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its appearance here, ~~I hope to see you~~ — don't be wickd
enough to wish for an embrace on those terms. good folks
— no season has ever been spent so delightfully by me
as this — in the heat of the day. I have no business to
do — so I just step into my counting room where
my clerk & myself have each a mattress — throw myself
on it & go to catching flies — Bamhaus sometimes joins
in this diversion — sometimes we fall asleep — get
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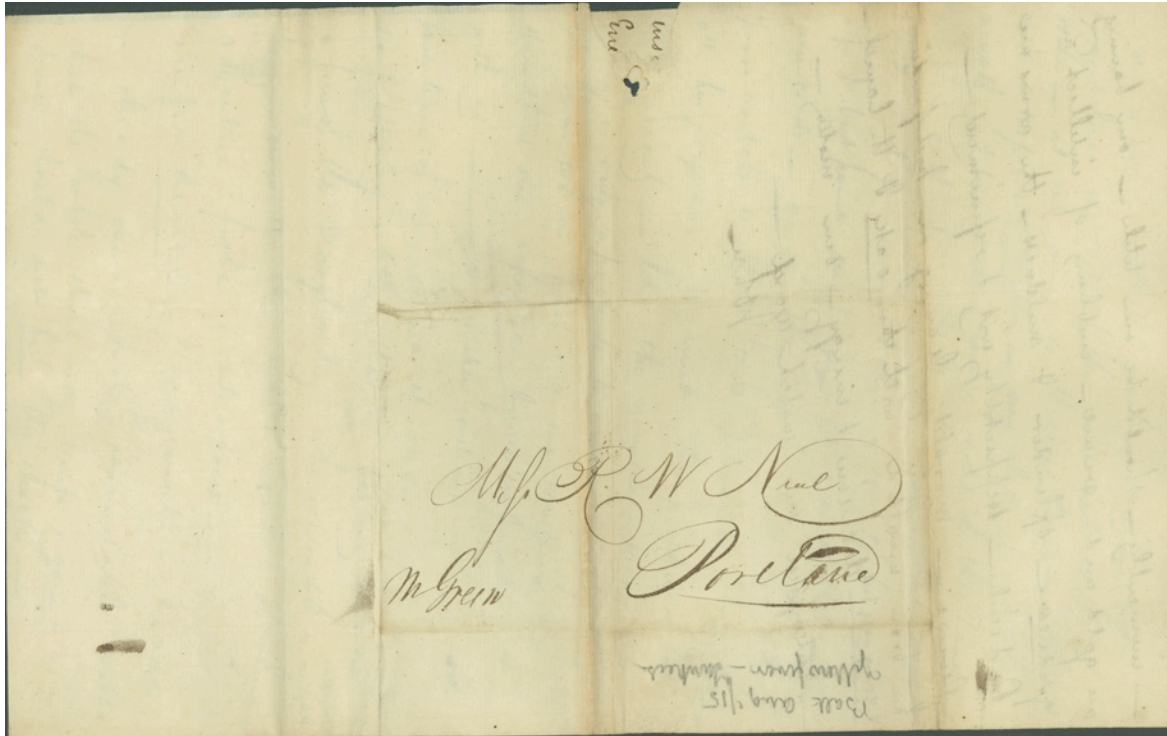
Description: John Neal letter to sister, Rachel about Baltimore

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