

To Samuel Osgood, Postmaster General of New York, November 12, 1789.

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Samuel Osgood Esq.
Postmaster Genl. N York

12th Nov 1789

Sir

The late change in the Department of
^{Post} Deputy Postmaster in this Town, by the removal of Miss M. Goddard & appointment of
Miss John White in her place, being a circumstance that gives us much concern,
will here to trust excuse the freedom we take by troubling you on the present
occasion. Our knowledge of the propriety & rectitude of that Lady's conduct
for many years past, while acting in that department, added to a love of justice
and a duty we owe a worthy fellow-Citizen, induces us to interfere in her behalf,
nor should we have delayed our application to this late period, had we not
supposed that the laudable example of our illustrious President would have
been followed, by continuing the deserving in such offices as they held previous
to the adoption of the new Constitution.

A Deputation of us waited upon Jonathan Russell Esq.
in the paper through this Town, and we understood the appointment of Miss White was his,
without any special direction from you. We gave this reason for it. That
some inferior Offices would be put under the direction of the Deputy here, and more
travelling might be necessary than a Woman could undertake. However
we are not ignorant of the importance of the management of the
important business that must occur in the office here during absence.

Under a persuasion that the removal of Miss Goddard
has taken place for want of a more early application, and of your not
being sooner informed of her merits. We have to request it as a favour,
that you will reconsider the matter, and restore her to her former appo-
intment. We wish her to be continued in office no longer than her
conduct is consistent with the Duties and Interest of the Establishment.

Any Security that can be required for her good conduct
in office will be given, and your speedy determination and answer
on this subject will oblige
Yr Most Humble Servants.

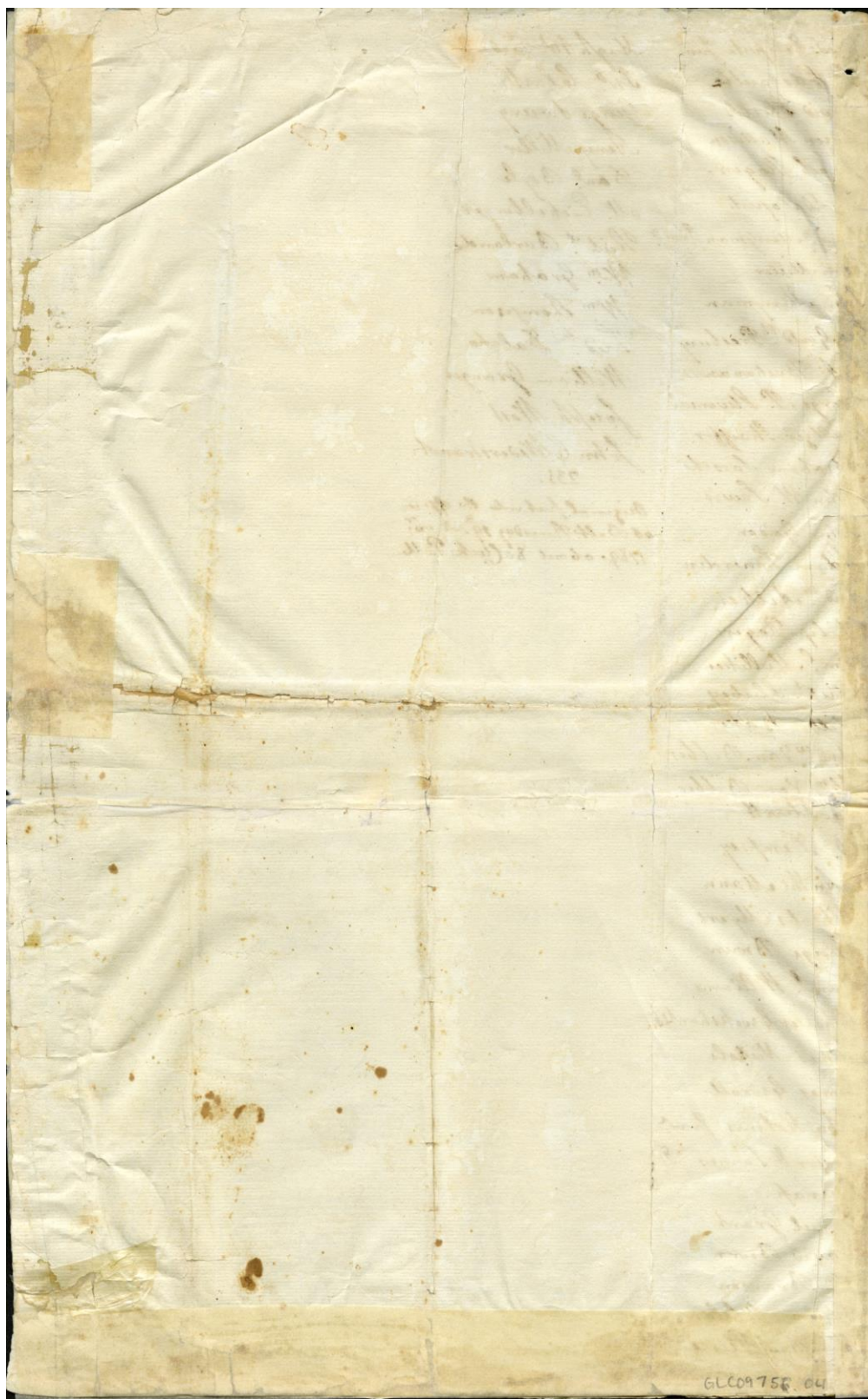
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The document is a handwritten list of names and addresses, organized into columns. The text is written in a cursive script typical of the late 18th century. The paper is aged, with significant yellowing and staining, particularly in the lower half. The list includes names such as 'Mr. Osgood', 'Mr. [Name]', and 'Mrs. [Name]', often followed by a street address or a specific location. Some entries are more descriptive, mentioning 'No. [Number]' or 'at [Location]'. The overall appearance is that of a historical record or a directory of correspondents for a post office.

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Transcript

Samuel Osgood [illegible] Post Master Genl. N. York Baltimore 17th Nov. 1789

Sir

The late change in the Department of Deputy Post Master in this town, by the removal of Miss M.K. Goddard and appointment of Mr. John White in her place, being a circumstance that gives us much concern will [illegible] [illegible] excuse the freedom we take by troubling you on the present occasion. Our knowledge of the propriety and [illegible] of that Lady's conduct for many years past which acting in that department, added to a love of [illegible] and a duty we owe a worthy fellow citizen, induces us to interfere in her behalf, nor should we have delayed our appreciation to this late period, had we not supposed that the laudable example of our illustrious President would have been followed, by continuing the deserving in such [illegible] as they held previous to the adoption of the new Constitution.

A [illegible] of us waited upon Jonathan Burrell Esq. as he passed through this Town, and we understood the appointment of Mr. White was his without any Special direction from you. He gave this reason for it that some inferior officer would be put under the direction of the Deputy here; and more [illegible] might be necessary Man or Woman could undertake. However [next line illegible] assistant for such business as to leave one in the management of the important business that must occur in the office here during absence.

Under a persuasion that the removal of Miss Goddard has taken place for want of a man early application, and of your not being sooner informed of her merits. We have to request it as a favour, that you will reconsider the matter, and restore her to her former appointment. We wish her to be continued in office no longer than her conduct was consistent with the Duties and Interest of the Establishment.

Any Security that can be required for her good conduct office will be given, and your speedy determination and answer this Subject will oblige.

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From your most humble Stewart