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St James's 16th October 1781

Sir

I take the first opportunity of transmitting to you the inclosed printed accounts to which I refer. The late Naval action off the Chesapeake is one of those indecisive Engagements of which there have been so many in the course of this War. The French notwithstanding their Superiority in numbers avoided coming to close and general action. There is every Reason to expect another, and I hope more decisive Engagement after the Arrival of Admiral Digby. — Commodore Johnstone's Capture is a very valuable one and will be severely felt in Holland.

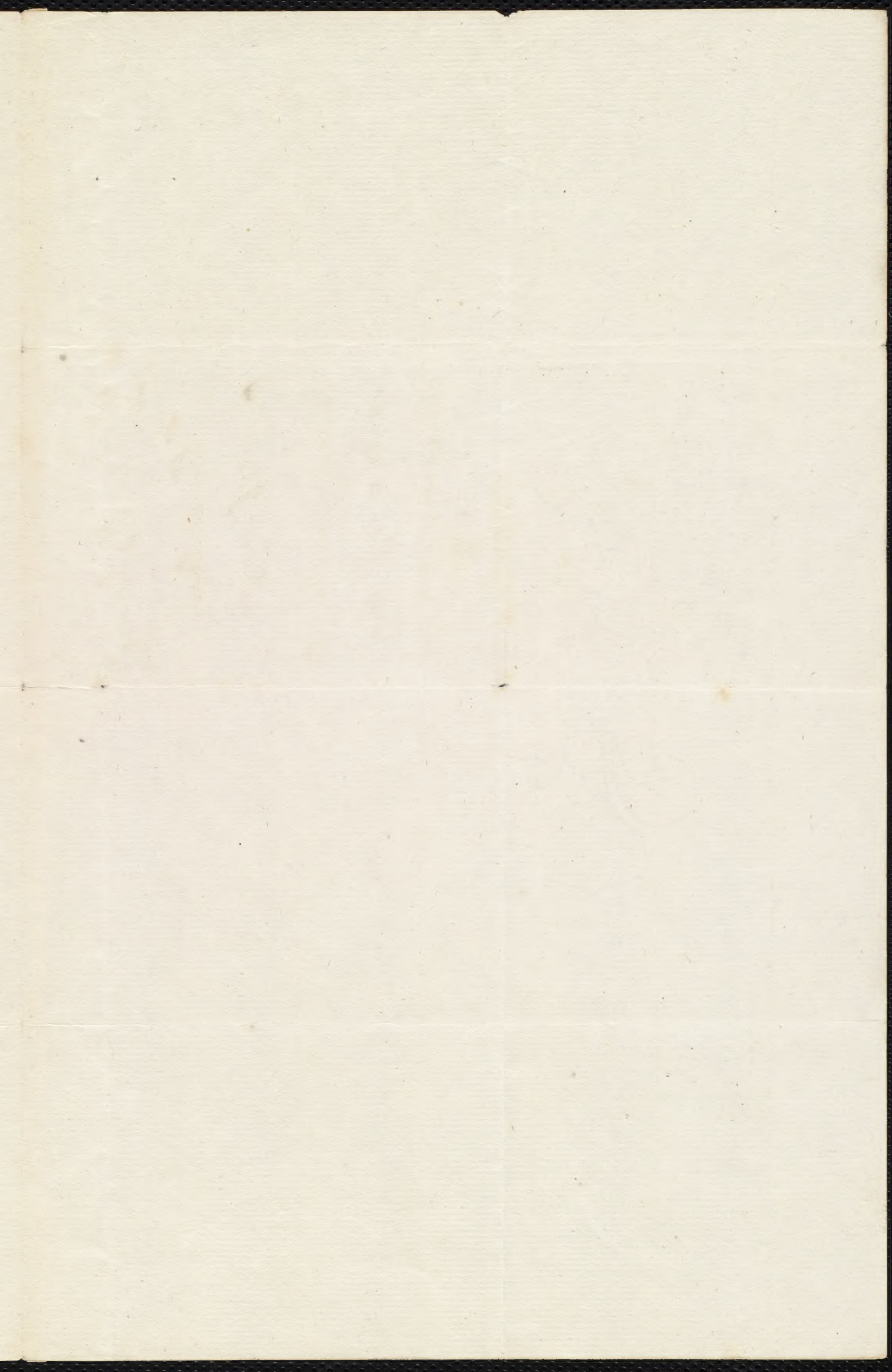
The Arrival of our East India Fleet (one of the richest that ever came to Europe) is a great & most important Event.

I am with great Truth & Regard
Sir Yours most Obedient

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