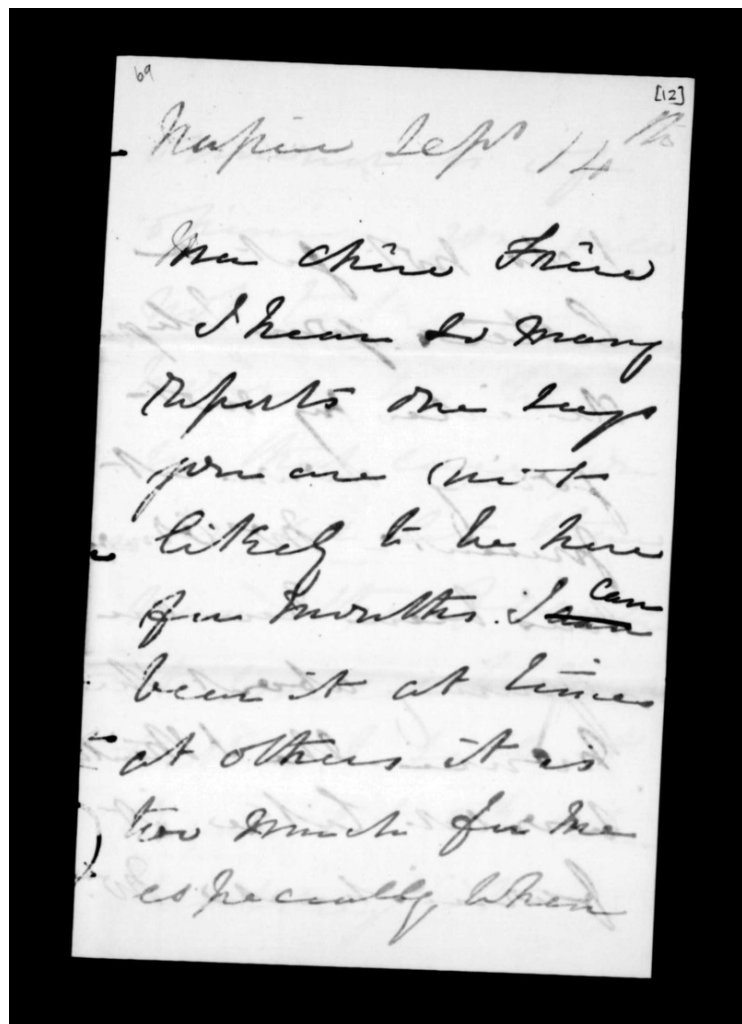


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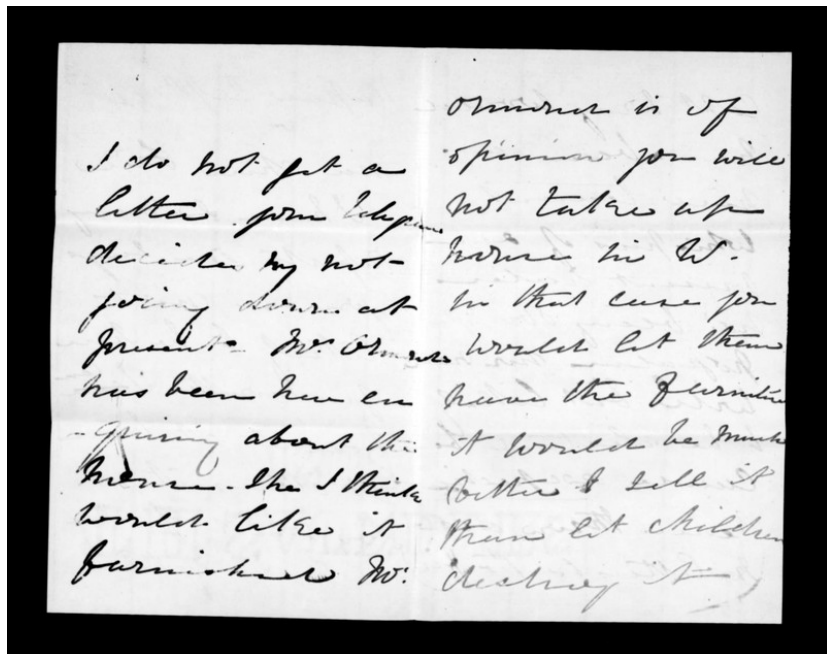
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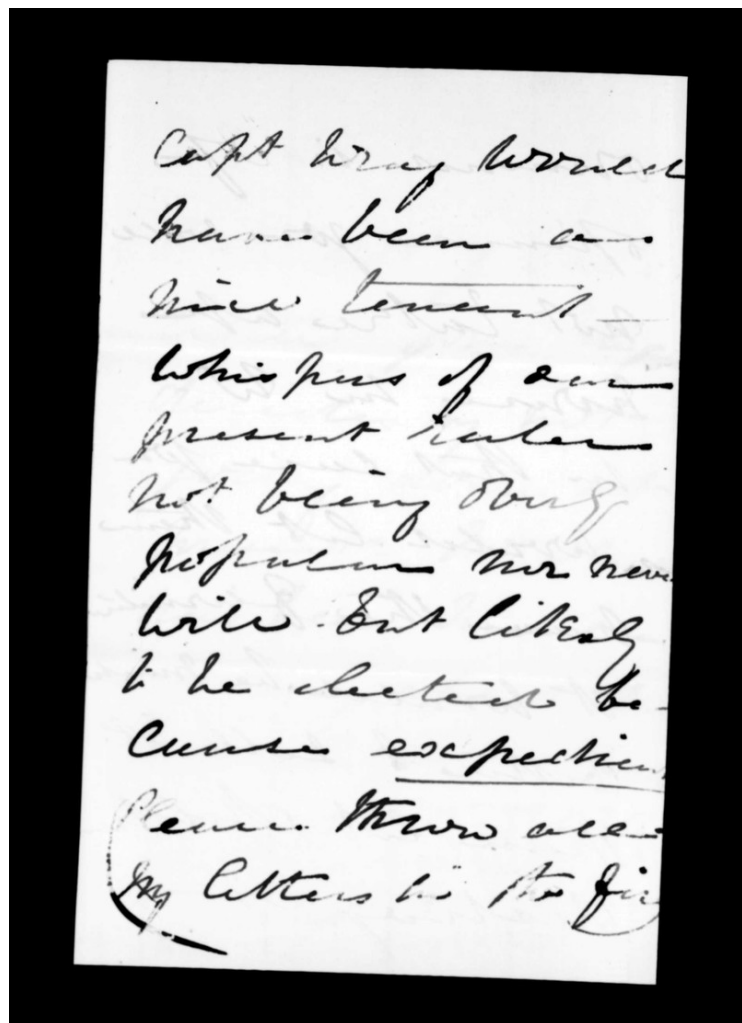
I hear so many reports one says you are not likely to be here for months. I can bear it at times, at others it is too much for me especially when

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I do not get a letter. Your telegrams decides my not going down at present. Mrs Ormond has been here enquiring about the house. She, I think, would like it finished. Mr Ormond is of opinion you will not take up house in W. In that case you would let them have the furniture. It would be much better to sell it than let children destroy it.



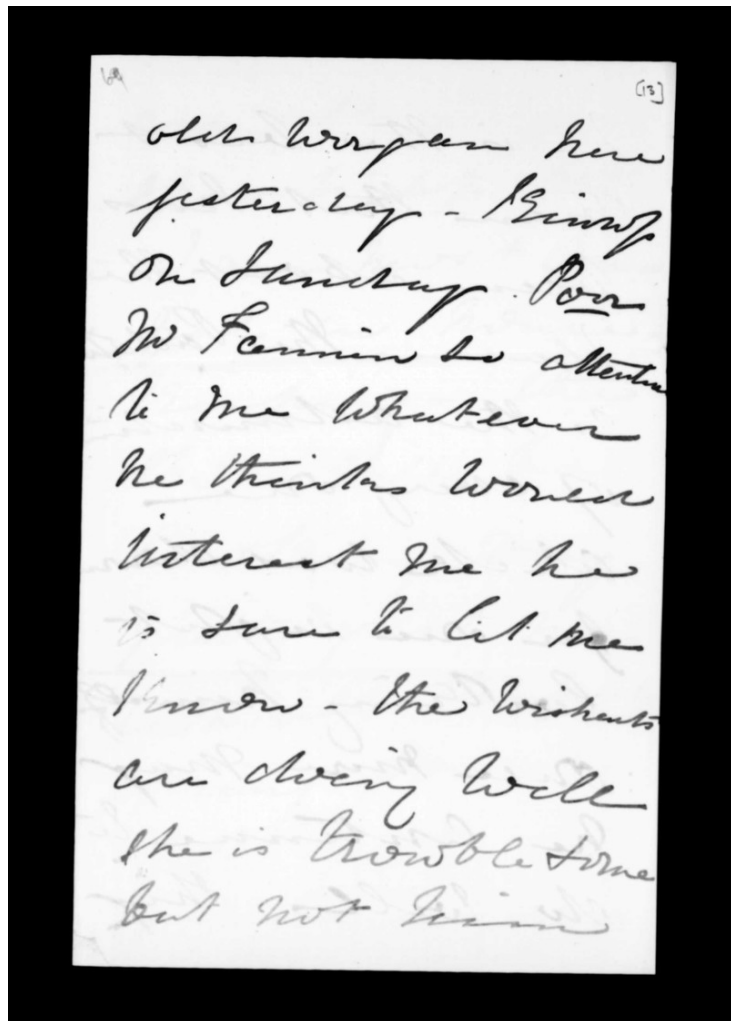
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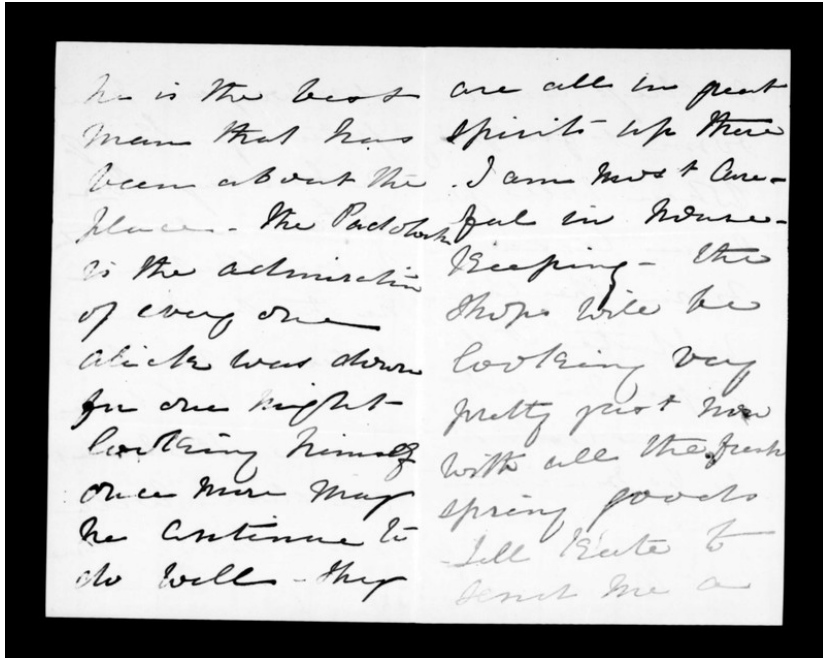
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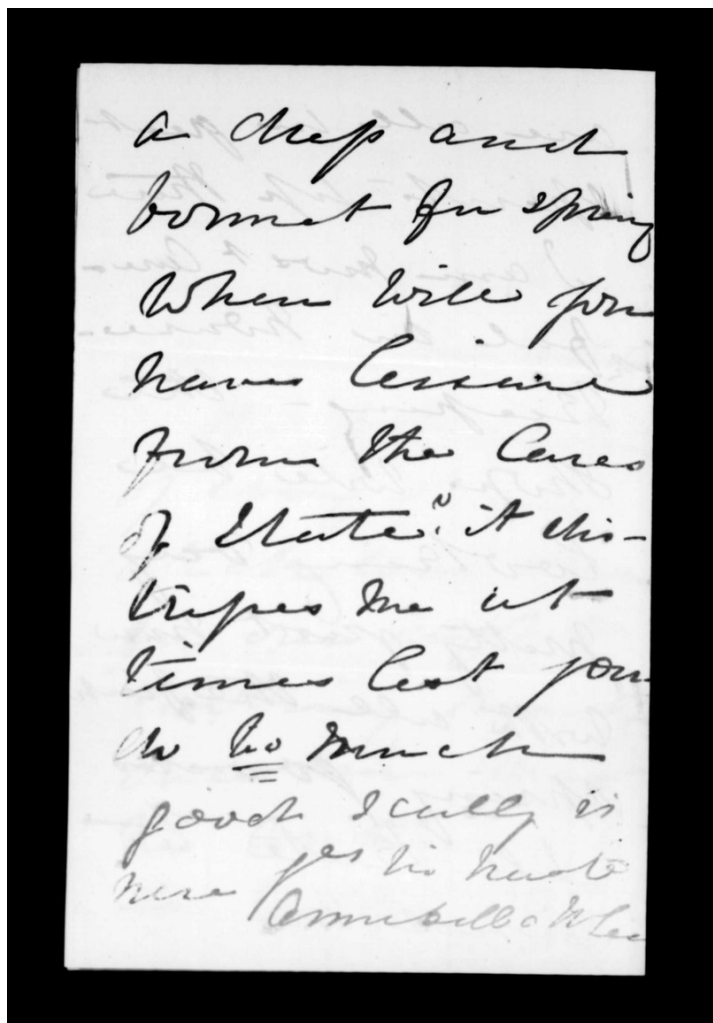
Old Worgan here yesterday. Kinross on Sunday. Poor Mr Fannin, so attentive to me whatever he thinks would interest me he is sure to let me know. The Wisharts are doing well. She is troublesome but not him.

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He is the best man that has been about the place. The paddock is the admiration of everyone. Alick was down for one night looking himself once more. May he continue to do well. They are all in great spirits up there. I am most careful in housekeeping. The shops will be looking very pretty just now with all the fresh Spring goods. Tell Kate to send me a



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