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Dear Sir: I am now engaged
in the preparation of a sketch of the Judicial His-
tory of Washington County, and in my reading But-
terfield's Crawford's expedition, for information as to Col.
Mm. Crawford, as a Justice, I found a reference in
a foot note to a statement from Judge Beck
made on the authority of the minutes of the Yoho-
gania Court then in his possession. I have the min-
utes of that court from April 27, 1778, and have
searched in vain for the minutes of the same
court previous to that date, I have the min-
utes of the Augusta Court while it was held
at Fort Dunmore, and between the two there is a
gap. These two records belong to our Prothonotar-
ies Office (where I got them,) and I presume they
reached there under the special act of 1782 for
West Maryland and Washington Counties.

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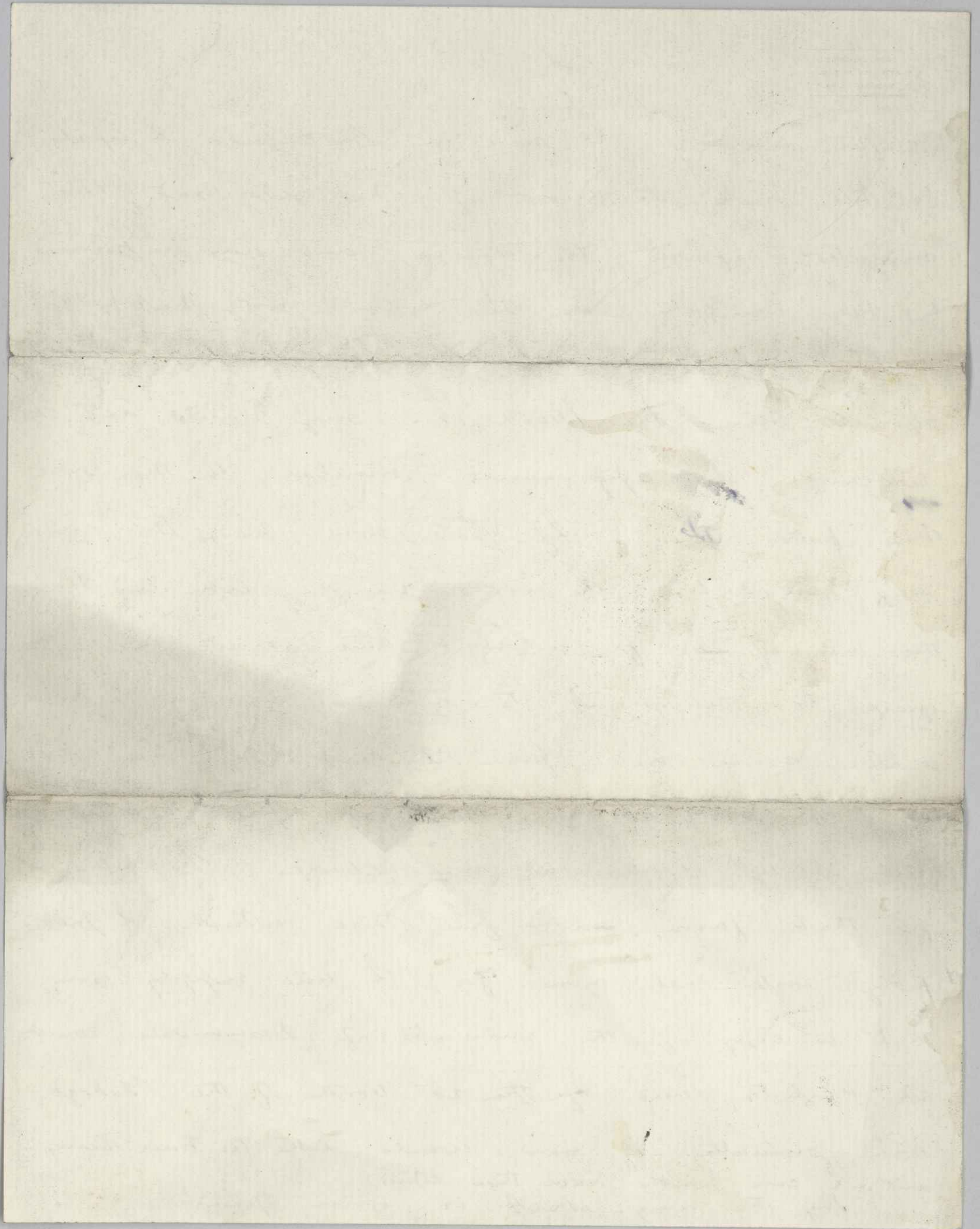
After reading the note in Butterfield I wrote to Mrs. Beck to know if she yet had the minutes referred to therein, and am informed by her daughter, in this town now, that the book in question was transferred to you. I showed her the book in my hands and she recognizes its appearance similar to the one her father had. If you now have the missing minutes, I would much like to have the use of ^{the book} it for a short time, and would engage to return it to you as soon as I could make some notes from it, and if you would be willing to let me have it, please transmit it by express at my charge. In return for that favor, and for others which I probably will ask you for, I will supply you with a copy of the minutes of Democratic Court at Augusta, and of the 25th book of the Georgia minutes, if you would like to have them, and I can probably have them copied.

By the way what is your opinion as to

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the dividing lines between Augusta, Yonogamia
and Monongalia Counties? Have you Darby's
paper in the National Intelligencer (?) which
seems to be the authority for fixing the Court
House of Ohio (?) county about a mile West of
Washington? In the minutes of Yonogamia Court
now in my possession, it is not stated where the
court was held, at first, but I understand that
it was ~~now~~ the place of Andrew or Henry Heath
this side and near the M. River and nearly
opposite Elizabeth. ^{Yet} ~~But~~ in a later part of
the minutes an indistinct reference is made
to a change to "West Augusta"; where was this
West Augusta? What court was held at Redstone?

I am a stranger to you, but have asked
Dr. Brownson to favor me with an introductory
letter which when received I will enclose in
this.

Very Respectfully

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