

## **Papers relating to Lucy Farrand**

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J. L. Bragg  
Retreat  
York





Southampton

10 mo 15. 1855

Dear Friend

I forwarded the Ring with Lucy's letter to Hayward and have since received a reply from him, a copy of which I enclose, I had hoped this unfortunate affair would have terminated upon his receiving Lucy's letter, but it appears to me he is urged on by some person (for I do not think he has sense enough himself) to give as much annoyance as possible - I regret Lucy should have requested him not to give up her letters as I have no doubt if I could have obtained them I should find they shew considerable



Symptoms of Insanity

Since I received Hayward's letter I have seen the doctors who signed the certificates and they are both still of opinion that Lucy does require to be under restraint and though she can whilst so conducted herself with propriety, yet as soon as she obtains her liberty, she is very difficult to manage and though she has written off this foolish business, I have no doubt she would at once renew it if she obtained her liberty, that I really feel my position with regard to her a very trying one

I remain sincerely

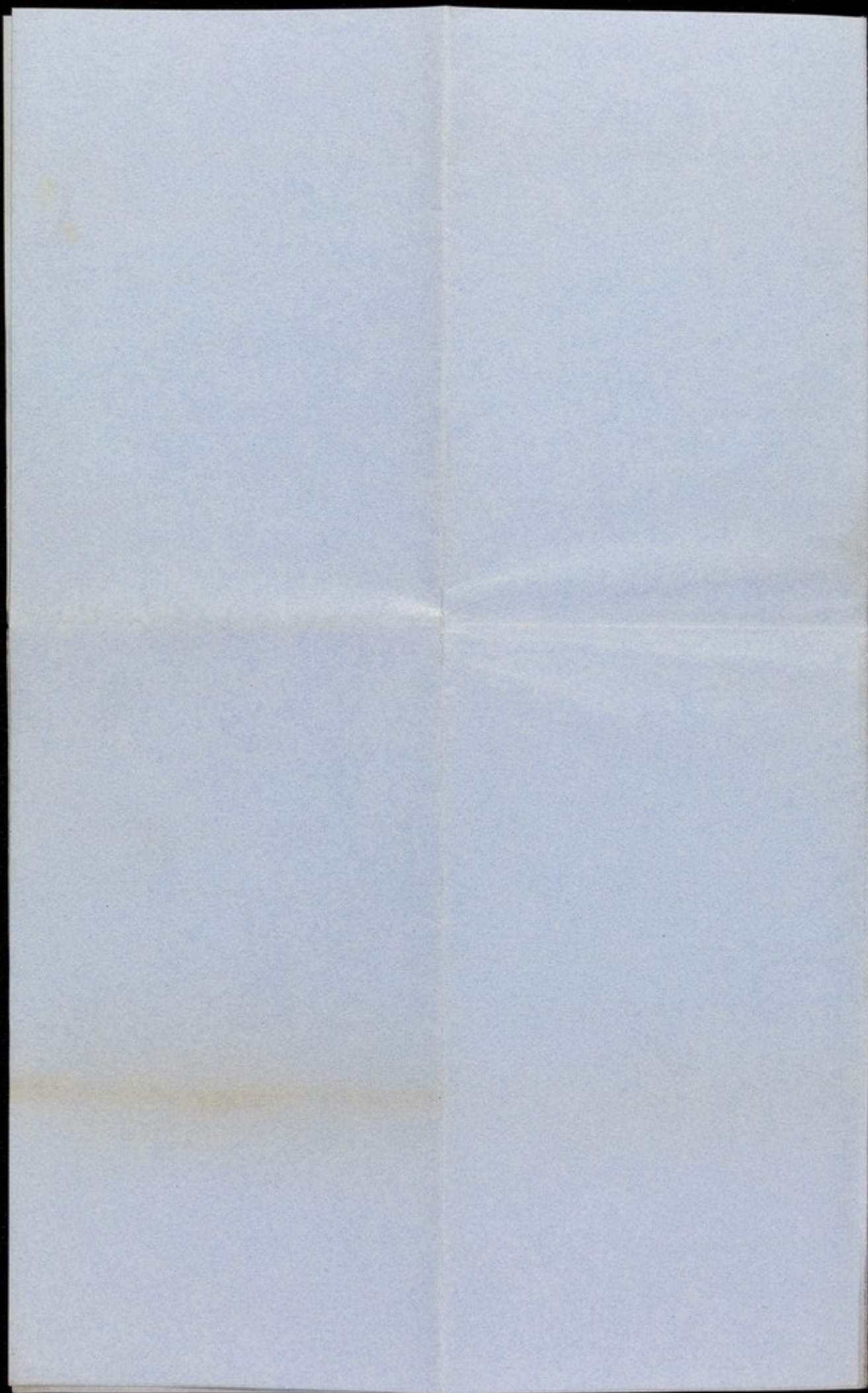
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Manchester

Oct 7. 1853

Sir

In obedience to your desire I hereby acknowledge the receipt of a ring and letter from your daughter Lucy, and I beg permission to observe that I am not at all surprised at the purport of it, and shall award to it all it is worth. I can easily imagine one circumstanced as Lucy availing herself of this course in the hope of effecting her liberty and although I entertain no doubt of her being coerced into this act I shall certainly abstain from further attempt at any personal correspondence with her during her confinement, but if I never see her again I feel I have a duty to perform towards her and if only on the principle of philanthropy I shall endeavour



to effect her deliverance and trust  
that you will not think me unreason-  
able when I inform you that I shall  
at once prepare a petition founded  
upon what I conceive to be conclusive  
relating to the state of mind when  
you last thought proper to commit  
her to the tender keeping of a  
madhouse

Lucy Farnand. *Jan. Mass. &c*  
— *G. Hayward*



Square Manchester  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 547

Sir

Being very anxious to  
hear of Lucy Farrands  
welfare and as my former  
letters to her remain un-  
-answered I beg of you  
as a favor a personal  
reply to this

I will first  
state I am the son of a  
respectable Watchmaker of  
this City and shall suc-  
ceed my Father in time  
above Lane before long  
and as a mutual regard



exists between Lucy and  
myself I offer you this  
fact and hope it will be  
received by you as an  
apology for trespassing  
on your notice. You  
may smile at my simplicity  
but to me it appears Lucy  
possesses a generous heart  
and is in herself a noble  
minded young woman whose  
are hidden virtues admired  
by me & I make far out  
show any personal blem-  
ish that may exist such  
being my impression I  
can but feel more deeply  
for her present unhappy



situation <sup>L. A.</sup>

I may be perhaps  
permitted to ask in what  
Capacity L. A. was received  
into your Establishment  
It has been intimated to  
me that she has been  
forced into the Lamen-  
table Hospton to avoid  
me It is however a con-  
solation to me to know  
that in appealing to you  
as a man of Honour and  
Humanity you will not  
lend yourself to any  
act that might affect  
your professional reputation  
You may have received a



certificates. to justify your  
receiving Lucy and of  
course I blame you not  
but I implore you to in-  
vestigate the state of  
her mind yourself and  
if you come to the conclu-  
sion that her doom is  
properly fixed I shall  
of course regret the de-  
cision and in my House  
a while but I will never  
believe she ought to be  
deprived of Liberty &  
shall in due time seek  
by all lawful means to restore  
the Dear Girl to Liberty



In conclusion I beg  
to add you may never  
have a Child that deserves  
the Fate of Poor Lucy  
a fate that in my opi-  
nion denotes an Intel-  
lectual girl the means  
of communication with  
the object of her affections  
Hoping Lucy enjoys good  
health likewise yourself  
and Family

I remain Yours  
Theobald G. Hayward



Ed. H. Hays

Square. Wachuset  
July 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

Sir

Being anxious  
to hear from Miss Lucy  
Farrand will you do  
me the favor to hand  
to her the enclosed letter  
I do hope you will not feel  
it your duty to refuse this  
application as you know  
the right of commutation



is not denied to the  
Wilest Belon

Yours Respectly  
J. Hayward

To Mr. Kitching



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Miss Lucy Farrow  
Bekeat  
Gould







Square Winchester

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 55/

My own Dear Lucy

I have seen

Dr Smith and he declares

to me that your <sup>are</sup> of as sound  
mind as he himself is I

never thought otherwise

I should like to know if

you had a certificate

when you went to York can

you enjoin me. Most likely

my Father will see Mr



I intend in the course of  
the week concerning our  
affair and hope to obtain  
his sanction for an inter-  
rupted communication with  
you. In the mean time  
you must make yourself as  
happy as you can. Trusting  
your confinement will  
be of short duration. As  
I may have been the cause  
of your being encastered  
in your present abode I shall



Make every effort to obtain  
your release has Mr. Subing  
given you my former letter  
if he has not I should like  
to know what he has done  
with it you may fully  
rely on my promise as  
I am resolved most to please  
have Local Society representatives  
and as I may have an occasion  
to write to them perhaps you  
can inform me who they be  
and  
Remain Dear Lucy  
Yours affectionately  
E. Hayward



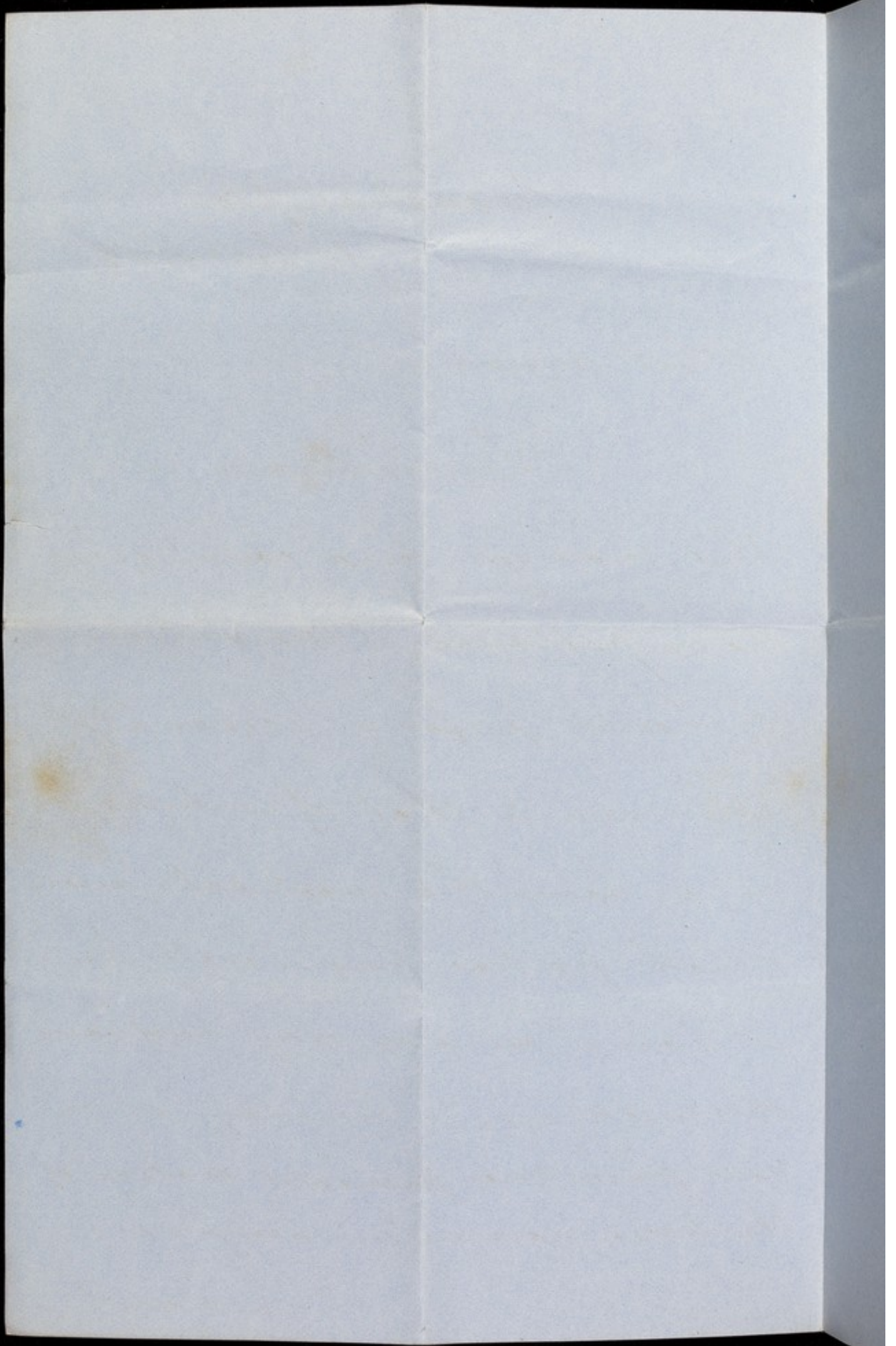


Southampton  
10 Sept 1855

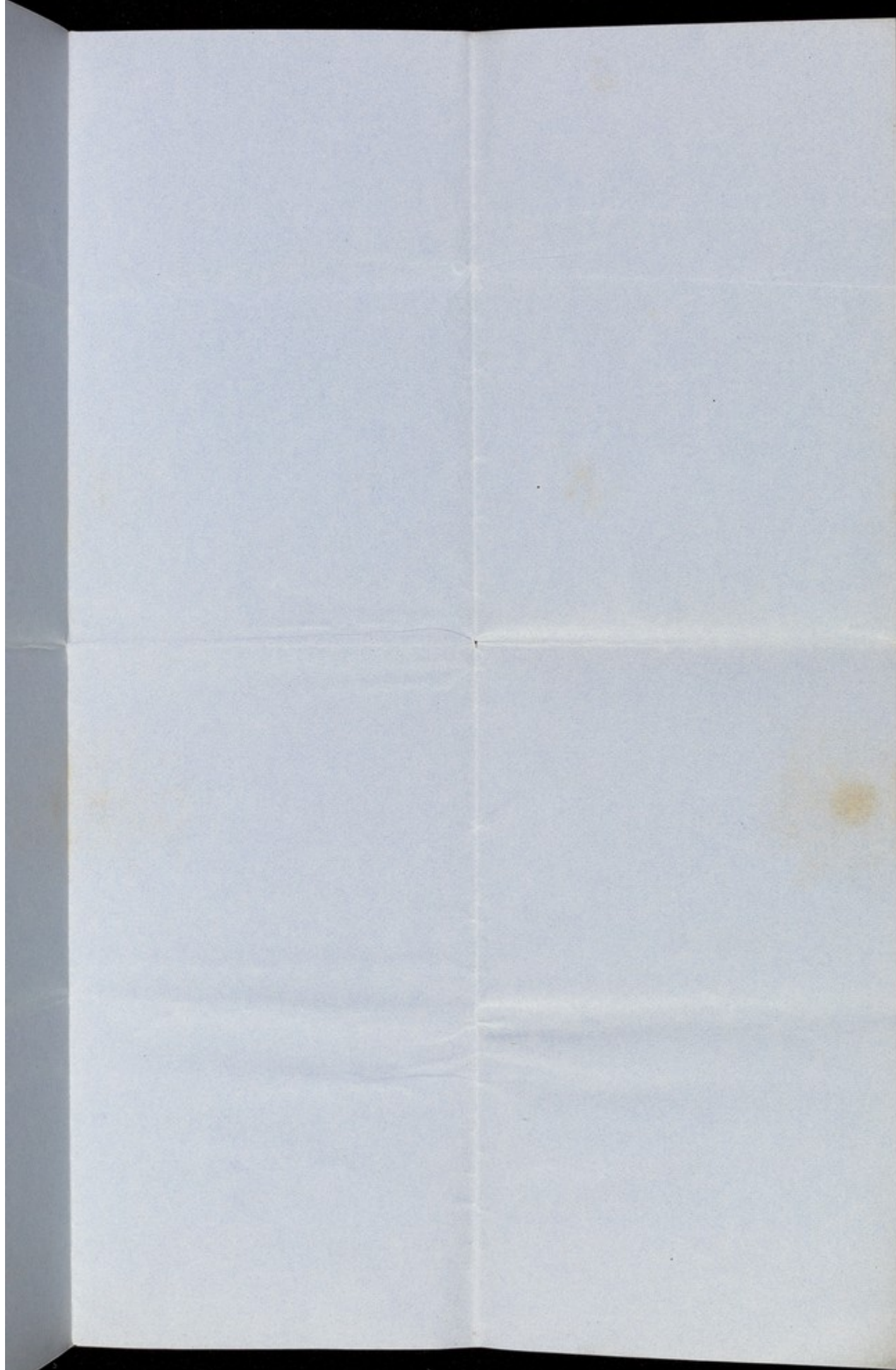
Mr Geo. Hayward,

I received your letter  
this morning and considering  
the importance of the subject  
I should prefer a personal  
interview to that of writing upon  
it, as being the most satisfactory  
to both parties, and I will be  
at home on any day and hour  
this week (except Thursday) upon  
your giving me previous notice of  
the time you intend being here  
W. Farrand













Neonotoko  
near Bishop's Waltham  
25<sup>th</sup> April 1855

Madam,

It is my painful duty to mention  
to you by letter, as I did not find  
you at home when I called at your  
House yesterday, - the conduct of  
a young woman, named Lucy  
Farrant, in your employment;  
which I am sure you will be  
as truly sorry to hear, as I am  
to report it to you.

Lucy Farrant has lately been  
endeavouring to make improper  
acquaintance with a son of mine,  
who is residing at Mr Robinson's



in Jury Street.

She wrote to him requesting  
that he would meet her in the  
Evening at St. James. Terrace,  
when the drum beats. - As no  
notice of her was taken by my son,  
she wrote again, complaining that  
he had not attended to her wishes.  
After this, as she got no reply, she  
had the consummate impudence  
to call at Mr. Robinson's to see him.

Happily my son was out. But  
Mr. Robinson saw her, tho' she  
took care to have a veil closely  
wrapped about her face so that  
he could not distinguish her  
features.



How however ascertained who she  
was, & where she lived - And on the  
matter being reported to me, I proceeded  
to Winchester, for the purpose of searching  
the matter out.

With this view I called at Mr. House  
yesterday. The door was opened by a  
young woman with one eye. I asked if  
you was at home. You was not - I then  
asked, are you the person who attended  
upon the lodgings? She said she was -  
I asked her name. She replied that  
her name was Lucy Jarrant -

I then immediately taxed her with  
her conduct - which she positively  
denied - I told her however that I  
had her letters - and that the gentleman  
at whose house she had called to see  
my son, and who had accompanied me  
almost to your house, was ready to be  
called in, to see if he could identify  
her - She then saw it




was useless any further to deny the  
thing. - She looked throughly guilty  
as I ever saw any one look. said she was  
sorry and w<sup>d</sup> never do it - again -

I then pointed out to her in the  
strongest manner I could the wickedness  
of her conduct, and the certain punishment  
which w<sup>d</sup> follow when she comes to die, if  
she continued in it - I spoke earnestly,  
and as I thought the case required.  
God grant that she may have grace to  
repent her sin, and forego to forsake it -

I need hardly request you to add your  
authority and advice in endeavouring  
to arrest a young woman in such a  
sinful attempt as enticing others to  
the horrible and loathsome practices  
of uncleanness - And I need hardly add  
that the respectability of your House, or  
letting lodgers, is at an end if once it should  
become known that the young woman  
in attendance on the lodgers is a person  
of unchaste character.

I am, Madam,  
Yours faithfully  
Thos. C. J. Hume





Winchester

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1835

My Dear Lucy

Your abrupt  
departure from Winchester  
has constantly occupied  
my mind and fearing  
I may in some measure  
be the cause of your sudden  
removal induces me to  
write at all hazards In the  
hope that you will favor me.

With an early reply I  
shall write but little now  
because I am not certain  
that this letter will reach  
your hands

I will merely  
say I feel sadly at a  
loss for your pleasant  
company to wander with  
me over our delightful  
hill and dale I trust  
however the time will come



When we shall meet again  
under more favorable  
circumstances in the mean  
time it is your duty to  
bear with the restraints

I think unjustly imposed  
upon you I hope by your  
conduct you will prove

you are undeserving of such  
a fate I should have written  
to your father upon this  
subject but I fear Mrs  
P possesses more influence

over him than to his  
legitimate share and  
this perhaps is ascribed  
to your prejudice.

I remain Dear

Lucy Yours Affectionately  
J. Hayward

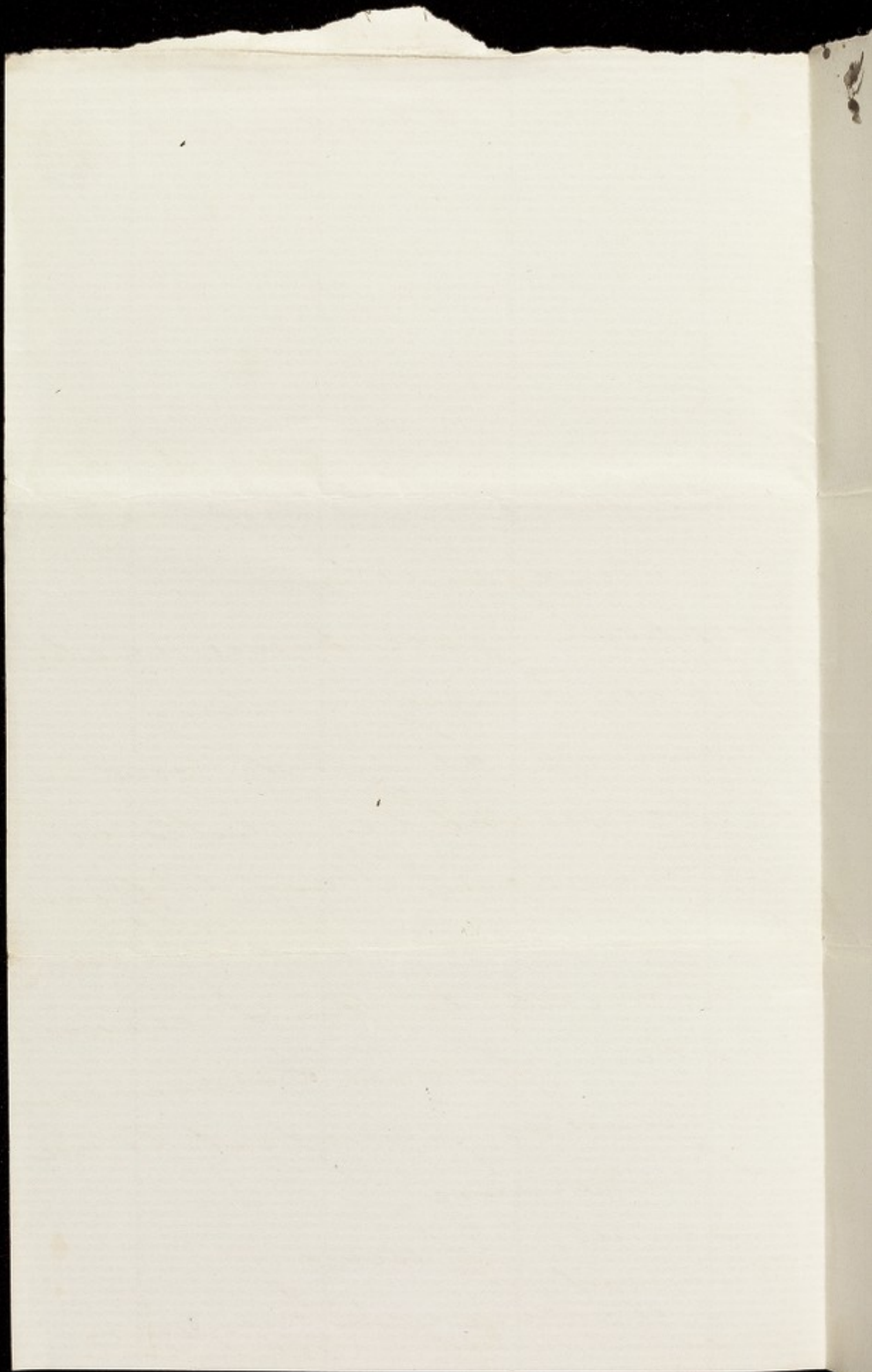


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Sir

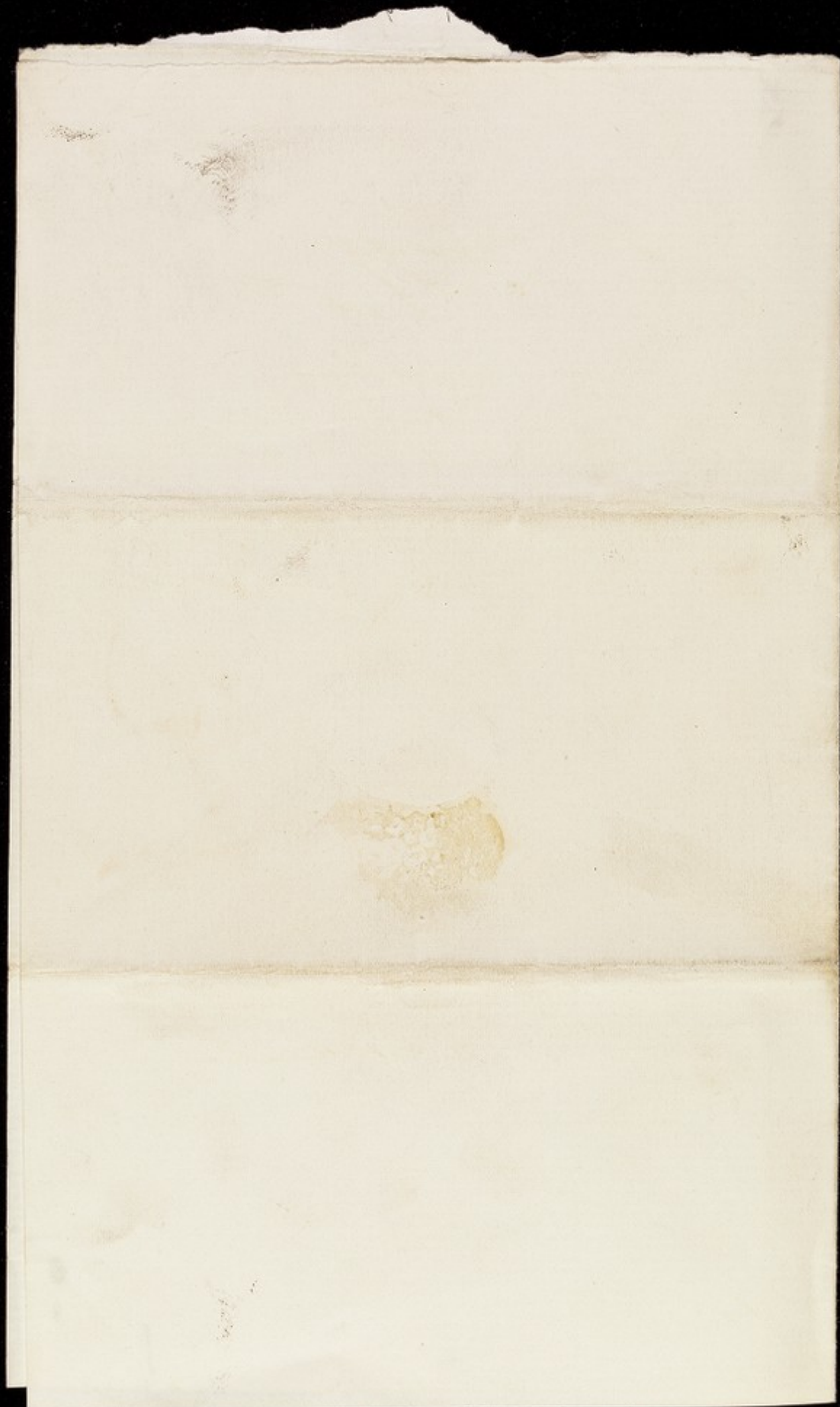
Will you be kind  
enough to give this to  
Mr Prager whom I  
suppose you know well  
from being a long  
resident at York and as  
he frequently calls at  
the general Post Office  
for his letters. I can  
not direct to the Retrieval  
for him from Ceramistary  
particular painful to me  
I remain

Please not to forward  
it to the Secretary's  
house but wait till he calls











Wendover. Aug<sup>th</sup> 5 / 1864

My Beloved Gladie

having written to you through  
the medium of the Post and thinking you  
may not have received it I am intending  
to write a line to the Post Master there  
to give you this when you call for your  
other letters I thought you would like  
to hear from me now that I am away  
from the home I can write frequently  
but must not do so to the Retreat for  
John Kelchney as given me to understand  
that he will intercept all letters between  
us so I dare not mention anything  
I want you to know till I hear from  
you which I hope will be soon after  
the receipt of this I have many things  
to tell you about what I learned  
concerning you before I left York  
Please to write soon as I shall be  
anxious till I hear from you and dare  
not say any thing I care for for fear  
it should fall into hands not intended  
for

as the one that betrayed us did whom  
you will which I hope will be soon

dearest Miss Greenbridge

1 North-gate Street

W<sup>h</sup> Chester

for  
Lucy Barrow

accept my Love and believe me  
your sincere Friend

Lucy Barrow



Square Winchester  
Aug 18 55/

Mr Sir

I beg to offer you  
my thanks, for the favour  
done me in replying, to my  
last letter, and, especially  
for the wholesome and  
disinterested Advice con-  
tained therein. Wisdom  
and Patience you reco-  
mend the former I fear  
is beyond my reach the  
latter I will fairly  
try. From the contents  
of my former letters you



may be assured that I  
am glad to learn from you  
the true estimate as to  
the soundness of Lucy  
Farrands mind and  
of course it is so far satis-  
factory to me but as to  
the other attributes relat-  
ing to her they are far  
beyond my poor com-  
prehensions

But as I can  
easily conceive a female  
orphaned like poor Lucy  
one who has been deprived  
almost of from her infancy  
the tender regard and Paren-  
tal guidance of a mother



one who has had the  
Mrs fortune to be thrown  
amongst aliens through life  
one who has as it were been  
banished from her father's  
roof when young one  
with a temperament not of  
her own making one  
with an impulse not an  
natural or very criminal  
A Woman desires a Husband  
and a Home & with this  
view to obtain this home  
committed an indiscretion  
I love. Chastely in word and  
Deed but cannot think an  
act although he interest marks  
the heavy Persuadability which  
is the hard lot of poor Lucy.



How is it that Lucy was  
thought competent to the  
management of a respectable  
Establishment here the mistress  
of which Mrs Groombridge  
leaving the house for months  
together on leaving L to be  
the sole manager it was  
only upon the knowledge  
of my acquaintance  
with her the discovery of  
her Insanity became known  
to Sir It is upon this  
and several circumstances  
within my knowledge  
that forces the conclusion  
that it was not the mental  
or moral condition of  
L it's the sole cause of  
depriving her of her lib-  
erty Sir In answering



Your kind letter I have written hastily but according to the dictates of my heart - I may have expressed myself in a warm and subconing manner but I beg of you to believe that I enter into every respect for you I intend not to contradict your judgement feeling convinced from your writing you can sympathise with the unfortunate of the human species

In conclusion I will shortly state the main object I had in view in trespassing again on your notice I believe that poor Lucy would be



greatly relieved in mind  
by being allowed to write  
occasionally to me and I  
to her if this favour involves  
no danger or breach of  
discipline. I shall esteem  
the privilege an especial  
favour

My father and I  
went to Southampton  
on Tuesday last to see  
L. father but unfortuna-  
bly could not see him

I hope you and  
your family enjoy good  
health as well as Lucy  
also hoping that God  
almighty will sustain  
you in your arduous  
duty I remain Dr Sir



yours respectfully  
J. Hayward

To Dr. Kitching





Winchester  
Sept 12 53

Dear Lucy

I have sent  
you a letter of your  
father's and by that you  
will see what we are  
doing, hoping you are  
quite well.

Believe me yours  
affectionately  
- your  
L. Garrison

L. Garrison

As I wrote to Mr  
Kitching to allow me  
to write to you but as  
yet have received no  
reply if I do not succeed  
better with your Father  
I shall then make  
application to the Com-  
missioners of Lunatic  
Asylums



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