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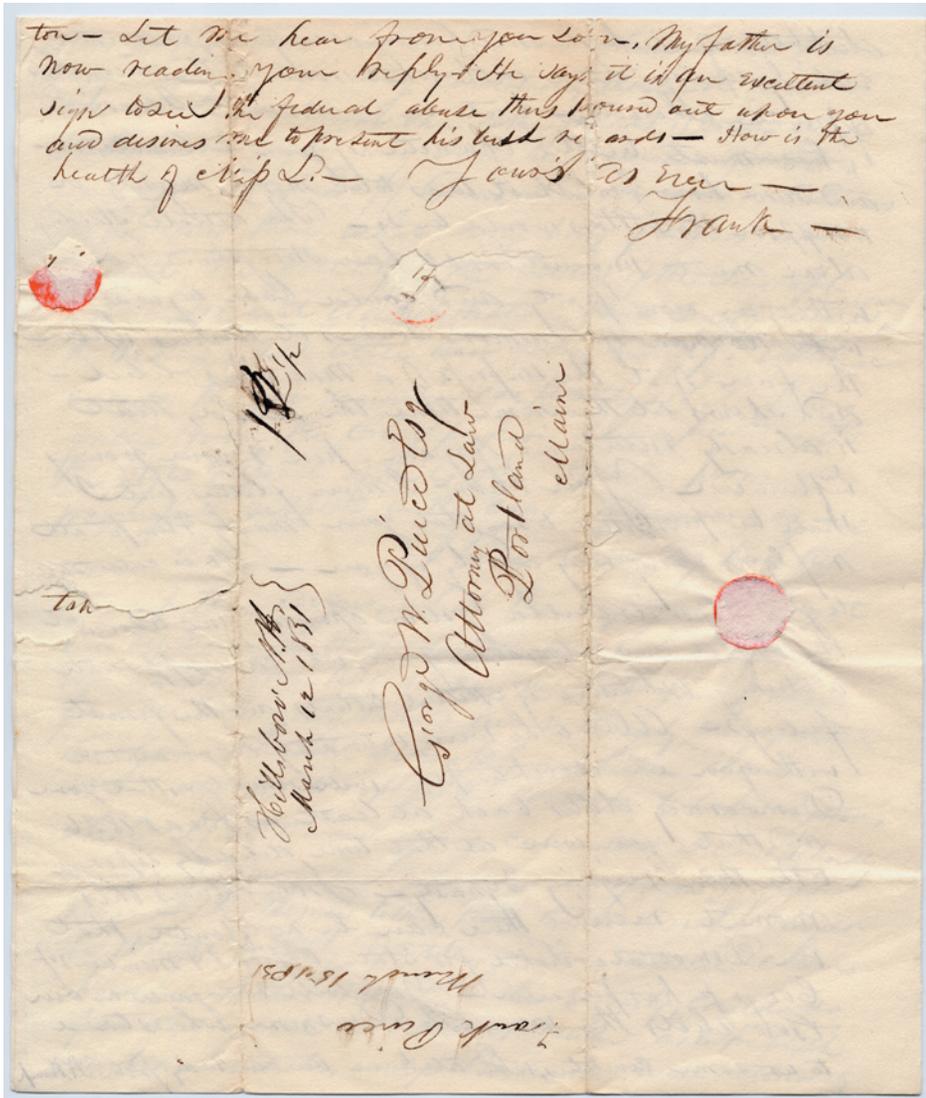
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ton - Let me hear from you soon, My father is now reading your reply - He says it is an excellent sign to see the federal abuse thus poured out upon you and desires me to present his best regards - How is the health of Miss L.? - Yours as ever -
Frank -

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