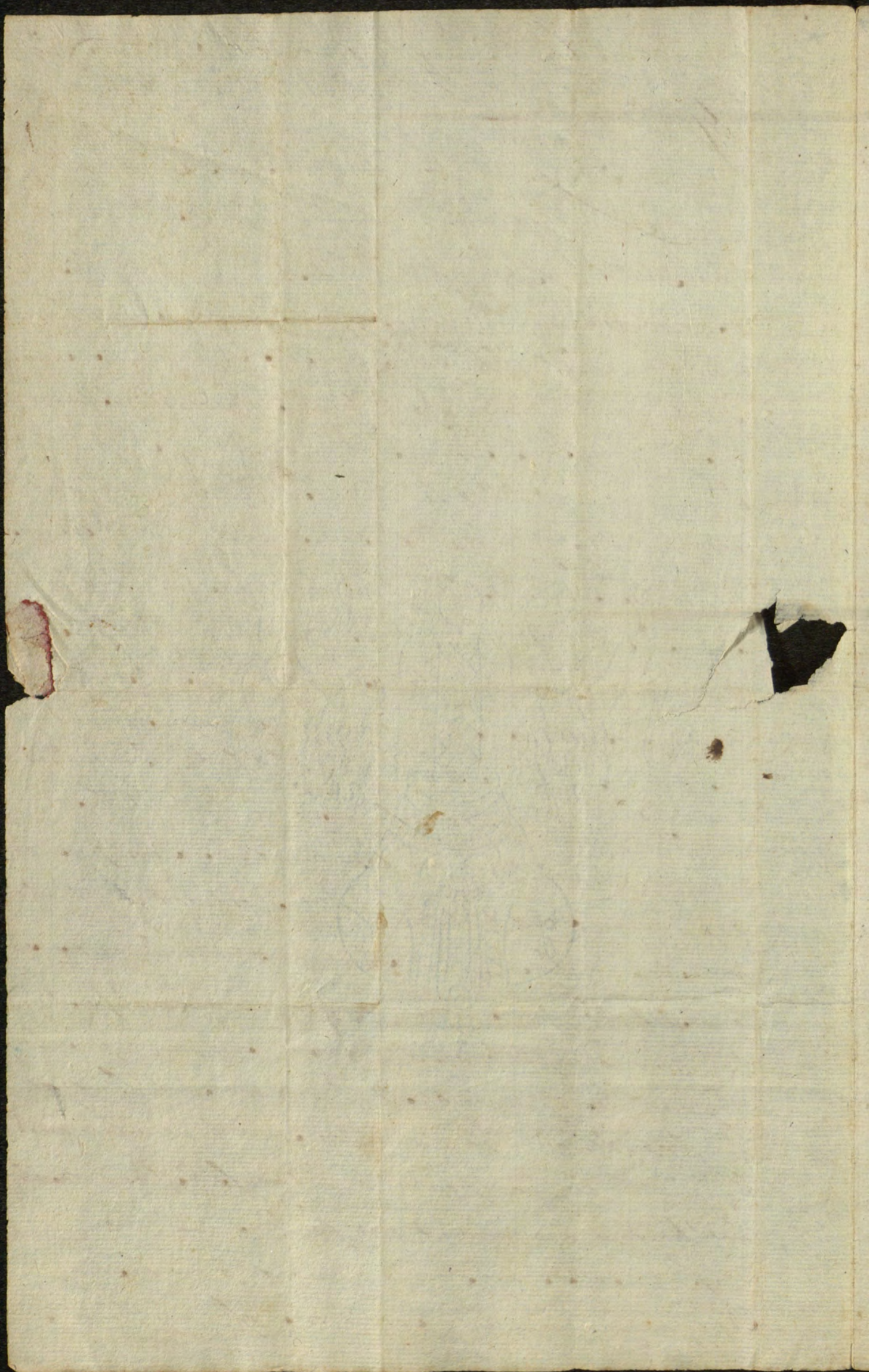


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Gentlemen

I once more embrace this this Opportunity,
to acquaint you, that we have secured all
our Artillery, Baggage, Waggons, — which makes
a superb appearance here, upon our Parade; I impatiently
wait the arrival of the Massachusetts Militia, as I am
determined to advance nearer, to our Implacable Blood-
thirsty enemy's as soon as they come in, I hope to
commence my Rout by the last of next week, and
to flatter myself, that in case as many of them comes
to our assistance, as are promised, we shall be able to
drive Mr. Burgoyne, & his Mercenary Heralds to
precipitation over the Lakes again, — But should
any unforeseen disaster, impede the accomplishment of
this our resolution, I think it absolutely necessary, that
a thousand more be immediately raised to relieve those
that are already under my Command, as I am persuaded
they will not last after the time is expired, which
will soon be elapsed, — It appears entirely ^{to me} inconsis-
tent to desert the Line before we are reinforced, for should
the enemy attempt to avail themselves of our acquisition,
they can easily accomplish it, and we shall lose all
the Reputation and Advantages we have obtained,
& it will be in their power, to embarrass & spread desola-
tion & ruin throughout our frontiers — The
Massachusetts Troops have engaged to the last of
November, which will be ten weeks after our time is
expired —



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I am Conscious to myself, that it is of the utmost Import-
tance to us, that an Army be kept on this side of the enemy,
& for a Confirmation of my opinion, I refer you to Genl.
Munguyn's Instructions to Lieut. Colo. Raum —

The defeat of the enemy in the action of the 16th,
has almost, if not, entirely, subverted the hopes &
expectations of the Tories in those parts, which are
very numerous, as well as very mischievous to our
cause, However upon the whole, it has evidently,
altered the face of affairs among them all —

The Hessians are frequently deserting to our
side, they all agree in their information, that their
allowance of Provisions, is short, scanty, very disagreeable
and bad scented, (and that they are indebted to the
evacuation of Henderson for their Supplies,) and that
many more would desert to us, were they not apprehen-
sive of being taken up, by the scouting parties of
Indians sent out by Munguyn, to intercept
them, they say their inevitable fate, is to be immedi-
ately executed, if taken up & carried back —

I shall expect to be released, when my Brigade is, as my
Business will not admit of staying any longer —

Last Monday 26 Hessians, & ~~18~~ ~~18~~ were found dead
in the woods, which must be added to the Number
heretofore sent you — also 11 of their Guns were found
near them — I am Gentl. your most obed^t. Servant
John Hart

To the Hon^{ble} Committee
of Safety in the State of
New Hampshire

Letter from G. Stark
of 26. 8. Aug. 1777

Dr

The Chairman of the New Committee
of Safety sitting at Carleton in the
City of New York

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