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My dear Friends

Your letter of the 5th has only reached me to day! - Thanks to the P. Office establishment! It is vexatious to think of such neglect in that department. - I now hasten to acknowledge the reception - and to say that as early as possible - the subject shall be laid before our Ex: Com: would that I could say with the full expectation - that your wants would be supplied. With us - as with you - there is great pecuniary pressure - and our most liberal givers - as well as all others, feel it - They are looking forward to a year of difficulty for our own Society. Only two thirds as much paid from the

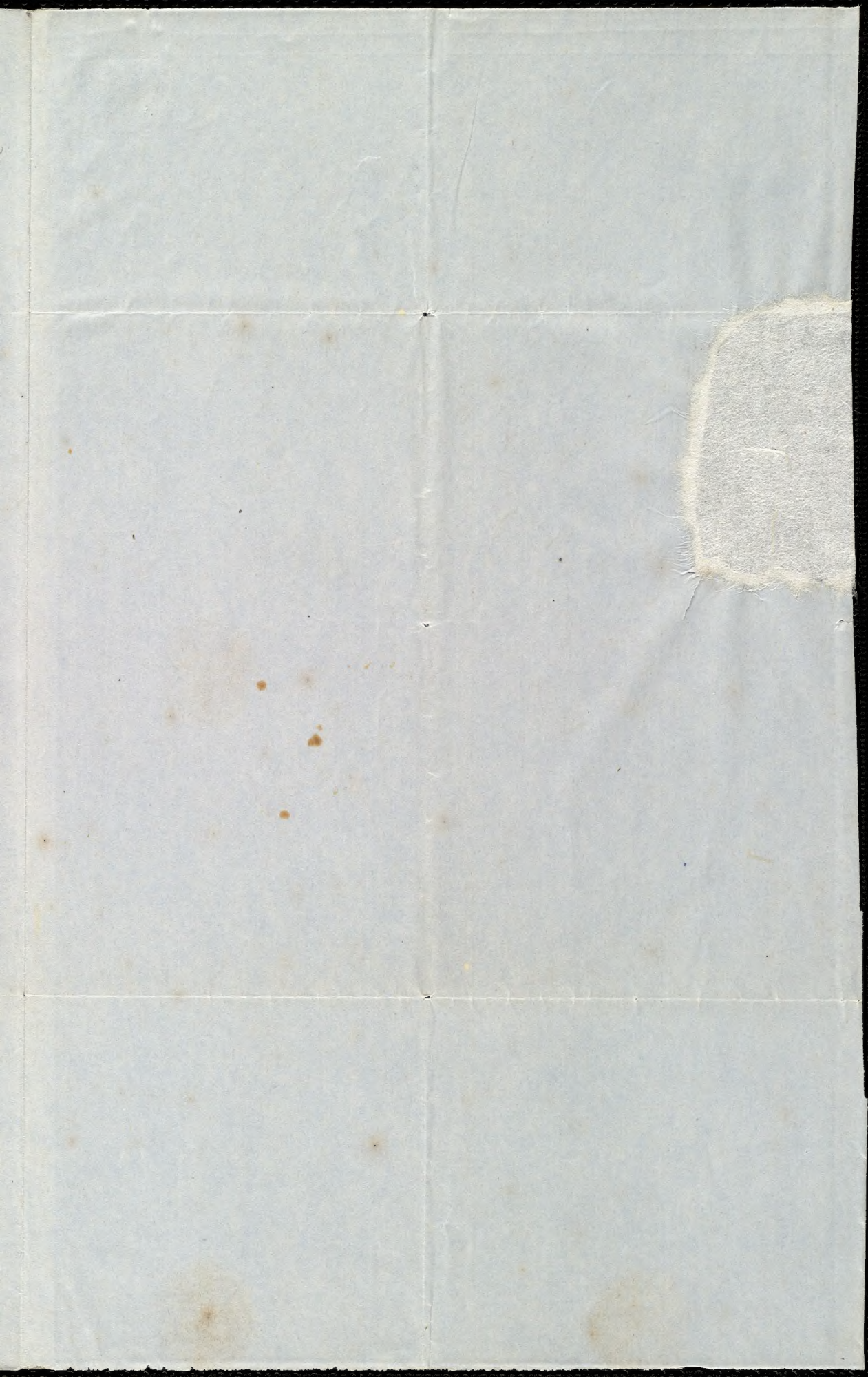
fair this year - as was paid last. yet I
hope something can be done. The National
Society must be sustained, - if possible -

thy hopeful - faith - full - nature would
not have added that last clause. —

Thy views - on the subject of an agent to
Eng: - appear to me now the true ones. - no
less stronger reasons could be given for it
than have yet been.

In haste & love

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