



Case #4: Mr. Meredith

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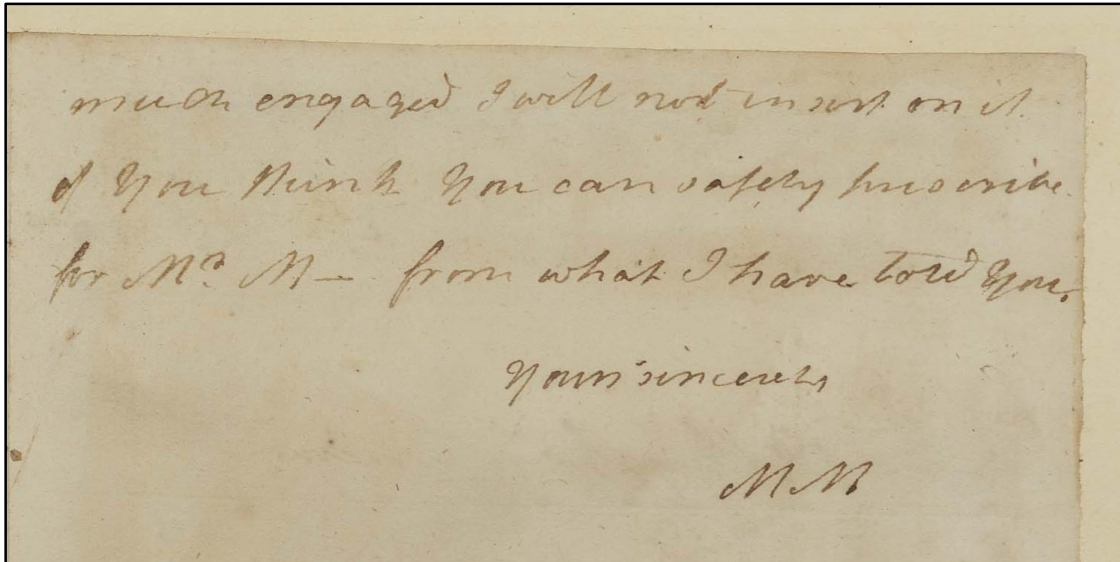
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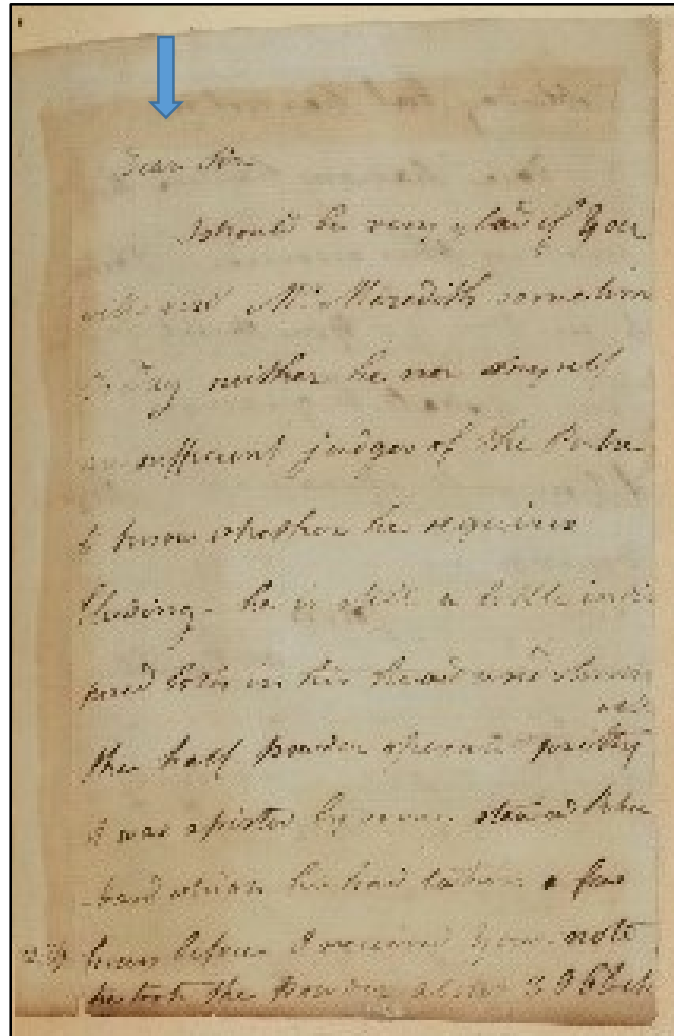
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much engaged I will not insist on it if you think you can safely inscribe for Mr. M - from what I have told you.

Yours sincerely

MM

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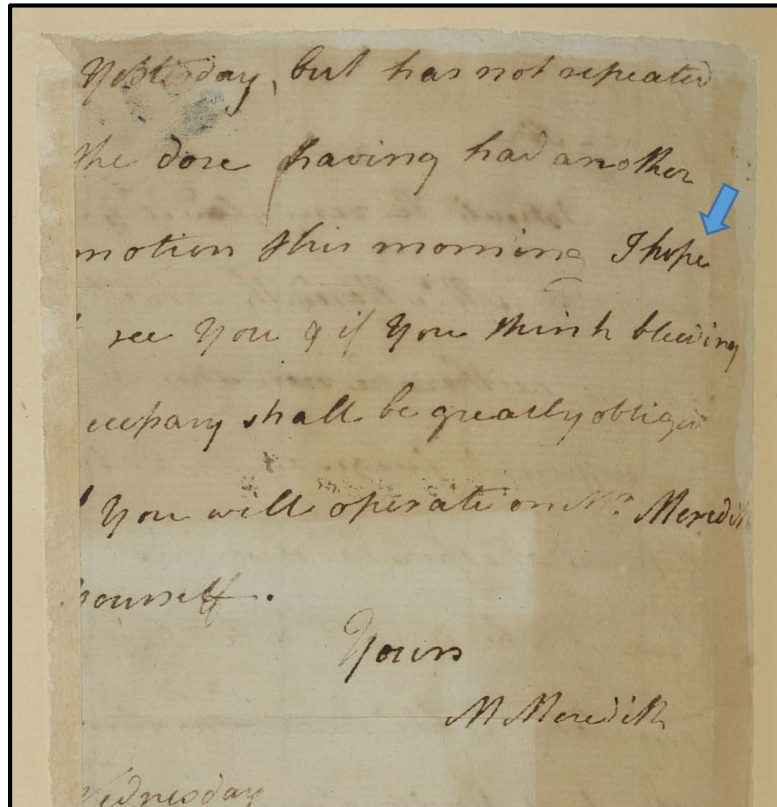
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Dear Sir

I should be very glad if you will visit Mr. Meredith sometime To Day neither he nor myself are sufficient judges of the Puke to know whether he requires bleeding. He is still a little indisposed both in his head and stomach...

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.... I hope to see you & if you think bleeding necessary shall be greatly obliged if you will operate on Mr. Meredith yourself.

Yours

M. Meredith

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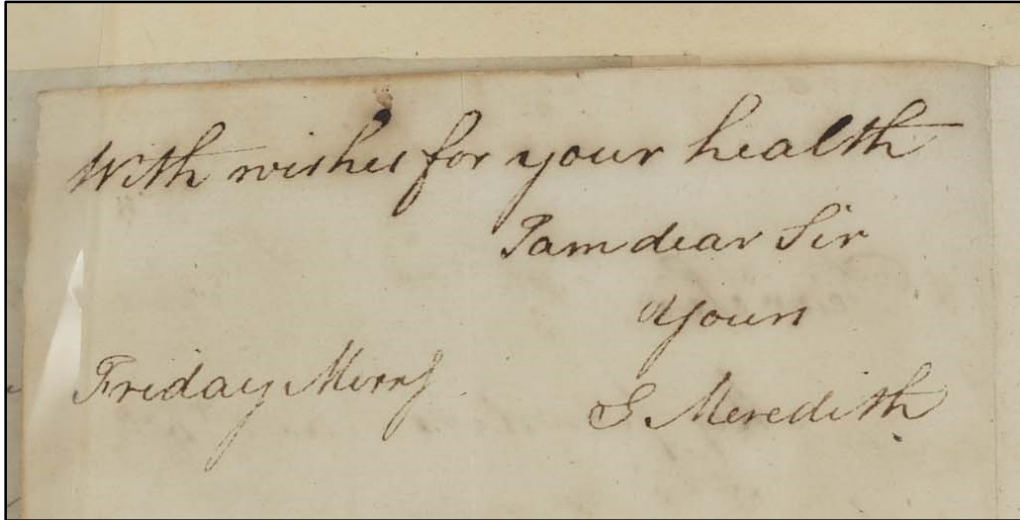
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With wishes for your health

I am dear Sir

Yours

S. Meredith

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Yours &c

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