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who will go this week - I write this only
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years past has uniformly been the most provoking
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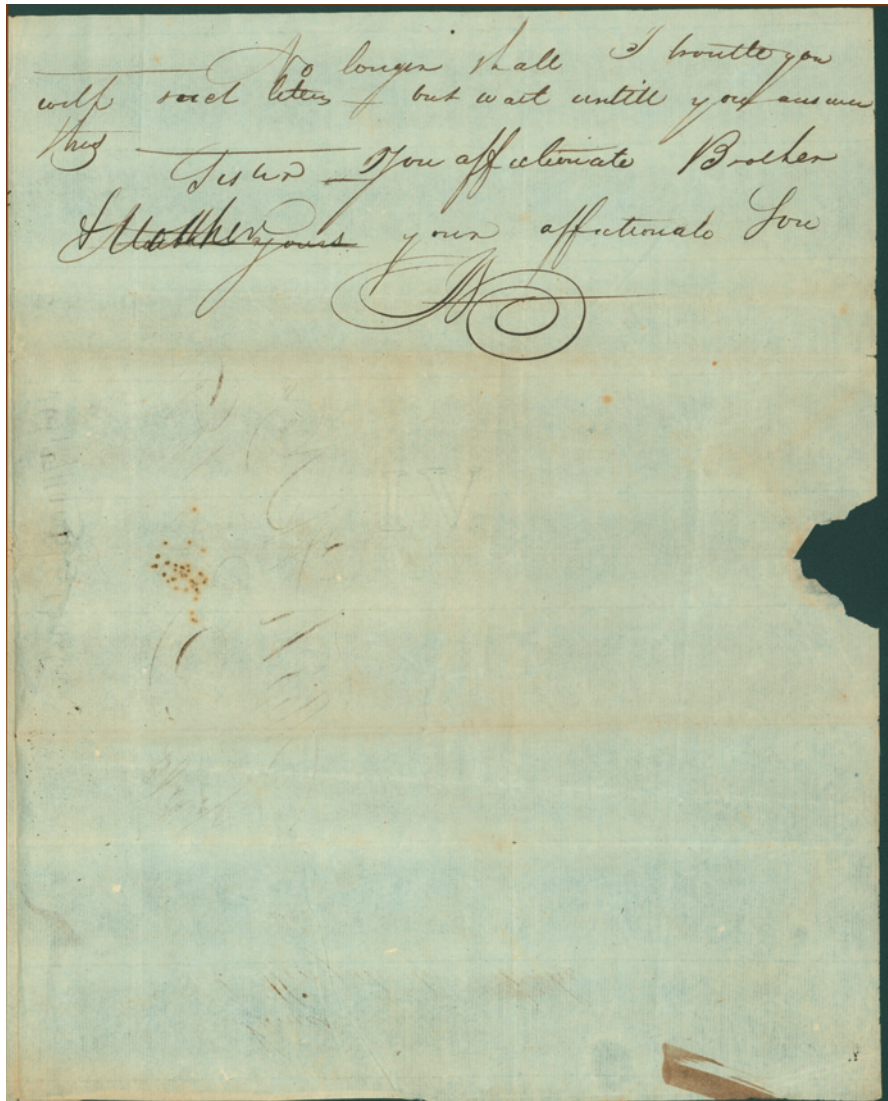
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Date: July 27, 1810
Description: Letter from John Neal to sister

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reluctance — or with less frequency than you
now do — Only one short letter have I rec^d
since I have been in this place — & that has really
caus'd me so much trouble that I have more
than once wish'd it had never been written
— Every morning since have I left my business
& ran to the Post office myself or sent
the Boy — half a mile off to get a letter
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week — to save that trouble for the future
I shall calculate on regularly receiving
letter from one or both of you at a
particular time by mail — At that time,
if you please to write me any more, — be
the first of every month — now — mother
— sister! — remember! on the first of each
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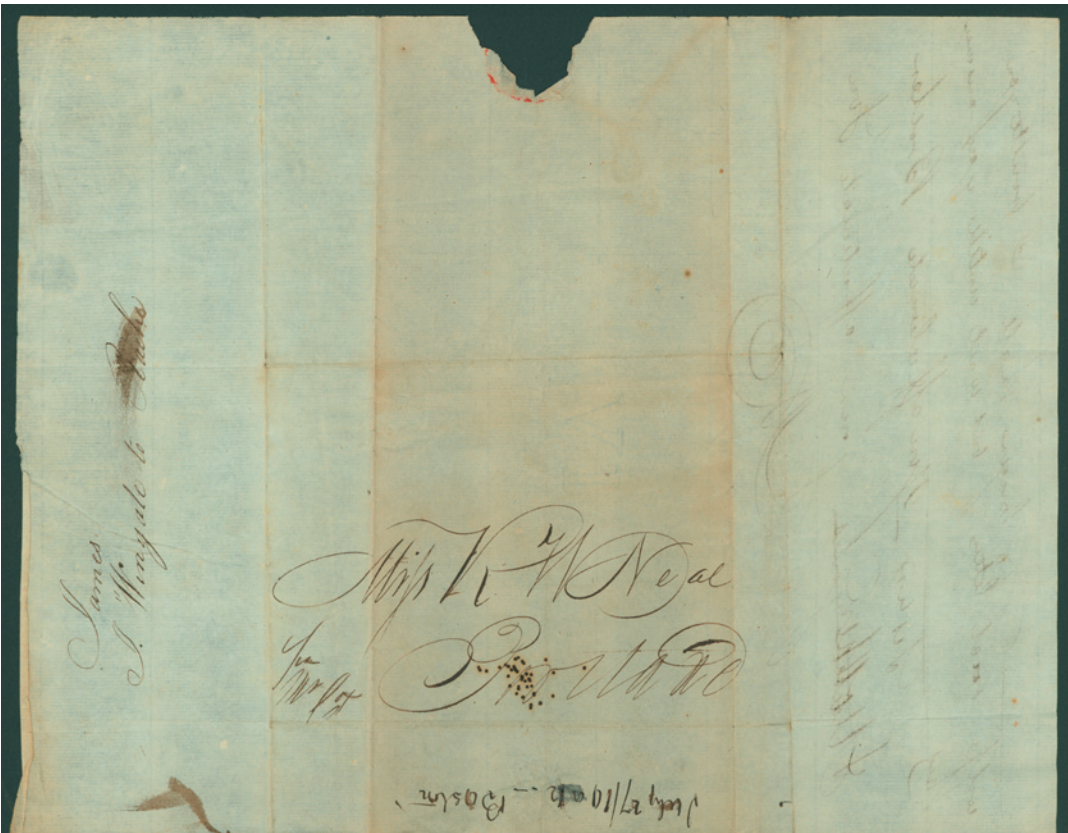
————— No longer shall I trouble you
with such letters — but wait until you answer
this —————

Your affectionate Brother

Sister ———

& Mother yours your affectionate Son

JN



Miss R W Neal
c/o Mr Cox Boston