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Description: John Dillingham letter from Palermo

Palermo May 19th 1846

Dear Wife

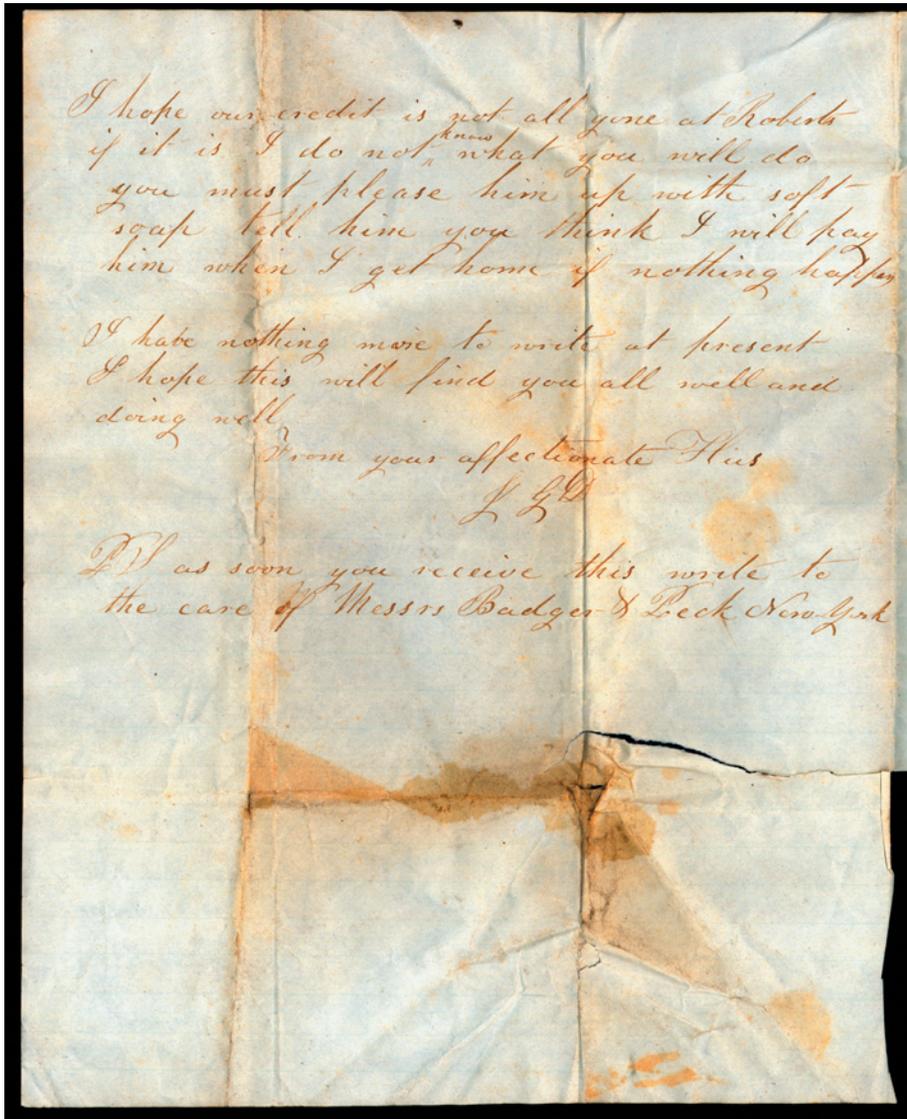
This is to inform you that I am enjoying good health and I hope you and little Monroe and all the rest of the folks are enjoying the same blessing we had a long passage from Gibraltar here of 15 days past of the time I thought if wife and little

was

Mon ^ with us it would have been very pleasant but as it was I had to content myself with thinking of home but if you are all well I am content and hope I shall see you very soon after you get this, I think it likely we shall be here about 20 days but I hope not so long but it is possible that we may be longer since we have been here we have had a tremendous gale such a one as has not here

been known ^ for 30 years it made dreadful havoc among the shipping some entirely torn to pieces and sunk but we where very fortunate ^ was not injured any

If we are as fortunate in geting loaded as we where in the gale we shall not be here so long as I apprehend



I hope our credit is not all gone at Roberts  
if it is I do not <sup>know</sup> what you will do  
you must please him up with soft  
soap tell him you think I will pay  
him when I get home if nothing happens

I have nothing more to write at present  
I hope this will find you all well and  
doing well

From your affectionate Hus  
JGD

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