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 Thy Letter of the Date April 2^d and had been Expecting
 the Children had been Waiting to hear from or See me
 and though I feel to View my Self almost unprofitable
 as to helping them yet I mean (the Lord Willing)
 to See them before I Die unless I Die Very Soon
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 been converted & Baptiz^d & many more are Greatly
 Distress^d for their Souls and I have been into the
 Meeting house at Somersworth Where no Doors have
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 be With many & some under concern
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 my love to them as yet & hope I Never shall but I
 Labour Night & Day Where I could not as yet leave the
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 & in the Lords time I hope to Come for the Harvest is
 Very Great & Labourers are Very few - Don't by any
 Means forget my Love to any Most kind & Dear friend
 thou knowest who they are in Gray as well as
 Gloucester to thy Self & household my Love Stands
 Firm and I hope they all Will try to Endure &
 I hope to See them again both Parents & Children - but
 You must all try to Serve the Lord the Children in Kittery
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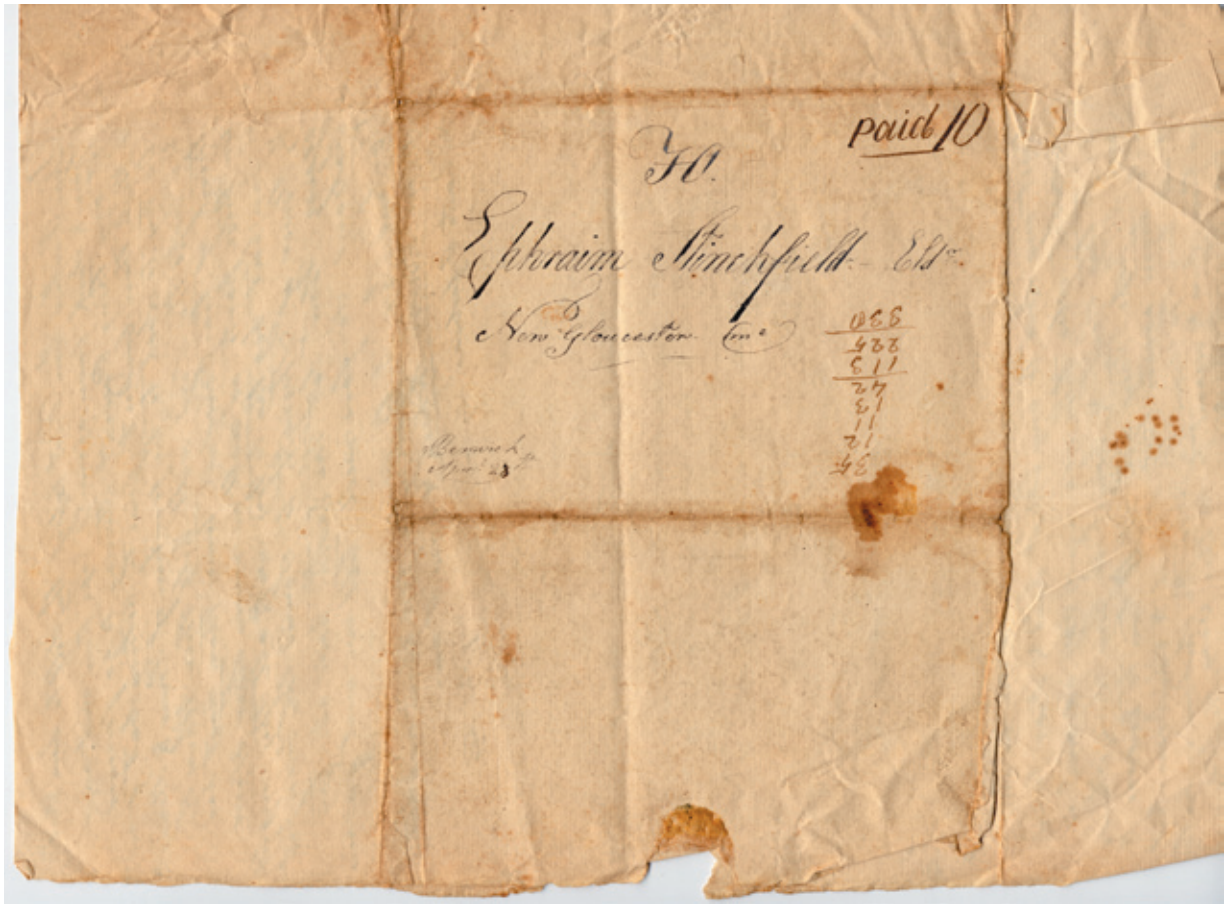
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Description: Letter from Mark Fernald to Ephraim Stinchfield

Dear Brother thou Didst Express thy Self to have Risⁿ
Some & South Down again. I hope thou wilt never
let any thing Prevent. Starving to go forward
I Wish thou couldst Come to Kittery but if not
Do try to Look to the fountain of Power & Strength
& I hope the Lord will help thee When I
think of the Powerful times thou hast had
in these parts as well as many other places
I Can but beg thee to try with all thy might
& Power of Strength to Sound the trumpet
again. Don't Let the Earth. have all thy
Labour. So farewell till we meet again
Do Send Br. J. Colley a few lines and Let
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In haste I forbear

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