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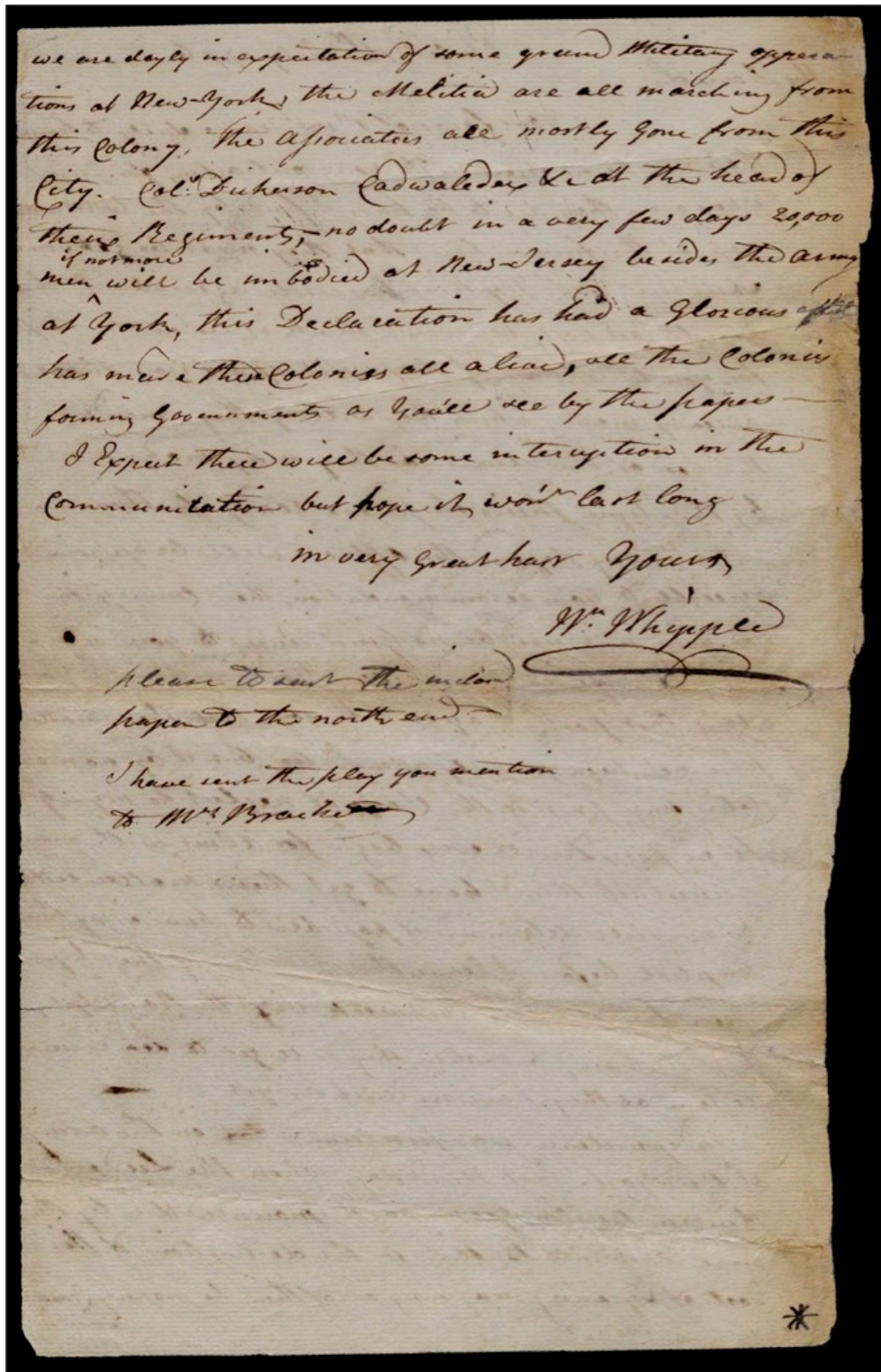
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[2] We are dayly in expectation of some grand Military operations at New-York, the Militia are all marching from this Colony, the associators all mostly gone from this City. Col: Dickerson Cadwaleder &c all the head of these Regiments, no doubt in a very few days 20,000 men [inserted: if not more] will be embodied at New-Jersey besides the army at York, this Declaration has had a glorious effect has made these colonies all alive, all the Colonies forming Governments as you'll see by the papers-

I Expect there will be some interruption in the communication but hope it won't last long.

in very Great haste Yours,
Wm. Whipple

please to send the enclosed
paper to the north end –
I have sent the play you mention
to Mrs. Brachet

[docket]
William Whipple Esq
Letts