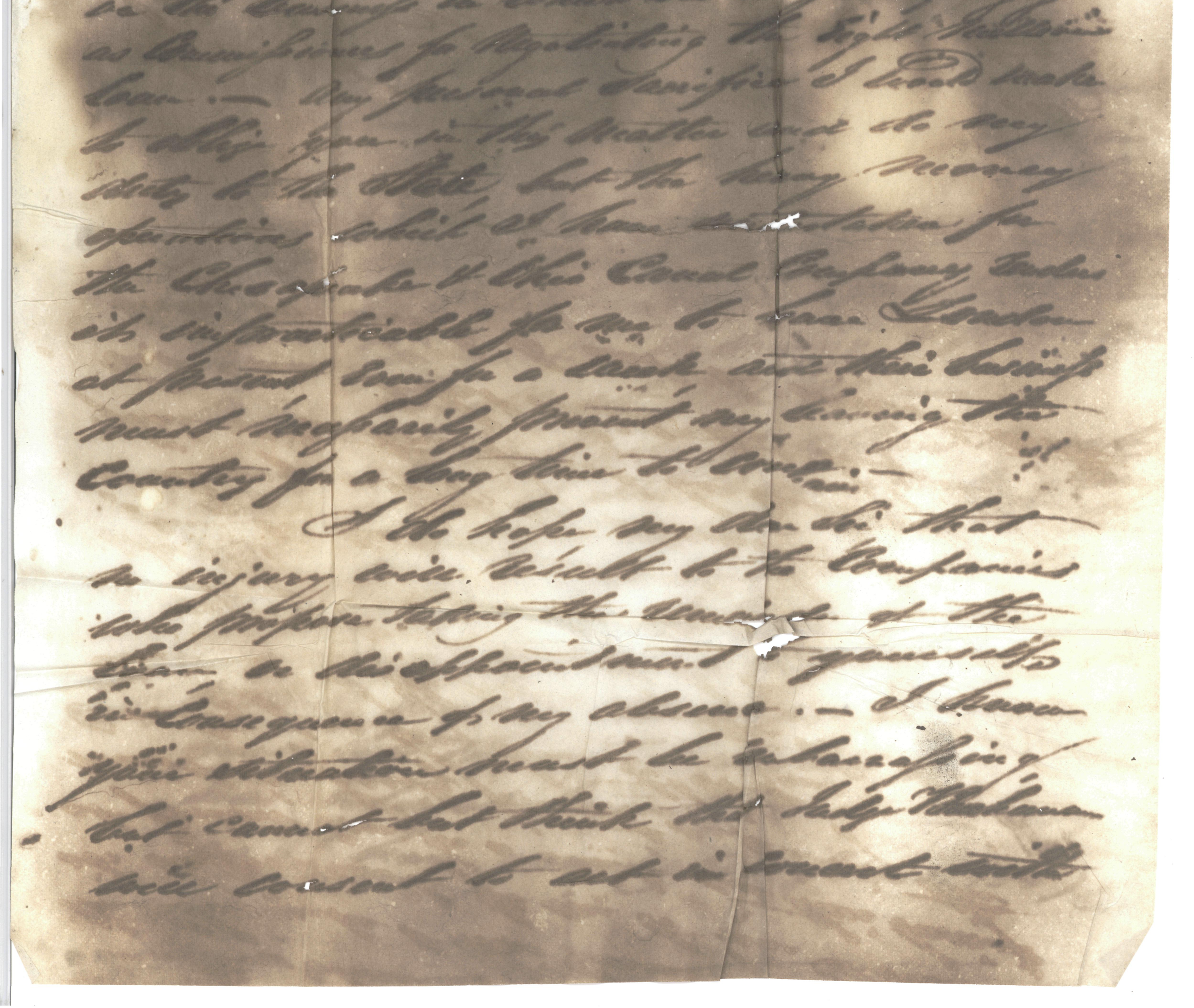
London 5th Nov. 1836

My dear Chris:

I wrote you by the "Lo. Mortimer" under date 25th and have since received your extensive favours of the 1st & 11th ult. & the letter by the Royal William.—

I regret extremely that it is not in my power to entertain your wishes and visit the United States this winter by providing the Mississippi bills as I should be an useless burthen as a companion for Regulating the Eight Hundred loan.— My personal services I would make to oblige you in my Mother's case do very strongly to the Debt but the long necessary operations which it has undergone for the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company under its unfortunate fate up to now London at present seems a week and their business must unfortunately prevent my leaving this Country for a long time to come.—

I do hope very much that no injury will result to the Companies under your supervision during the absence of the Chairman or his officers and generally in consequence of my absence.— I know your situation must be embarrassing but cannot but think the Lady Washington will consent to set in concert with