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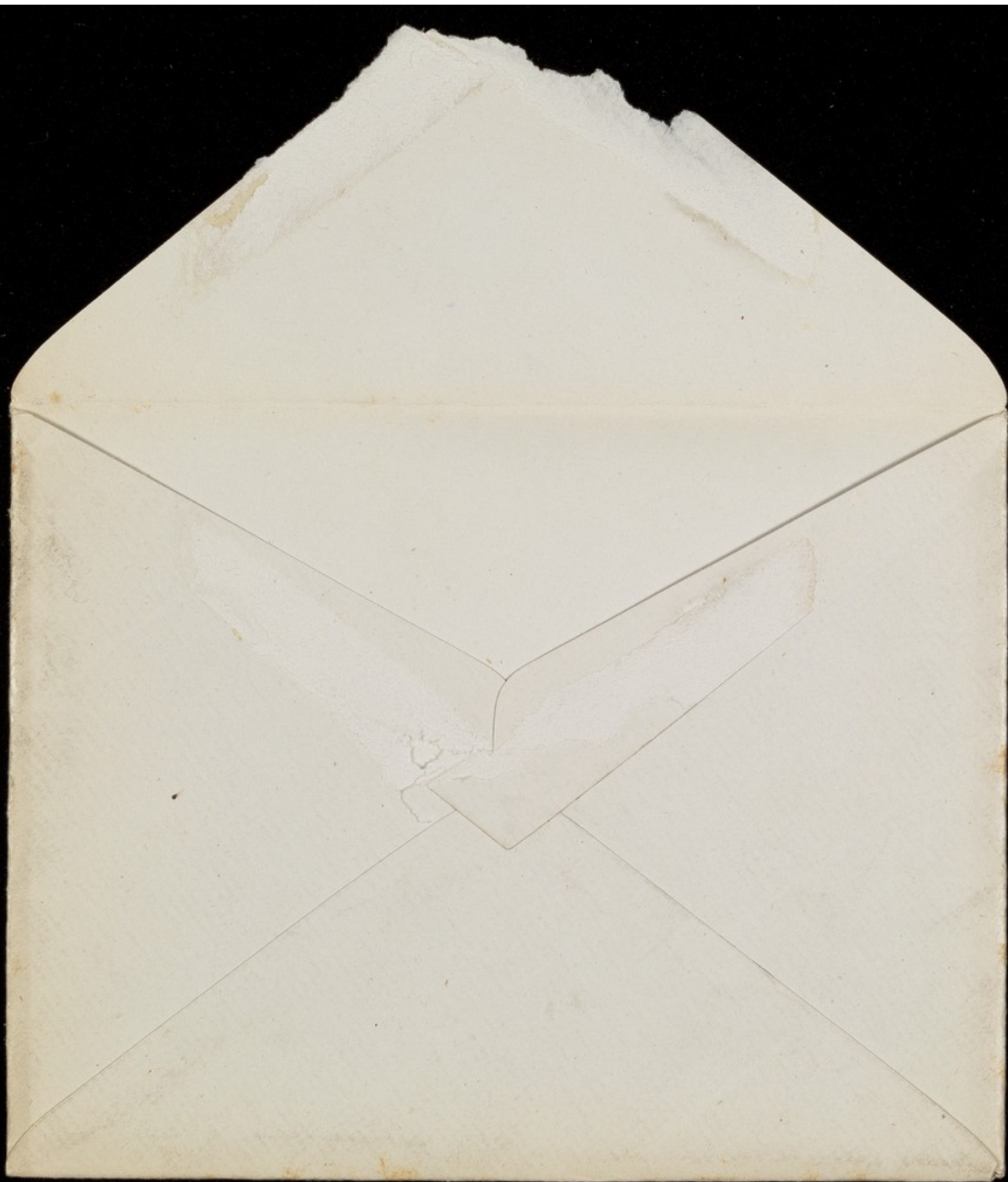


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Mr John Lindley

South Parade.

Doncaster



Aug 24 / 85

York Castle or so

Dear Johnny

This is a strange
queer place, we have had
strange larks, sometimes
I lose, but much oftener win.
I was rather dull the first day
or two, we had Bull baiting
on Sunday morning about
10, at all events there was
a terrific Roar

It appears that a Lion
attacked a friend of
mine, who seized the
beggar with a vice like
grip, and held him, so
that he only bit & mauled
himself, I did not turn
out to see the fun, I
was in a safe place.
during the greater part
of the day, there was
painting, singing in

great variety, a Gent
from Leeds, sang my
pretty Jane & other very
similar & to us all
very cheering things
one of our head gentlemen
presided at the Piano,
he is only short in stature,
he is a giant for loveli-
ness & kindness, & a
splendid Pianist.

We have had several
Fracases, I have come
out about scot free

When I leave here I should
like best to take a trip with
you, starting from here,
and a few weeks before
reaching home —

Attend well to all money
matters, I shall have cash
enough for a suitable out

Your loving Pa

Mr Royston
High St
Doncaster



The Friends Retreat
York

Aug 22 - 1885-

My dear Mr Royston

It appears that my
wife has put the Law
in motion against me,
I daresay declared me
to be a Madman

I wish you to take
notice from Monday next
not to supply to my
wife or to my house

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any Meat to
without my orders

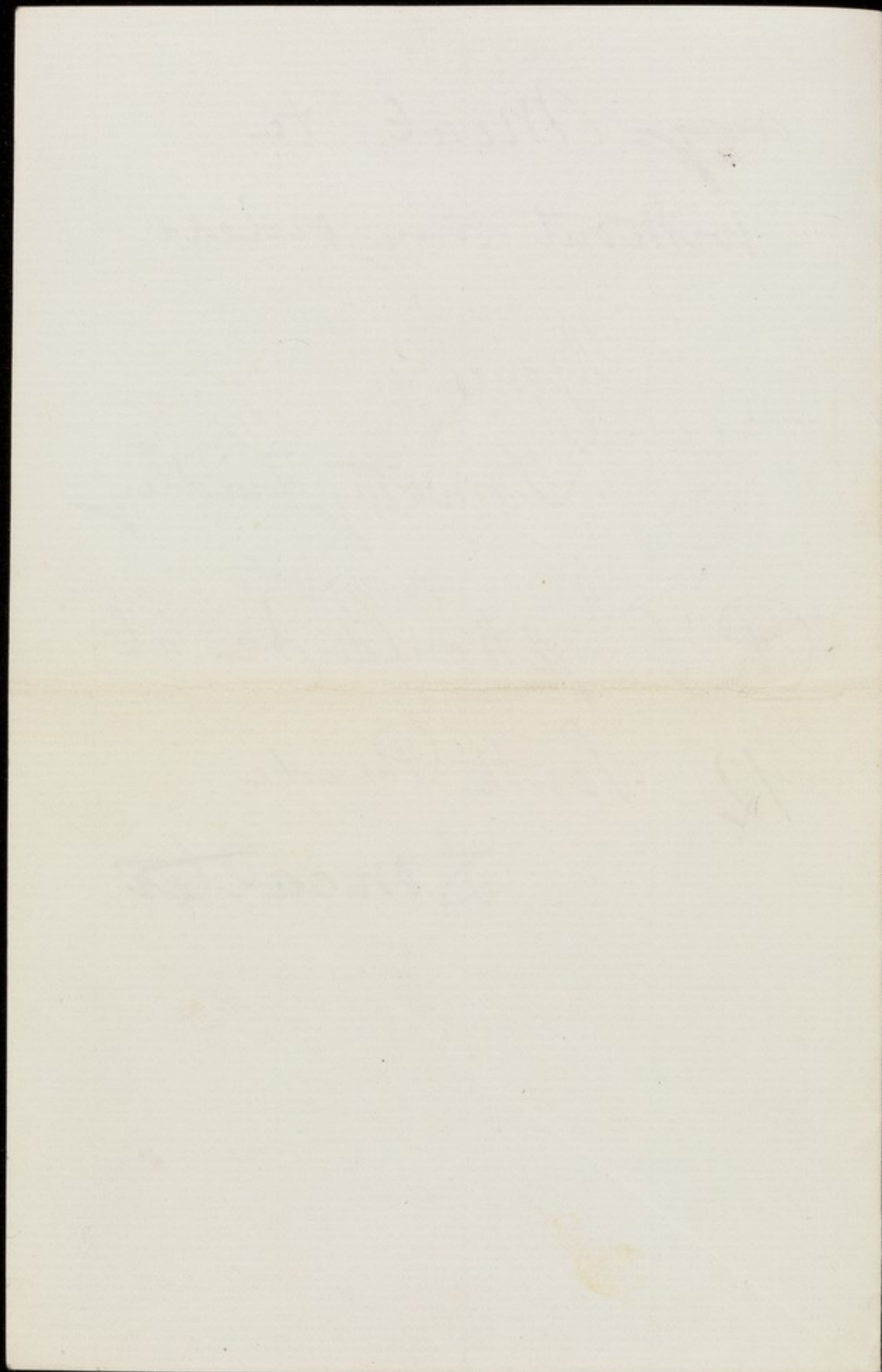
Yours

Timothy Lindley

P. S. I ^{or ought to} should be at

12 South Parade

Doncaster



Mr Walter

Draper

Cleveland St

Longaster



The Friends Retreat
York

My dear Friends,
Mr & Mrs

I am not sure whether
you know that I am in a
Quakers House of Confinement
for persons who may be supposed
to be insane, or not fit
to be at large,

I have not so very much
to grumble at in regard
to care, food and attention
paid to me here, but
Cannot go where I like,

where I wish, I must
eat my dinner, breakfast,
or supper, when some
persons or persons agree
on, I must go to bed,
and get up when orders
are given, we have to
obey whether we will
or no, my John could
not see me to day
although, he came
along with me on Friday
last, and I should not

Think that when we
started from Doncaster
he did not know that
I was going to be taken
to the Friends Asylum.

When we arrived at
York Station he
was informed to proceed
to his Place of Business.

I was conveyed to the Asylum.

I should ^{think} ~~think~~ he was as much
astounded, as I was.

X. I ^{can} ~~could~~ not remember your name

although I've
trying for an
hour

Yours
Very truly
J. Lindley

Mrs Sister

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Mr. J. Lindley

Lowchester



The Friends Retreat
York
Susan Kate

You may read
the other Letter

I then convey it the
Doncaster Reporter
office I should ^{think} you
will easily find my
Wife's sister's Husband, but

(Cannot at the present
he is Manager of the Paper
& come originally from ^{Schworth}

Think I understand
but I think because from

Remember his name.
I want you & him or
any of his family
to find out if you all
can, whether either

my wife or my
eldest daughter
have had any hand
in my getting housed
here, or if any can
be found who knows.

I want Mrs. Watter

to see as many ~~of~~ people
as she can, and
ascertain any
report about, or
anything concerning
my present whereabouts
Mr Johnson Builder might
be a likely place, Mr
Green ^{Hall Gate} shoe maker might
be a likely place,
Mr Peniston Senior
Shaper might be a
likely place. Mrs Gillatt

in that road, where
Hastling lives, it
is somewhere at the
^{back} of Brophorne Lane
House, in the Row
next adjoining
perhaps the 5th or up
to 9th or 10th if they
number from the
Wheatley Road
on this side of King
st or Queen st as it
may happen to be

Y^{rs} J. Lindley

W. E. Shirley Esq

Town Clerk

Doncaster



The Friends Retreat
York

Sat Aug 22 / 65-

My dear Mr Shirley

It appears that my Wife
has put the Law into ~~Motion~~
against me & I have been land-
ed in this beautiful but
execrable Place, I might have
stated beautiful outside, but
very villainous in some of
its inner concerns, arrangements,
and conditions, very easy
to get inside, but to get
outside impregnable

Perhaps you would be kind
enough to inform H. P. Marsh
Esqr of Sheffield that his
rents, also yours were attended
to a week ago, & that my
son will attend to both
until my return.

I came here

I saw & spoke to Mr
Shirley on the Bank Holiday

In the night following
Bank Holiday, I was seized
with terrible Cramp & uttered
terrible cries, the whole of

both my thighs & both legs
were seized in a moment
I needed some assistance
& Doctoring, what did I
get, the people of the house
were frightened out of their
Wits if supposing they had
any, my two eldest daugh-
ters (I am not quite sure if
my wife was there or no)
were also frightened beyond
endurance, could be of
no possible help to me,
I should imagine they
retired to some more earthly

place.

I am told that my Wife
can keep me here ^{longer}, if she
likes, I am sure that the
abominable atmosphere ^{inside},
owing to the kind of Disin-
fectant used here, may
very soon disable me

Will Mr Shirley cry my
wife down for me, so that
she may not obtain goods
without my permission,
at the shortest notice

I am astonished at the
weakness of women

Yours very truly J. Lindley