

Cottage Place. June 1st 1834.

Dear Ladies,

Please accept my warmest acknowledgements for the generous present you have made me, and the delicate manner in which it was offered. I have never, in my whole life, met with anything that gratified me more, or affected me so deeply. It would have excited strong emotion at any time; but coming, as it did, while I was under the influence of many discouraging circumstances, I was moved even to tears.

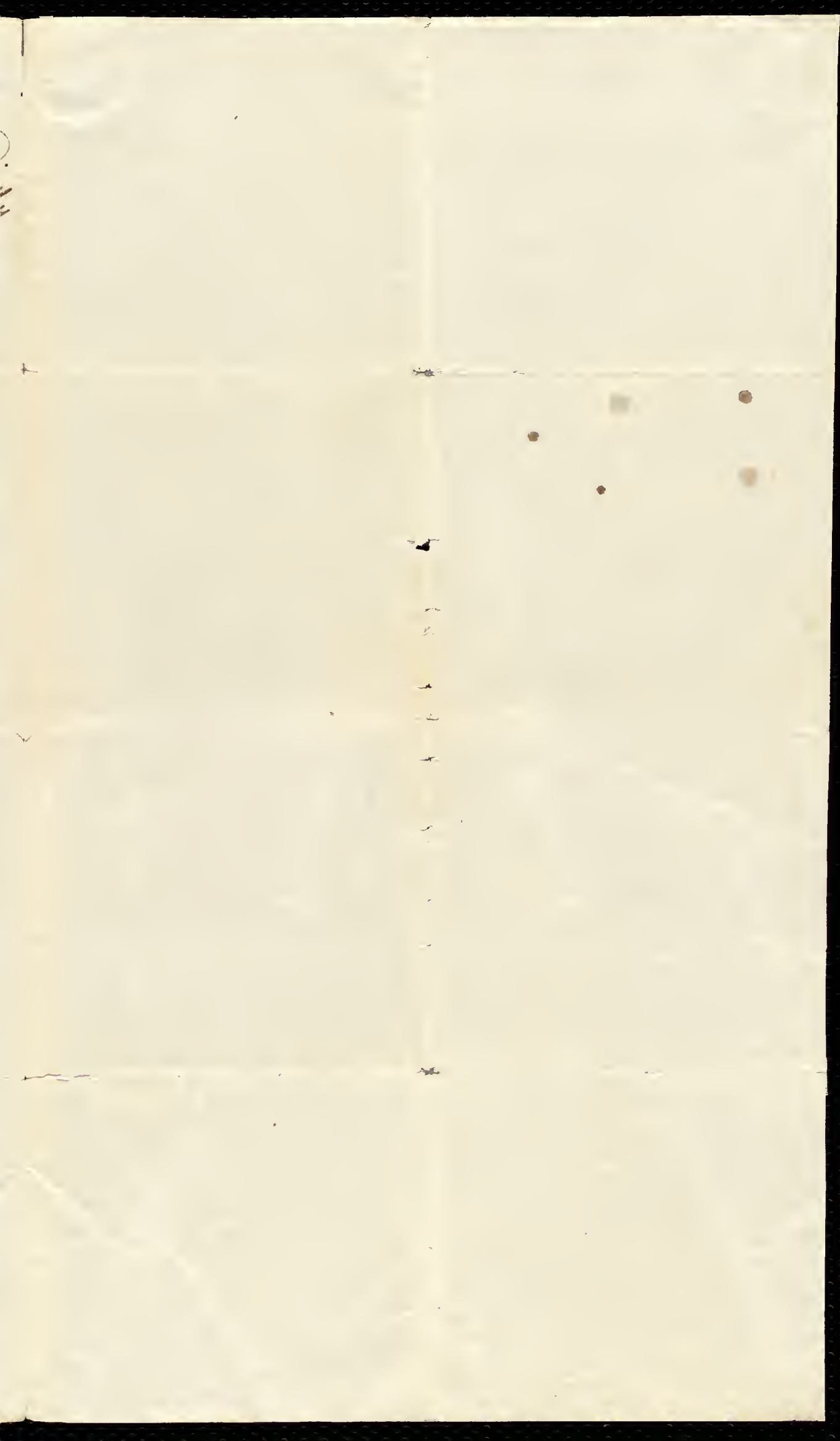
A letter of thanks would have been sent immediately, according to my first intention, had it not been for peculiar circumstances. We are obliged to leave our present residence; and when my husband left home, he was quite undecided between several plans, some of which would remove us to an inconvenient distance from the Athenaeum. I wished to inform you distinctly how the money, so kindly bestowed, would be appropriated; but at present I can only assure you, that, if we go out of the city, it shall be used as nearly

as possible in the manner you intended; and if we remain here, the original purpose shall be literally fulfilled.

God bless you all, and make me worthy of the good opinion so kindly expressed by you.

Yrs Most Respectfully & Gratefully,

L. M. Child.



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(For) Mrs. Chapman & Her Ladies