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1. Henry Wadsworth, Peleg Wadsworth's son.

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Description: Letter from Peleg Wadsworth regarding his daughter Elizabeth Wadsworth and his son, Henry Wadsworth, and mentioning Eliza's request for a lock of George Washington's hair.

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I know you would have been in the
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Adieu my dear Eliza says
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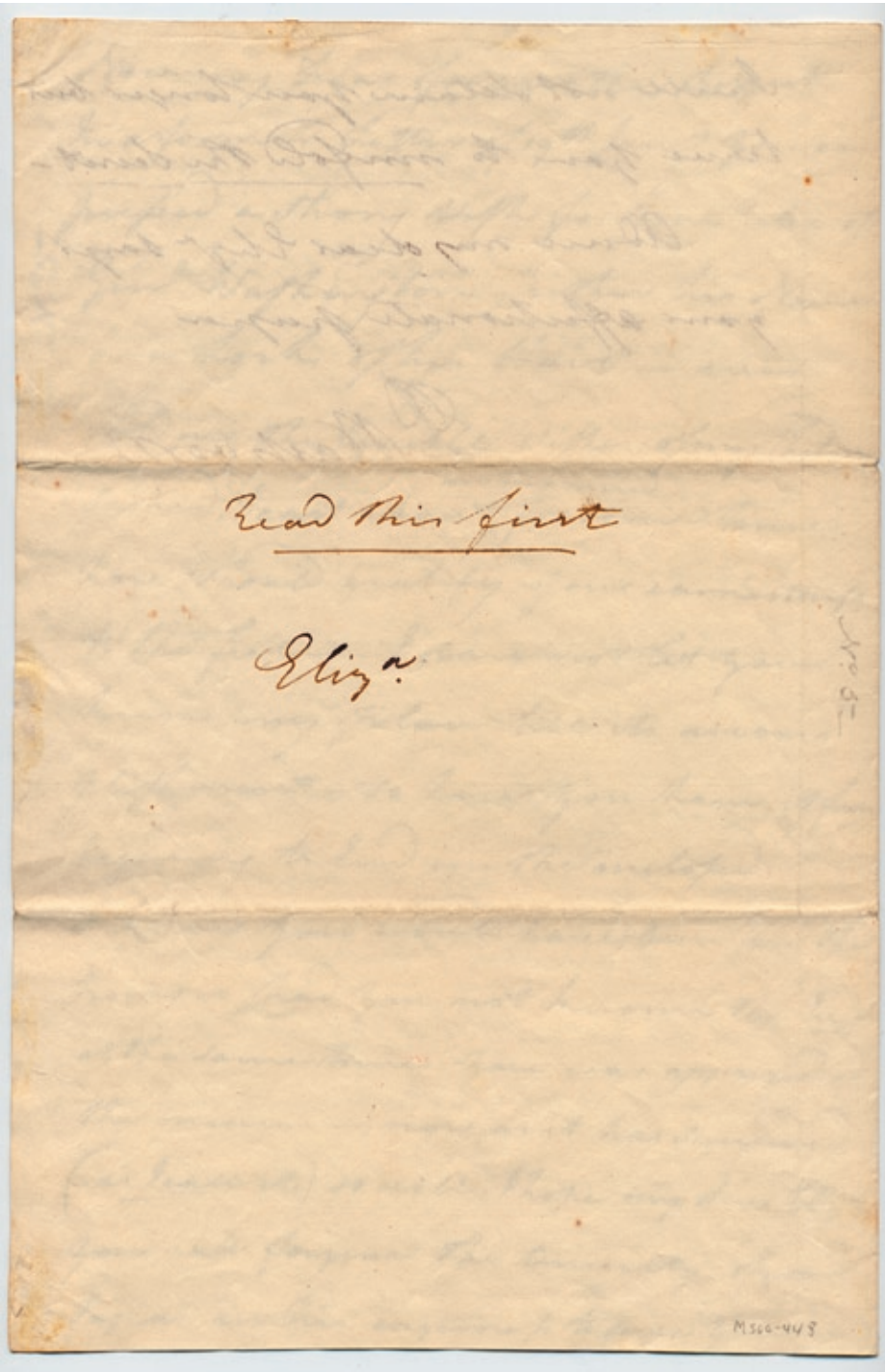
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