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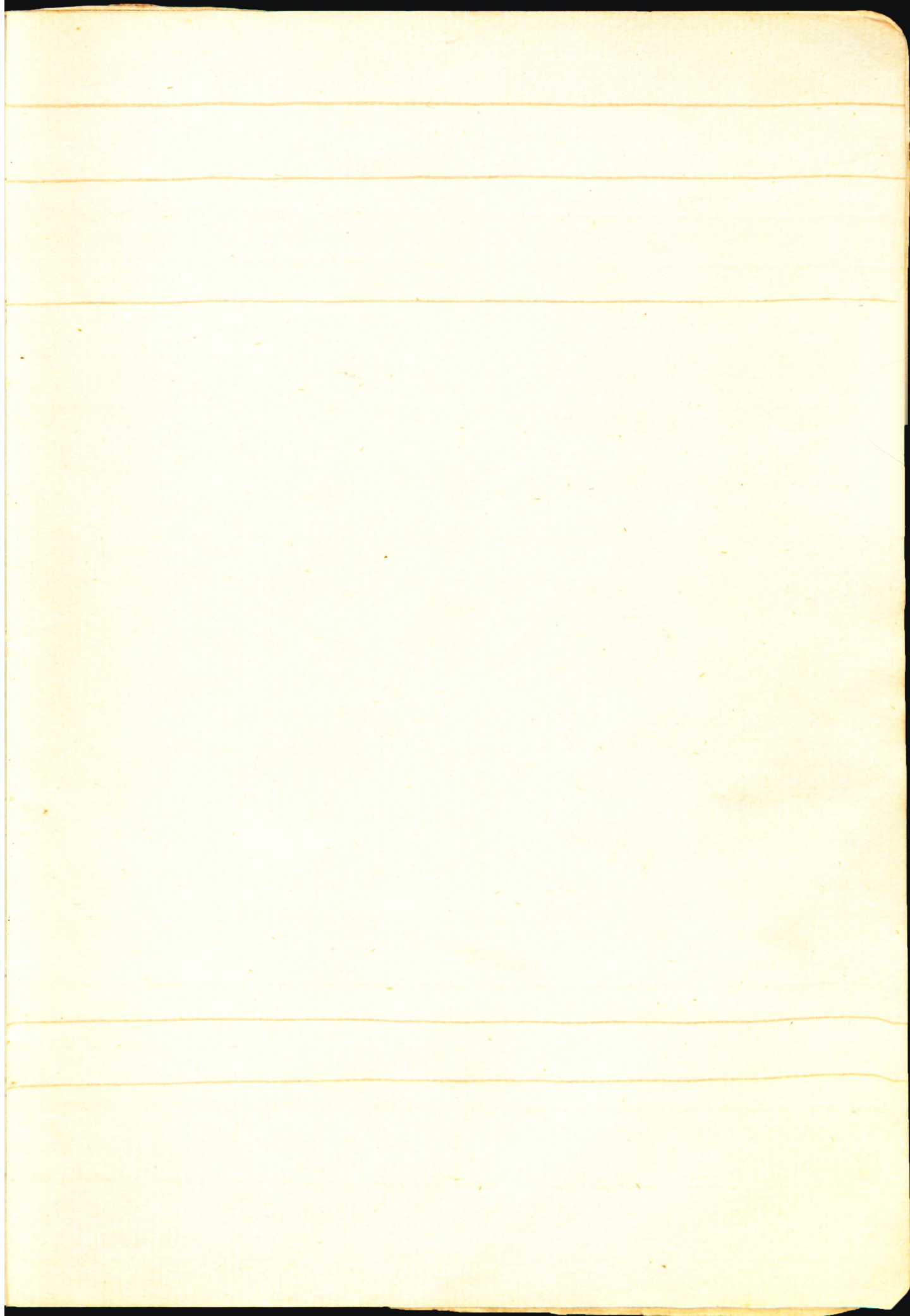
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Brothers - The Reason we have not made more use of the Plow Irons you sent us is - we have not had a sufficient Number of Oxen, but we are thankful you have sent them, as we have now got a Number of young Oxen growing up, I hope we shall be able to use them more -

You observe we have got a great many Horses & you think it will be better to have more Cattle & Oxen - your Remarks on this Subject are just, ~~and~~ we have found inconvenience from so many Horses, for all the use they seem to be to us is to ride about home, but when we have occasion to go amongst white People, we find them only a Bill of Expence. -

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WILLIAM ALLINSON (1765?-1841)

Journal of, describing visit to
Indians of New York State in
1809.

Vol. 3

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entrenchment apparently intended for Pickets and having a
level Gate way on the back side - It occupies a consider-
able Eminence or spur of the mountain, lying behind which
puts down to the main Creek, and is now overgrown with
heavy Timber of at least an Hundred Years growth -
In our way to the saw mill we passed thro' some very good
Corn, where the large Walnut Trees, killed by Girdling, are
standing - as we returned home stopped at the Village of the
Muncy Indians & talked with several, particularly the Chief
Warrior who was informed that we intended a Council to-
morrow with the Cattaraugus Indians, & if they had any
thing to Communicate to us, they might do it as we passed
thru their Settlement - when we got into the Woods, on
the Indian Reservation, Curiosity induced us to measure some
of the Walnut Trees there growing - One of them appeared by
our measurement to be 15 feet 8 inches in Circumference
another 16 ft 2 inches & a third 16 ft 5 inches - all 2 ft 6 in
from the level of the Ground - They were also very straight
& tall, we unitedly concluded 60 feet without a limb
& held their thickness remarkably well - there is little
doubt but we could have found larger had we gone to
hunt them but these all stood close by our Road - On
getting to the House we also measured several
Poplar Stumps all within about 60 yards of it - one
being 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in Diameter at the height of
11 ft 4 inches from the Ground - & two others about
11 feet 11 & 5 inches over, at near the same height -

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About Noon the Council opened & after sitting a while in respectful Silence, a Conversation, in a low voice took place among the Chiefs - when the Business was introduced by the following import by of them named Thomas -

Brothers - We heard you were coming to see us - we are happy you have now arrived, and thank the Great Spirit that He has preserved you thro' a long Journey - We think it is consistent with His Will that we should be favoured all to meet here this Day in Council - We are also pleased that Mr. Granger the Agent of the U.S. for the Six Nations is present with us, and we are now ready to hear what you have to say -

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Chiefs for ~~five minutes~~, when the same Speaker (sitting) addressed the Agents, informing that they understood he was going to Allegany & were desirous to know his particular Business - Granger informed him that he would do it when they had answered our Communications.

Another Silence & whisper ensued - The Chief Mianor Wiyundegoh then rose & holding our Addresses in his Hand folded as delivered to him, sometimes looking on them attentively & then casting his Eyes round on us & the Council, replied nearly as follows - Brothers attend - We have heard the

Speech of our Friend at Phil^a by which we understand that you still continue to speak the same Language to our Nation & we believe your views towards us are the effect of Pure Friendship & a desire for our Welfare - and altho' we have fallen short of your former advices we are still encouraged to follow your Council & pursue the Path you have set before us - You remain anxious we should improve in Habits of Industry by which we might render our Lives more Comfortable.

Brothers we hope you will continue to have Patience towards us, as Indians cannot adopt all those Habits at once but we are fully convinced that Industry in Cultivating our Land, is the only method by which we can receive lasting Benefits, and we are determined to pursue it.

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beside us, and wish our Friends in Philad^a
to know we have rec^d. considerable Satisfac-
tion & advantage from them - We all re-
joice that they are settled so near us, and it
is our intention to treat them with Kindness
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address to them, touching on ~~the~~ various Subjects
in which we thought it needful they should im-
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also told us that on looking over our Coun-
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Brothers - You say if our minds were more strong to Labour - it would give our Women more time to learn to Spin - We think this would be a great advantage to us, for if our Women would learn to Spin & make their own Cloth, the Money which they now use to buy Cloathes would be saved for other pur

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for the Good Council you have given us, and we wish you to keep your kindly show towards us.

Thos Stewardson made a short verbal reply & when he had done, Old Half Town told us that they had done with the use of Spirituous Liquors, every man, but there were yet three Women who would sometimes become Intoxicated, yet they did not intend to cease Labouring with them till they became reformed - This old Half Town some years back was much in the Practice of getting Drunk & when the Allegany Indian Banished the Poison, he said there was no get Drunk at Allegany - he would not stay there - but would go to Buffalo - he accordingly went, but did not stay long before he came to Cattaraugus where he now lives & is so far reformed that friends dont know of his having any polie this season, yet they suspected him once - He is a Very Stout Indian & has been a Chief of great Influence - Wyandegotta (which signifies, he has gone by) is a very respectable

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ny years - His Wife is also a Worthy Wo-
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Cork in a Bottle - Thomson's Name is
Kys wys twa - on the whole side of a King
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er Grade present at Council -

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& concluded with some very suitable advice
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was just bringing it into the Store House where
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mans Relief and remonstrated with them on the
evil & impropriety of such acts - They however
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the Womans Life & when they found he
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Son stepped forth, first lookt to the Ground & then
raising his Eyes in a moving manner & said,
My Friend I hope you will listen to
what I have to say - I am the Son of that
Woman - She is my Mother! - She
nursed me when I was a Child, and I
love my Mother! Her Arms were ex-
tended for my protection - she laboured
for my Support & Comfort! - how can I
help but love my Mother? She
clothed me & kept me from all harm
both in sickness & in Health, and you
cannot doubt that I still love my Mo-

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together with the Family (consisting of Benjn
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Jackson) about 9 o'clock - Our Minds, I trust,
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of Gratitude to Him who hath thus far
preserved us & Comfortably shed the Light
of His Countenance on our present Under-
taking & Embassy - with Desires also that
He may Continue His protecting Care,
both to us on our Return, and to our
Friends here Stationed - that He may
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 'A Task we've ventured on, impelled by thee'."

An Opportunity together was a favored
 one. - the Overshadowing Wing of Ancient
 Kindness accompanying our efforts,
 under which a renewed Confirmation of
 the Promise was afforded ~~that~~ "That
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 in the almighty Name - there He would
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accompanying us, having Business at Batavia -
our Road was across the Wilderness for about
12 or 14 Miles, a single Horse Path - ~~and~~ In
this afternoon's Ride I met with several Dis-
asters - but the Last & worst was from a
Hemlock Knot sharp at one end & laying
in the Road - which my Horse stuck into his
near Hind Foot an Inch & 1/8 in Depth the
effect of which was to lame him so much
as almost to Disable him from travelling -
in this situation I travelled abt 5 or 6 miles
tho' ~~it~~ an extremely bad Road - perhaps
the worst, some part of it, that I ever saw
my Comp^y leave. & me behind I had some very
unpleasant sensations, principally arising
from the Pain which my Horse evidently
travelled in - they at length came to Lake
Erie & there Stopped for me after which
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Enos ytf

Enos (a new Comer there) - have rode this afternoon about 24 miles - & it now being night we with considerable Difficulty extracted the Snag from my poor Horses Foot & without any other application than a little Black Alder Spirit which I had with me turned him out with the rest in a bare Field with a privilege to go to a Hay Stack if they inclined, which stood a good way off - The Landlady provided us a Supper of Tea &c. as good as she was able & we were then told that they would leave us the two Beds & the Room where we eat, to lodge in - being 5 in number, I told my Co. that I intended to be the one who should take the Floor, against this several of them objected, but I told them I did not intend returning home without once making trial of such a mode of Lodging - I accordingly inserted a Chair - placed my Saddle & Bags upon it for a Pillow, & spread 2 Stewardsons Blankets on the floor for a Bed - then putting on my Great Coat I wrapped myself in my own Blanket & lay down, Boots & all, with my feet to the Fire & had a very Comfortable Sleep & some pleasant Dreams - Towards Day Mr. Brown

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 which are so calculated to absorb small
 supplies that the returning Billow
 is lost to the View, before the Wetting is
 renewed by its Speedy Successor.

The Shore for the most part is covered with a
 Beautiful fine Gravel & small Shells - but in
 some places Sand & other mud - in some
 places it is receding & in others forming
 & we were told that when there is much
 Wind the Breakers exceed their Banks &
 dash over the adjacent Country, covering
 many Acres like a Sea.

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 of Buffalo Creek about a Quarter of a
 Mile from the Lake and Commands a
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when we cast our Eyes up the Lake
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contains about 40 or 50 Houses & is in-
creasing in Population & handsome Buildings.
it seems to be a place of much intercourse
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often here to give hope, or rational Ground
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told that many of them have abandoned
this Destroyer & stand firm against Temptation.
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After Dining & getting our Horses shod we mounted them & proceeded over the White Oak Plains, which appear to be composed of a large proportion of small lime stone & an intermixture of pretty good soil - there are very few trees, but fern & some scrubby bushes & abundant of Strawberry vines - Quaker Grangers House - a neat Building, lay to our ~~Left~~ hand & 14 Miles from Buffalo we stop for the night at Asa Harris's Tavern - my Horse had traveled in much pain & next morning the 3^d I with Difficulty got him to move, he had also left his oats for the first time since leaving home - Our Camp intending Breakfast at Vanderenters Tavern 8 miles distant, I got along with them, but neither myself or Horse being in eating mood we passed on over a Rough Road, much of it being log Carriway 18 Miles to Batavia - I had drove him before me a considerable part of this Distance & felt a great deal better on reaching there - when my Co. came up a pretty good Dinner & Glass of Wine

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Stock I was told 1200 head of Sheep -

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noted for Horseracing &c; now only three In-
habited Houses, we fed our Horses, eat a
few poor red Plums & a piece of Gingerbread
& then mounted again coming pretty soon
to a Stream of Water Called Cannaseraga
being a Fork of the Genessee River
which here is about 8 miles from us -
along this Stream is a body of valuable
Flats which lay to our Right & a moun-
tain to our left - this is a rich soil if right-
ly managed but the Farms are in poor Culture
& many of the Houses are deserted - partly
owing (as we were told) to the badness of the
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 tween 1 & 200 Cattle - this Daville is a poor
 little place, but the landlady seems disposed
 to entertain us according to the best of her abi-
 lity - next Morning the
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 Body of uninclosed Marshy Ground - then
 after Breakfast about 11 o'clock took our
 way up the Canisteo Creek, pretty much
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 a Chain of Mountains, yet we were told
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 level & well timbered - after making
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miles came to the Tioga River where
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told that the Tioga empties into the North
Branch of Susquehanna about 50 Miles
from here - after joining the Canisteo &
Tioga stop & Dined at Hoods Tavern, just as
it began to Rain, which continuing we
embent our Great Coats for the first time
that Rain had made them necessary, &
in about $3\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile riding crossed
the Cowaneskee & took the left
hand road of three, joined the Tioga
twice got in to a Tavern kept by another
Widow Perry, being a little Wet - our Days
ride Computed 41 Miles - my Horse this
afternoon much better of his Lameness &
in good spirits - We are now in the State
of Pennsylvania have crossed the Line of
Penn^a & N York this afternoon between the
Cowaneskee & Tioga -

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miles to Breakfast at a poor Tavern kept
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June 26. 2nd bush planted to no effect
 20. M^{rs} 50 cts

27. 1000th load to 14 Porters
 2.91⁵

25 M^{rs}

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16

10th mo 1st note to
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ytf 9 mo 26 2 [Fish?] presented to us [?] .50cts
Lodgd at Stephen [Hazeltnes?] 20ytf Miles
27 Lodgdg Feed &c. for 4 Persons \$2.91 1/2
rode to Cataraugus Clear Creek 25 Ms.
28th Went to viewytf the Ind. Town & Impr.
bing 8 miles out &
8 in
16 10 mo 1st. rode toytf Enos's on Lake Erie Lodgd
21 M 21st-- 23 2d.ytf SUP. & Horses a Enos's \$2.94 "
Breakfast Dinner & Horses at Buffaloe , called New Amsterdam 9 M \$4.
-- shoeingytf Horses--my own \$2.
Lodgd at [name?] Harris's 14. \$4.69 8 3d.
Breakfast atytf Vanderslice Td pd.8.
-- Batavia Keyes Tavernytf 18
[D?] & fed \$1.88
Garrisons Tavern Supd & Lodgd 12. 2.25
40
4ytf Breakfast at McBerry's (Hartford) 13.-- 2.--
" fed at Williamsburg 12.-- .37 1/2
" Lodgd at Dansville Inn a ytf Rowley 15. 2.87 1/2 32
5. Breakfast at Chris Hulberts Tavn. Canisted 2 1/2 1.25ytf Creek
" Lodgd at Joseph Lugtneys & Breakfast 19 1/2 2.75 41
6th Fed atytf Jones Tavern 18 --.50
" Dind & fed at Forks Tavn. formerly Linsleys 13. 1.87 1/2
" Lodgd & supd at a Qytf Widow Berrys 10. 3.--
28
7th. Breakfasted & fed at Greno's Tavern 11.ytf 1.12 1/2
" Supd & Lodgd at the Blockytf House 17. 3.12 1/2
41
8th. 1st. Day Breakfasted & fed atytf David Reynolds Tavern 15. 1.50
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26.
--.50 28 9th. Breakfastedytf [Millers?]-
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Lodgd at Thomas Ellis's--Cattawassey 12. \$40.51 ytf

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ytf 10 mo. 9th. Amo. of Exp. bro. over \$40.57 41 10th.

Breakfast at Tho. Ellis's

" Fed ab. 12 at Michael [name?] 23ytf Miles \$--.59

" Lodgd at Bensingers supd feedytf &c. 18 2.87 1/2 27ytf ytf 11th. Breakfasted at Mordicai Le

Dind atytf T Lightfoots 1 Mile

Lodgd at Amos Leas 10m 11 Miles 4 \$43.97 1/2 &

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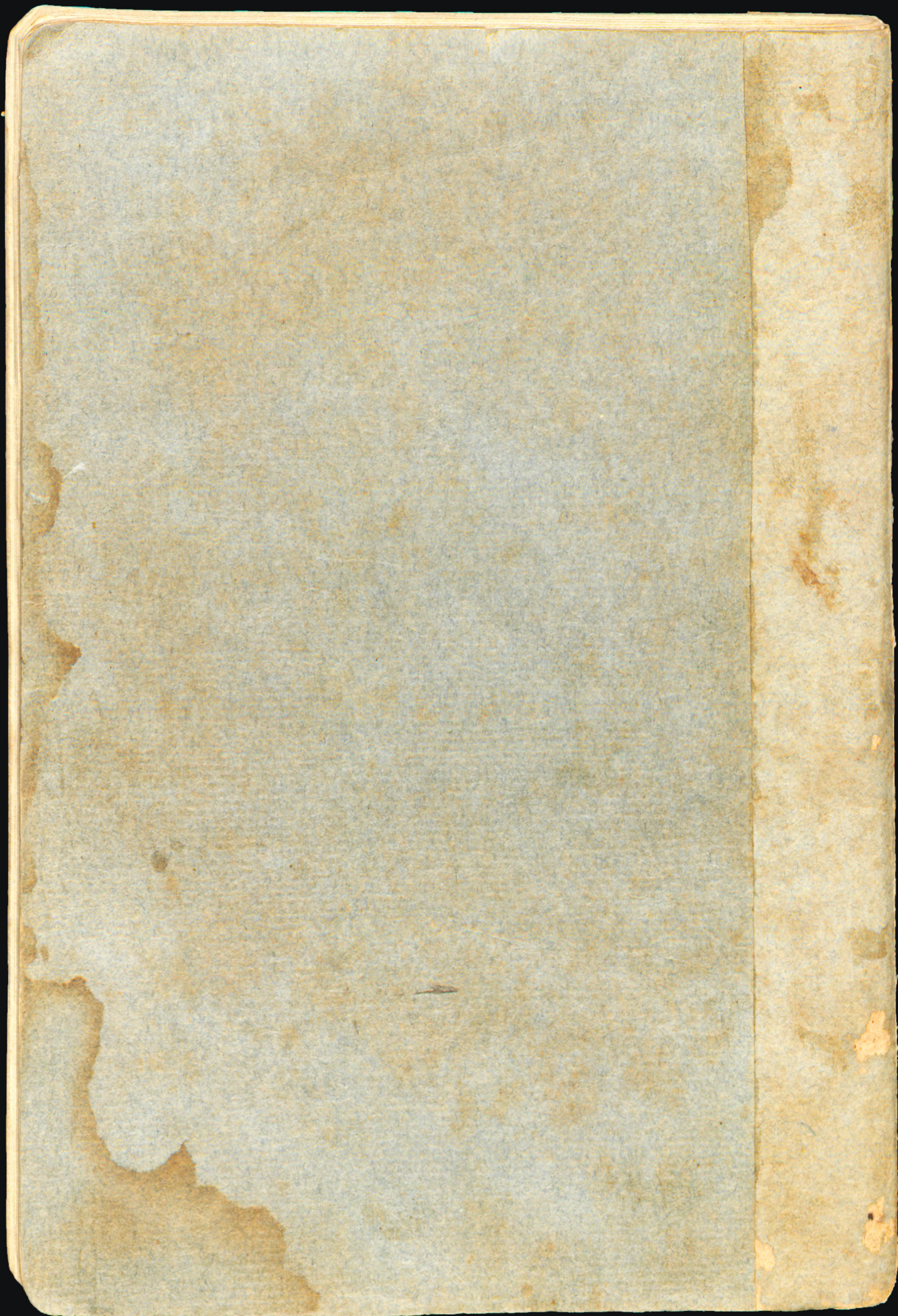
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rec'd of Jn. Brown

12th Toll at Pottsytf Grove --12 1/2--2d Gate 9cts--3d. D. 8. --.29 1/2

Dind & fedytf at Thomas's Tavern near the 18 miles 54 stone on the Road S Road from A Leas 33 Ms. .87 1/2 2

13th Reachd home toytf Breakfast 8 Ms. [?] 37 1/2 122 291 ytf ytf ytf



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