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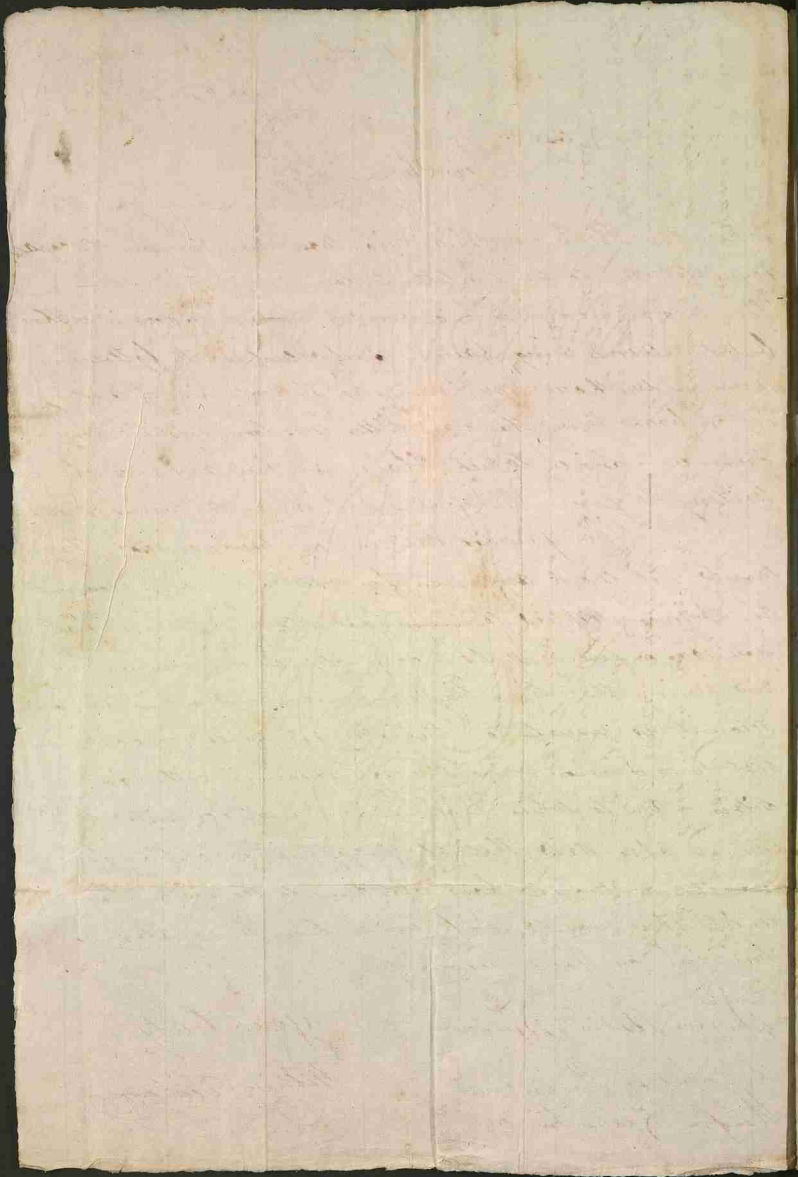
Dear Sir

I have to inform you that when the Fr. B. s. Ship "Elis" was here, Simon, the captain, requested me to write a letter to you, and I did so - the Captain of the "Elis", said he would be again on shore but the wind being fair he sailed early the following morning without my having an opportunity of putting it on board - and the said letter was torn up in my presence - Since which I have not had a chance of writing to you - The contents of the letter was as follows -

The Governor said in my presence that they would not look any man for you or on your account and Simon replied to them that they must give you four or five months to come out or send a person here - and during that time they must look under him on your account as usual to which they all agreed on condition that he - Simon - would pay them in either gold or silver - and to which proposition Simon consented to - Simon also said that at the expiration of the five months he would have nothing to do with them, unless they would work under him as captives as heretofore on your account

Simon asked me for a copy of this letter therefore I gave him one

Your truly
William Dickson





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Answer to Beagle
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