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Date: June 2, [1862]

Description: Letter from Luther Lawrence to his father, about the journey from Maine to Baltimore.

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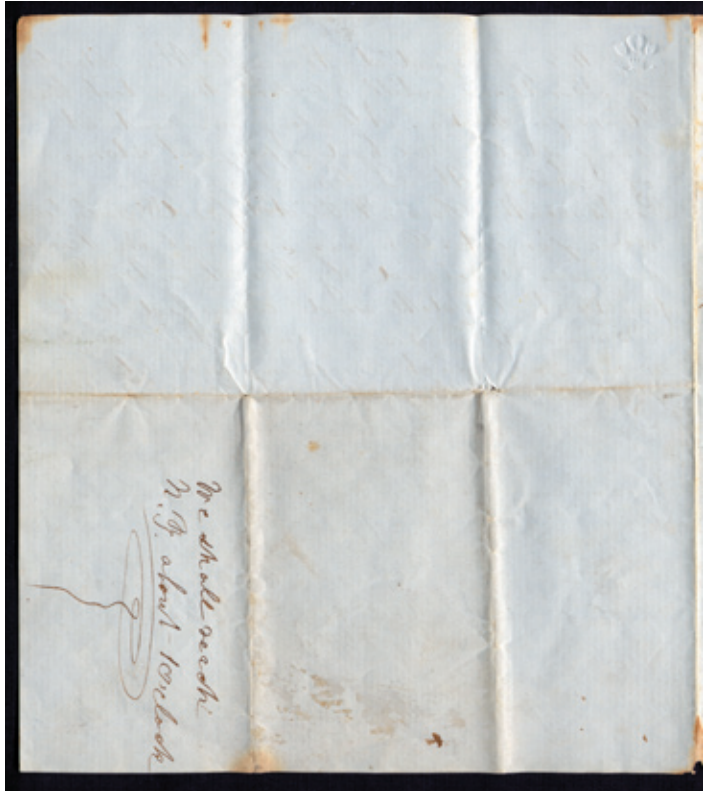
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