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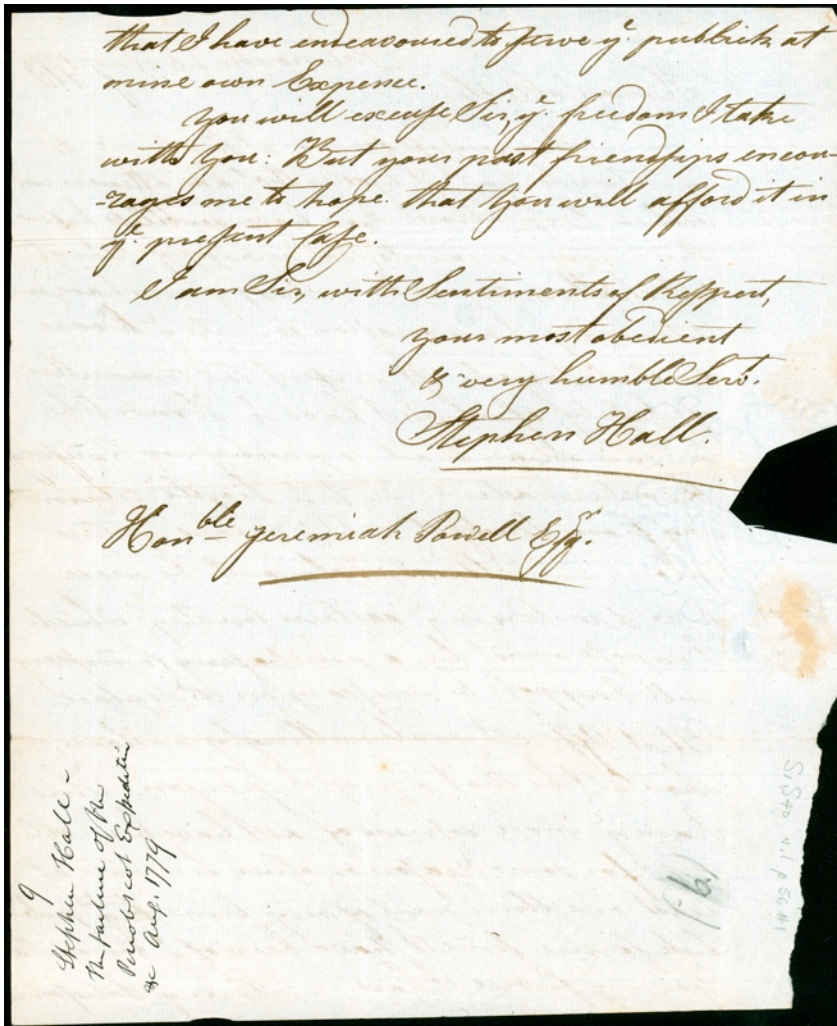
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that I have endeavoured to give y^e publick at
mine own Expence.

You will excuse Sir, y^e freedom I take
with you: But your past friendships encour-
-rages me to hope that you will afford it in
y^e present case.

I am Sir, with Sentiments of Respect,
Your most obedient
& very humble Serv^t
Stephen Hall.