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no fish — had a “glorious nibble” — a
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my trap and askd Haive ye any right
good, double Blade-ed pen knives here
meister — but among all these sleepy
days — none has borne a more powerful
“poppy garland” than this promises — & I
should have sleepy days, Rachel, for my
nights are quite the reverse tis saturday
day . . . & Saturday is always a bad day for
buisness — not a breath of air is stirring
— no! — nothing but whirlwinds &
snow-storms — I am compleatly at
liesure & now my dear, as you rush for
a long, long, long, letter you certainly shall
have one — & now prepare yourself
for such a march as no peruser has
endured since the compiler of “marvellous
Tales” & the first Reader of Camilla —
prepare to accompany me to Europe, the
moon — Baltimore — & & &c. —
— first then, as the last should be
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Description: John Neal letter on the advantages of moving south.

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South & they have a right to regulate
my actions for to them am I indebted
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Good Bye cant spare another woman
my shirts & Cravats please me JNeal

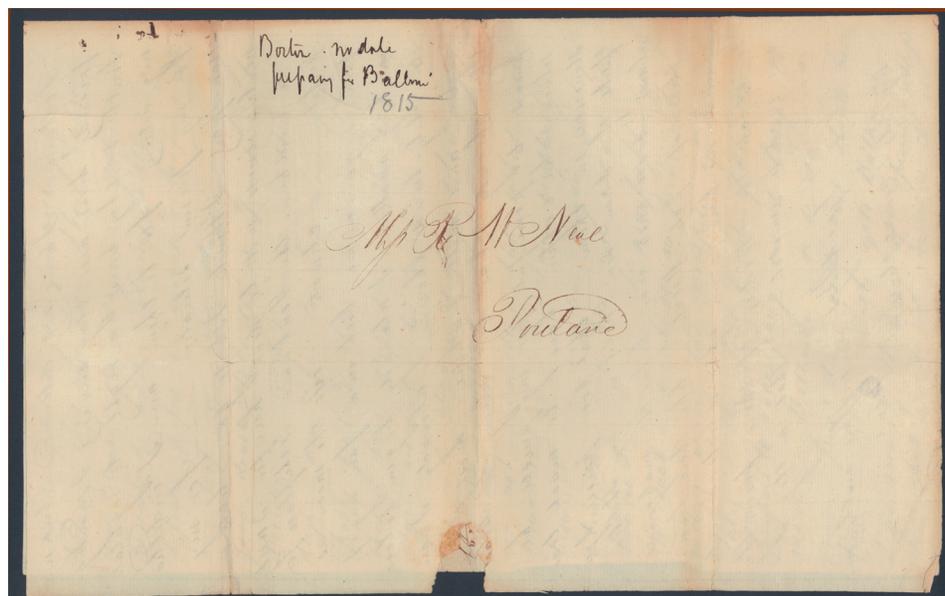
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