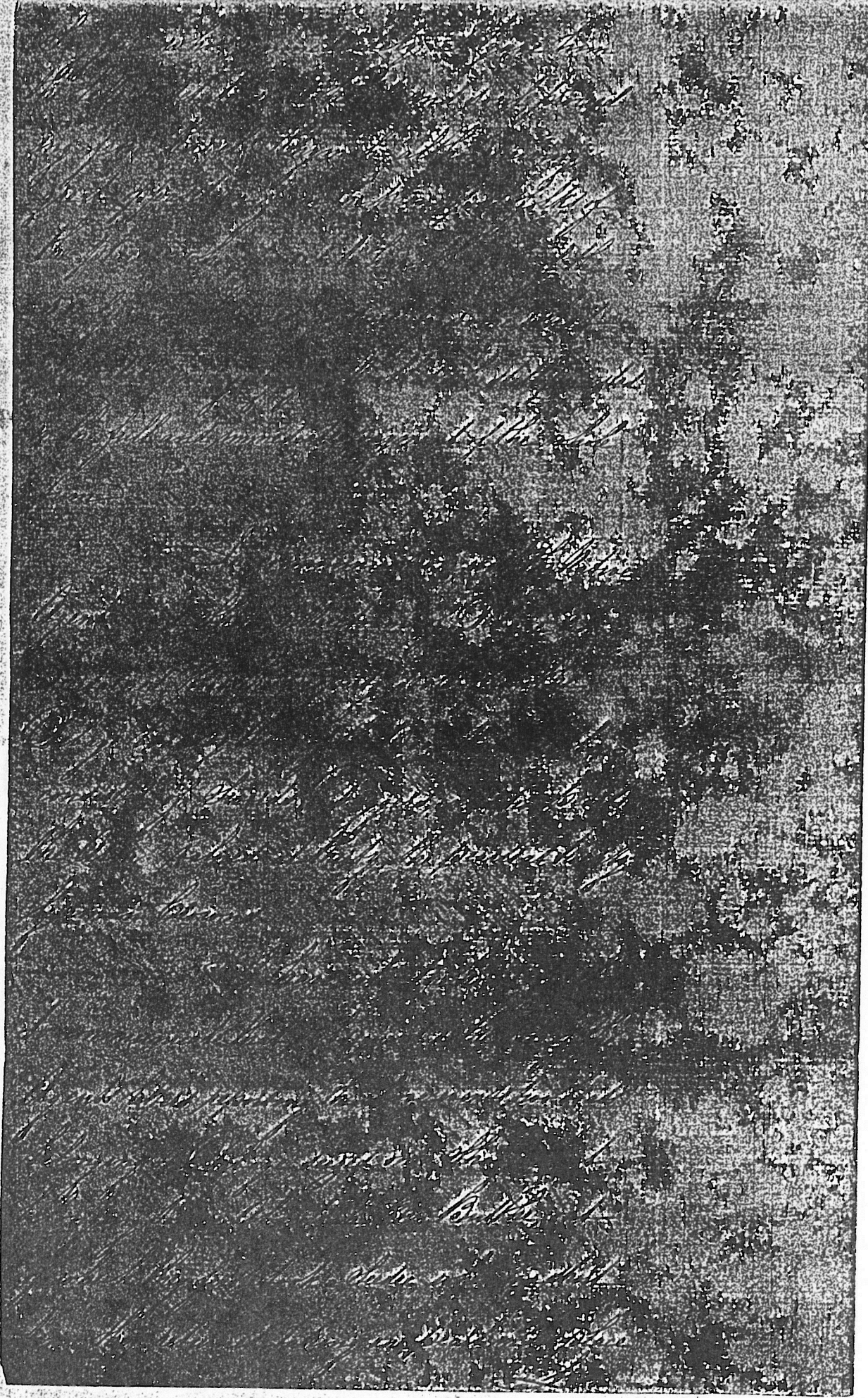


I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,
 J. M. [Name]

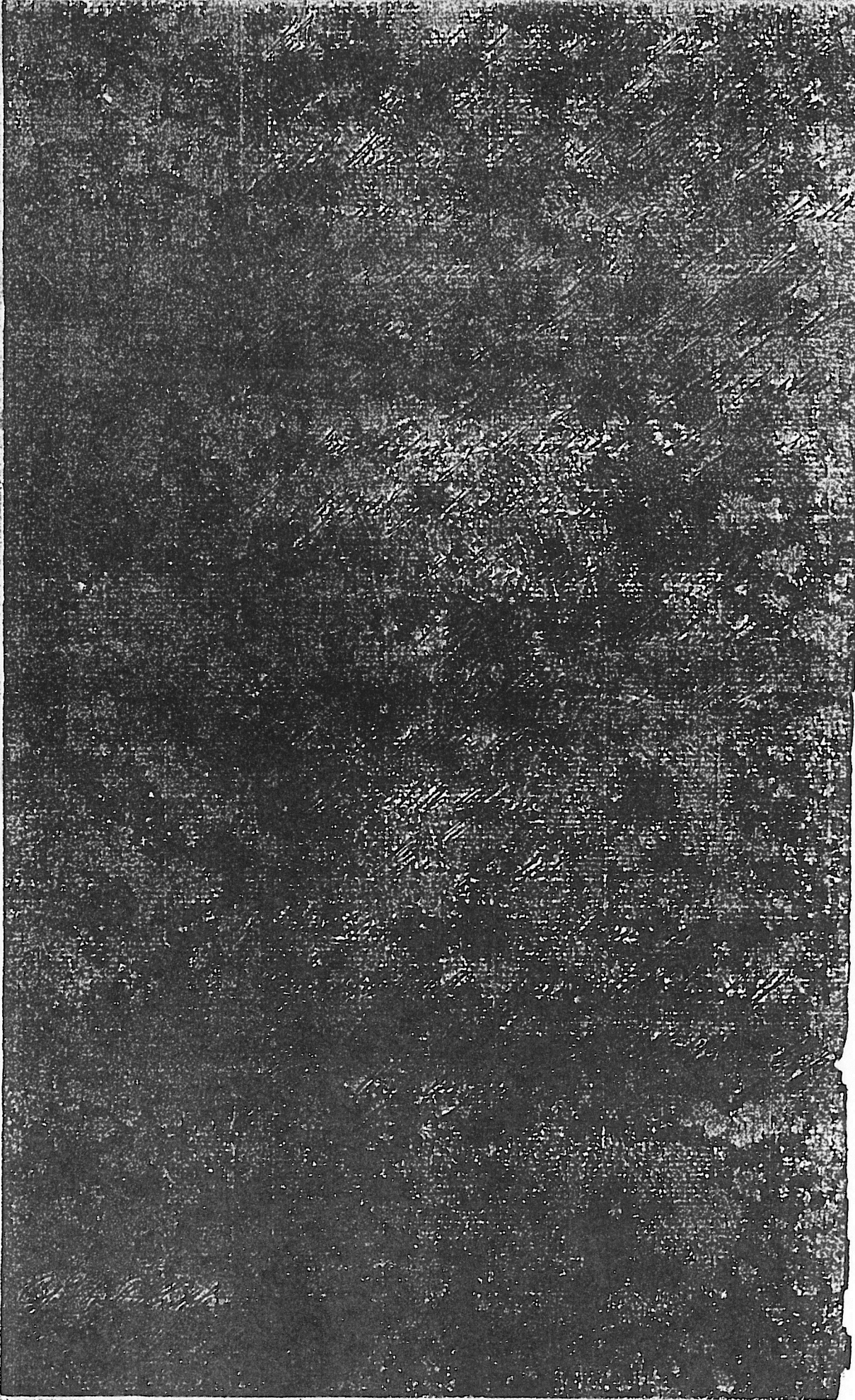
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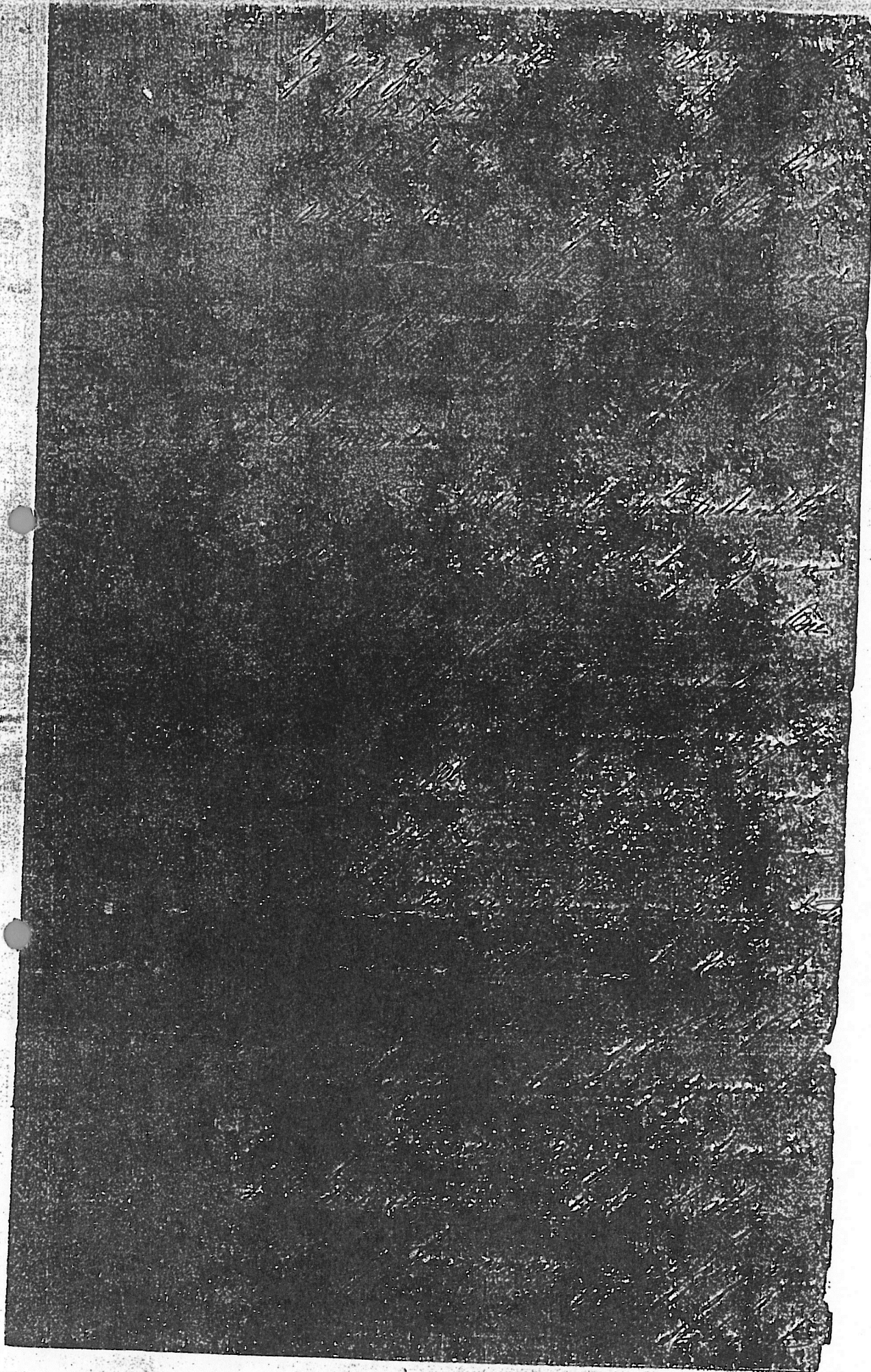
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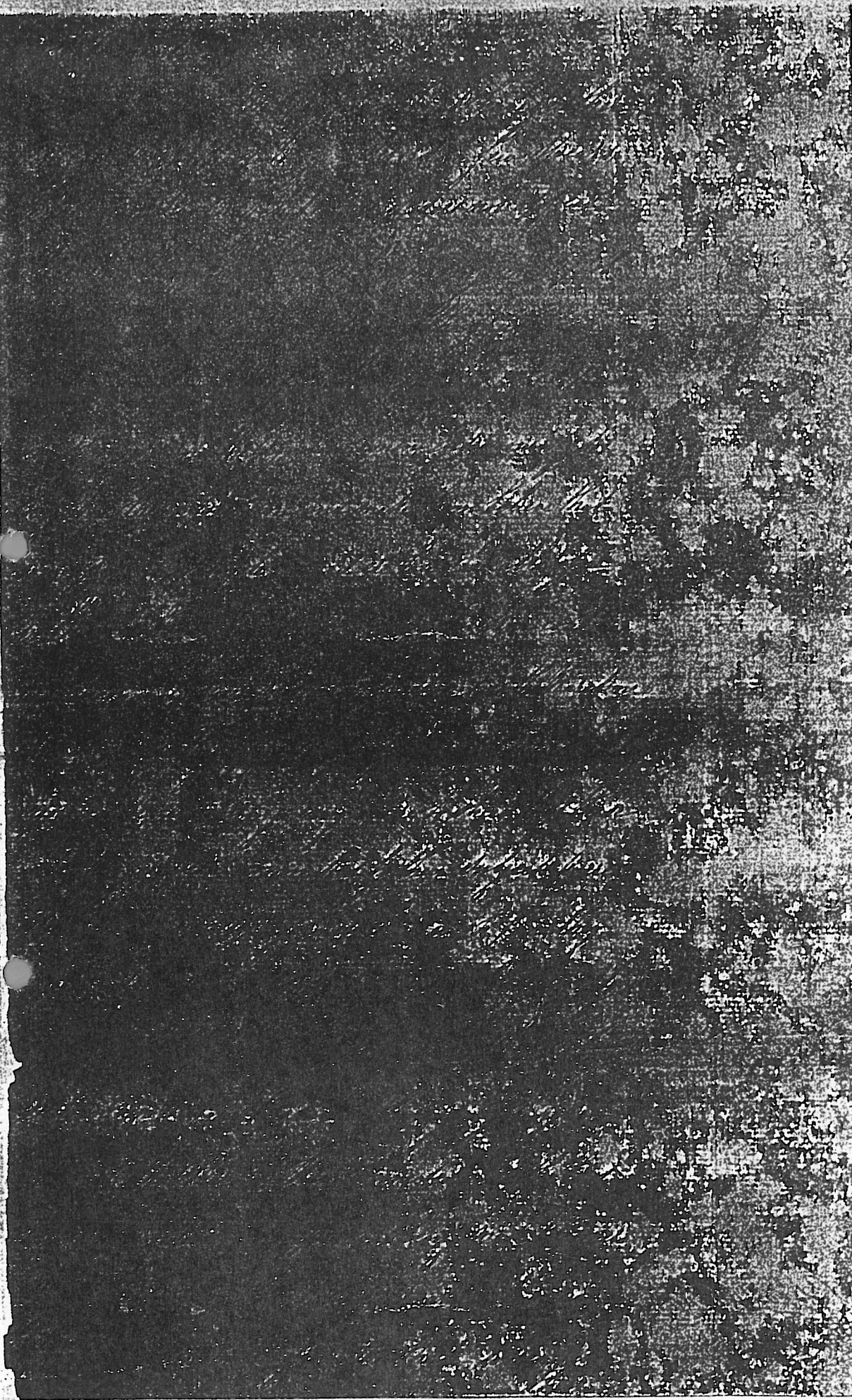
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From

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Acting Resident Persian Gulf

To

Commodore H. Etheridge, U.S.

Commanding Indian Naval Squadron

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Bushire Roads

Residence in the Persian Gulf

Perth, 20th April 1856

Sir,

I have had under consideration your letter of yesterday's date and concur generally in the views which you have suggested for adoption against the *al ali* as noted in the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs.

To ensure therefore the best success which our means will admit of I have the honor to inform you of my intention to proceed to Bahrein soon about the 1st proximo, requesting at the same time you will issue such instructions conformable with the Regulations of the service, as may be necessary to the reception of myself and suite in one of the vessels of the squadron.

At that place I shall endeavor to persuade the *al ali* through the Sheikh of Omman to vacate their position there, hoping

to derive much support from the mere presence of the other two vessels under your command in the immediate neighbourhood should, however, be planned in this respect more about, as a fixed time having elapsed, I shall join you at your anchorage, and ultimate measures can then be determined upon the spot.

Your report of the state of the "Sennar" has caused me some uneasiness, considering the various demands I have before enumerated for the services of the squadron during the summer. There is no question however as to the necessity of strict vigilance on the part of the troops to prevent their joining the rebels and consequent disorder, nor of the importance of not relaxing in our efforts to subdue slavery in these tracts, to effect the blotting of the State, then were it needed would be impracticable and yet to leave them lurking with the disaffected elements of Senegal in his retreat a new Calicut is not the less a source of anxiety at a time when the Arabs may be expected to take advantage of our inability to move for long intervals from Bichire. But the necessity for the "Sennar" returning to Pombay cannot be urged under the conditions set forth in your report, and I reluctantly agree