London. November 8th 1834.

My dearest wife

By the two penny post this morning I received your letter which James brought to town: and was very happy to have it as it seemed long since I had heard of you. since the letter came James has been here: but I was from home. I suppose however he had little to tell me more than I heard from you. So let you know what I have been doing I will begin with saying that the Bishop was very pressing that I should stay at Fulham as long as I could: and accordingly I remained until Tuesday. The other visitors being all gone we were quite a family party: which I liked very well. They have nine children and the Bishop is quite as fond of them as Colonel Arthur of his: indeed I should also say that Mrs Blomfield reminds me rather of Mrs Arthur but in her more agreeable mood and much better address and manner. However, the behaviour of the children and the manner of bringing them up are quite different.

On Sunday afternoon I preached at Fulham Church: but I should have first said I assisted with the Bishop in the morning at the administration of the Sacrament. On Monday I went with him to London & returned to dinner. On Tuesday morning he brought me to town again: and in the afternoon I went to the Archbishop's at Addington. There also I enjoyed myself very much: and I trust I did not make myself disagreeable, as the Archbishop desired me to stay a day longer, and therefore I did not come to London till yesterday with Mr Rose & Mr Lonsdale his Chaplains, who with his Grace and his youngest daughter made our entire party. We really all seemed very happy. The Archbishop is very cheerful and conversible, and at the same time so mild and obliging as quite the perfection of companions. He has one of the most remarkable memories and particular skill in quoting Latin & Greek authors that I ever remember to have met with. You know my memory is not bad, but I had had little practice of late years, and was therefore obliged to rub up my old knowledge: but I did my best, and hope I passed muster pretty well. We walked about the grounds, which are extremely pretty, every day: and in short both there and at Fulham I must say I had every reason to be gratified by the kind notice and attention which was shewn me. You know I do not think very much of this: but from one in such station it would be ungrateful not to have felt & acknowledged it: and I mention it because I think you my dearest Sally will be rather pleased to hear how your husband was received. To day I am going to dine with Mr Davidson: a gentleman from whom I brought a letter from Mr Macgregor. He lives in Park Square Regent's Park. I am to meet Major Macarthur. And now my dear wife concerning what always dwells nearest my heart: that is the time when I am to see you again: for the loss of which pleasure, the greatest to be sure that any man ever enjoyed, neither the notice of Archbishops or Dukes could recompense me: and indeed though you are so kind as to wish me to be where I am enjoying agreeable society, I should still be disappointed if you did not also look forward with some impatience to our next meeting. Sir George Grey was to be at

his office to day: and have taken measures which I hope will ensure my seeing him on Monday or Tuesday. If I can accomplish all in time for the Tally-ho on Tuesday I shall come down by it: and hope before then to be able

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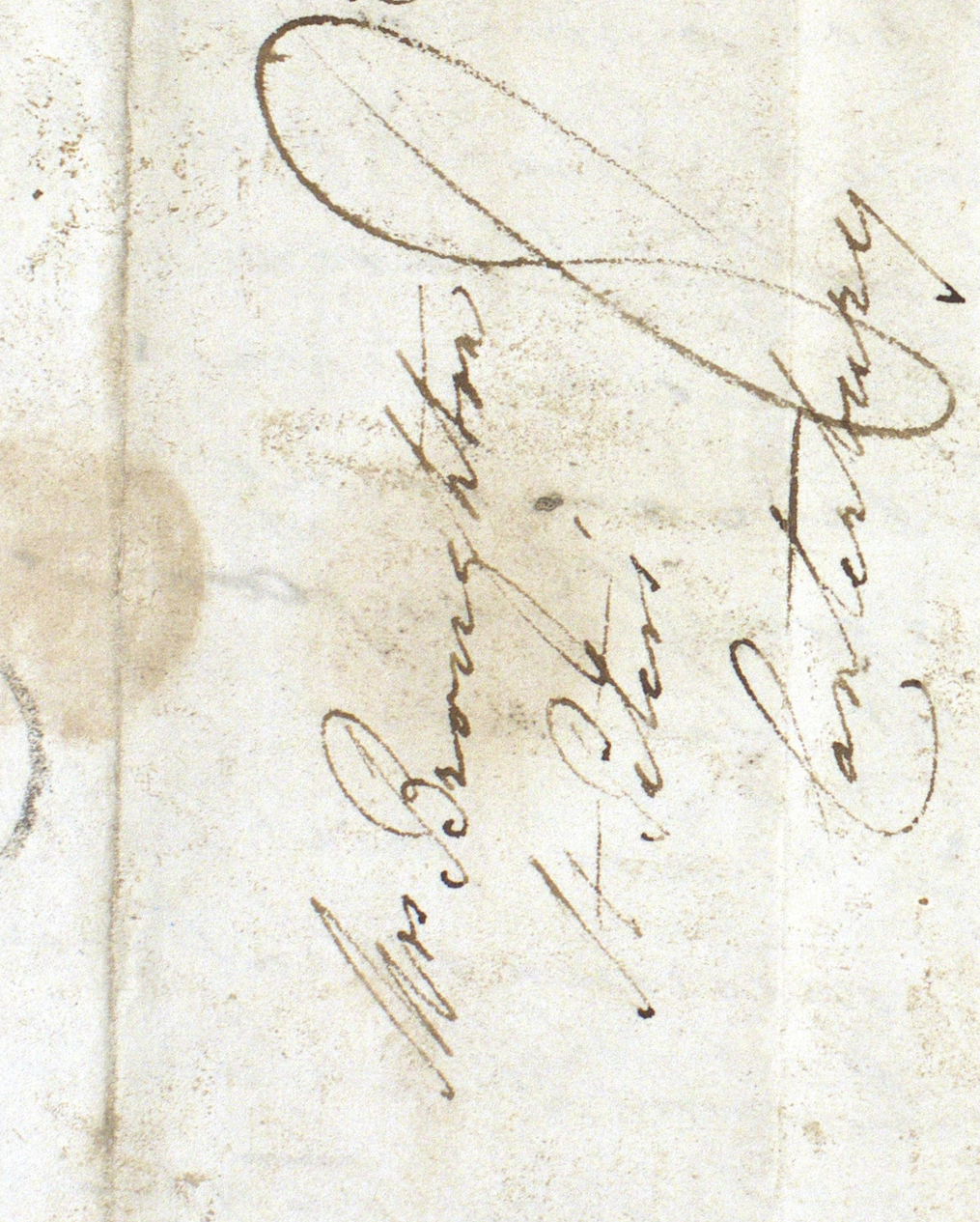

you as I have been on other occasions. If I do not hear from you will expect me by Wednesday's Coaches to dinner. I have neither time nor space to say more than to beg my love to all: and to assure you that I separation from you begins to be very much felt by Your faithful & affect: husband

W. J. Broughton