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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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At Home, Watist Licking Co Ohio

July 30th 1865 Sabbath Evening

Frances Parmelia dear

Yours of July 19 was received and read with real pleasure. But I think you would not talk as you do if I was where I could get my hands upon you. "Perhaps if you are not very hard to suit you will find a wife." Now Frank who asked for a wife? Did I? In my last? Did I tell you I wanted you? "Do you really want to marry?" O you impertinent! you make me blush. I was going to say "Come out west before you marry won't you?"

"I think you will enjoy yourself better than you did last winter or spring" You mean I will enjoy myself better "out west" than when I was in prison & jails perhaps I may if "my wife" dont scold me

I can get plenty of wives here without coming west may be I'm mistaken for probably the fair girls in Ohio. Conclude I'm "caught" now & that is the reason they flock to see me. There were 13 or 14 came to see me the other evening. What do you think of me? Do you feel "bit"?

I ask your pardon, dear, for my nonsense
What do you think of the School if I can get it? Would
you be satisfied? Your Bro George left here yester
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as if he had been asking for Grace to sustain
him thro life and had been refused by his
(heavenly) father ——— in-law. — Capt Leggett
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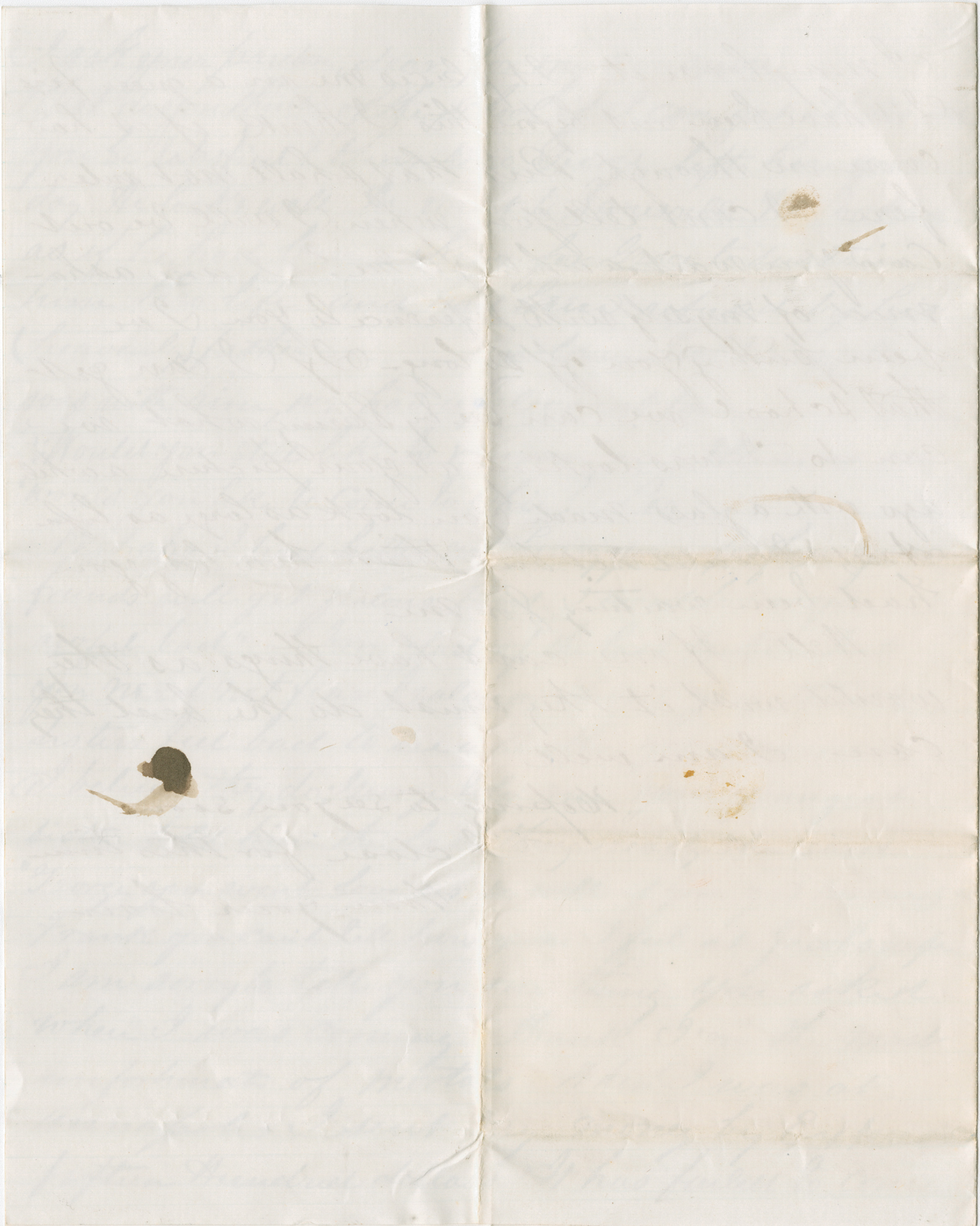
Frank you cant tell how queer I feel at Jacobs wife
I am sorry to tell you one thing you asked
when I was coming Frank I'm the most
unfortunate of mortals When I was at
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fifteen hundred dollars It has failed to come

I may loose it It places me in a queer fix
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can do I was looking at your picture a while
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And I could not but think how long you
had been waiting for me

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would wish it they must do the best they
can I am well

Woping to see you soon

I close for this time
From your lover



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I am sorry to tell you one thing. You asked when I was coming. Frank, I'm the most unfortunate of mortals. When I was at Annapolis, I sent my money by Express, fifteen hundred dollars. It has failed to come. I may lose it. It places me in a queer fix. I'd have been out before this I think if it had come on through, but that shall not interfere. I can't tell you when I will be out. Can you wait awhile for me? I am ashamed of myself with reference to you. I've been putting you off so long. If I can get that school, we can see by Spring what we can do. I was looking at your picture awhile ago with a glass. Made you look as large as life and I could not but think how long you had been waiting for me.

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