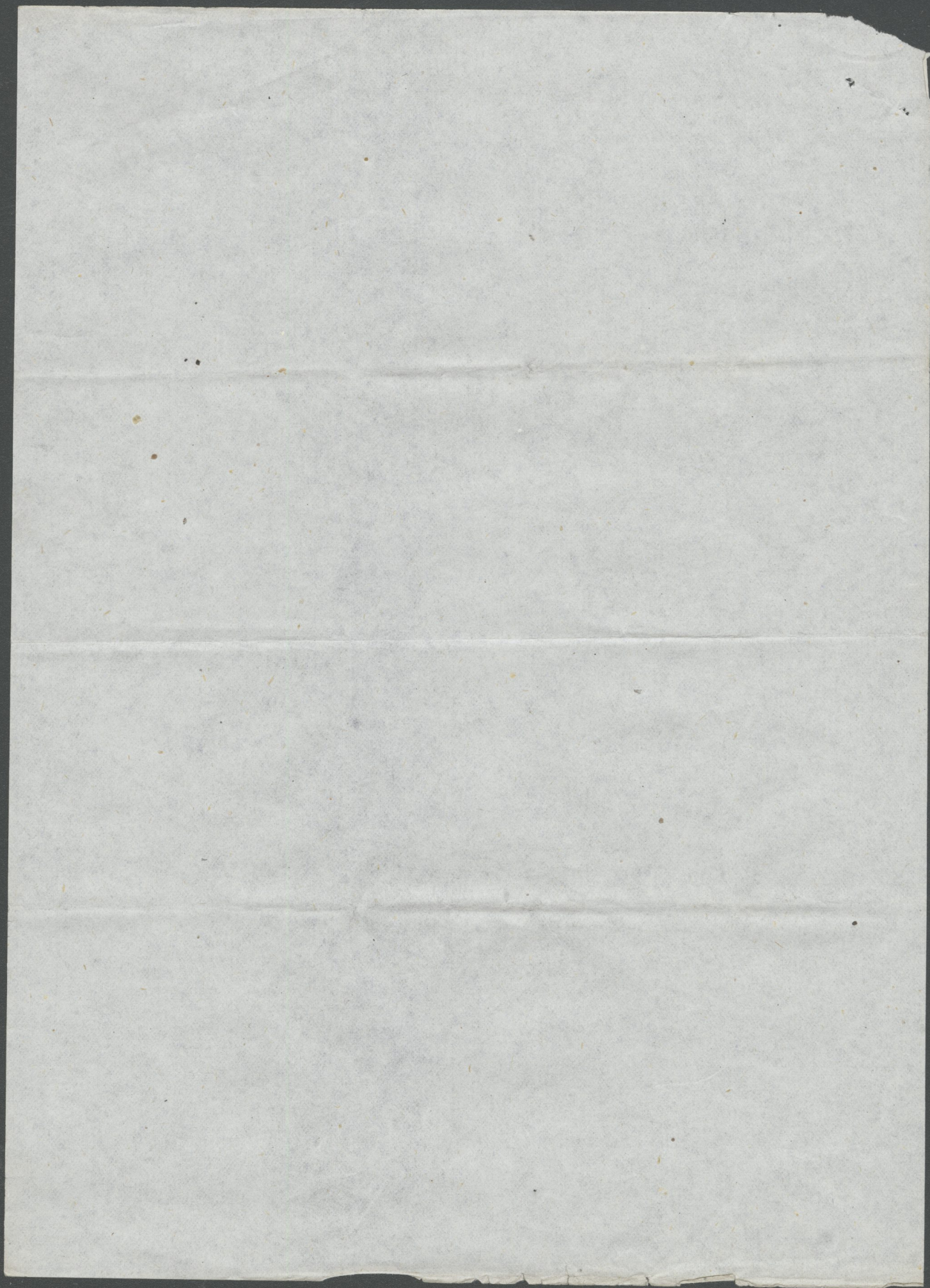


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President Taylor;
Dear Brother,

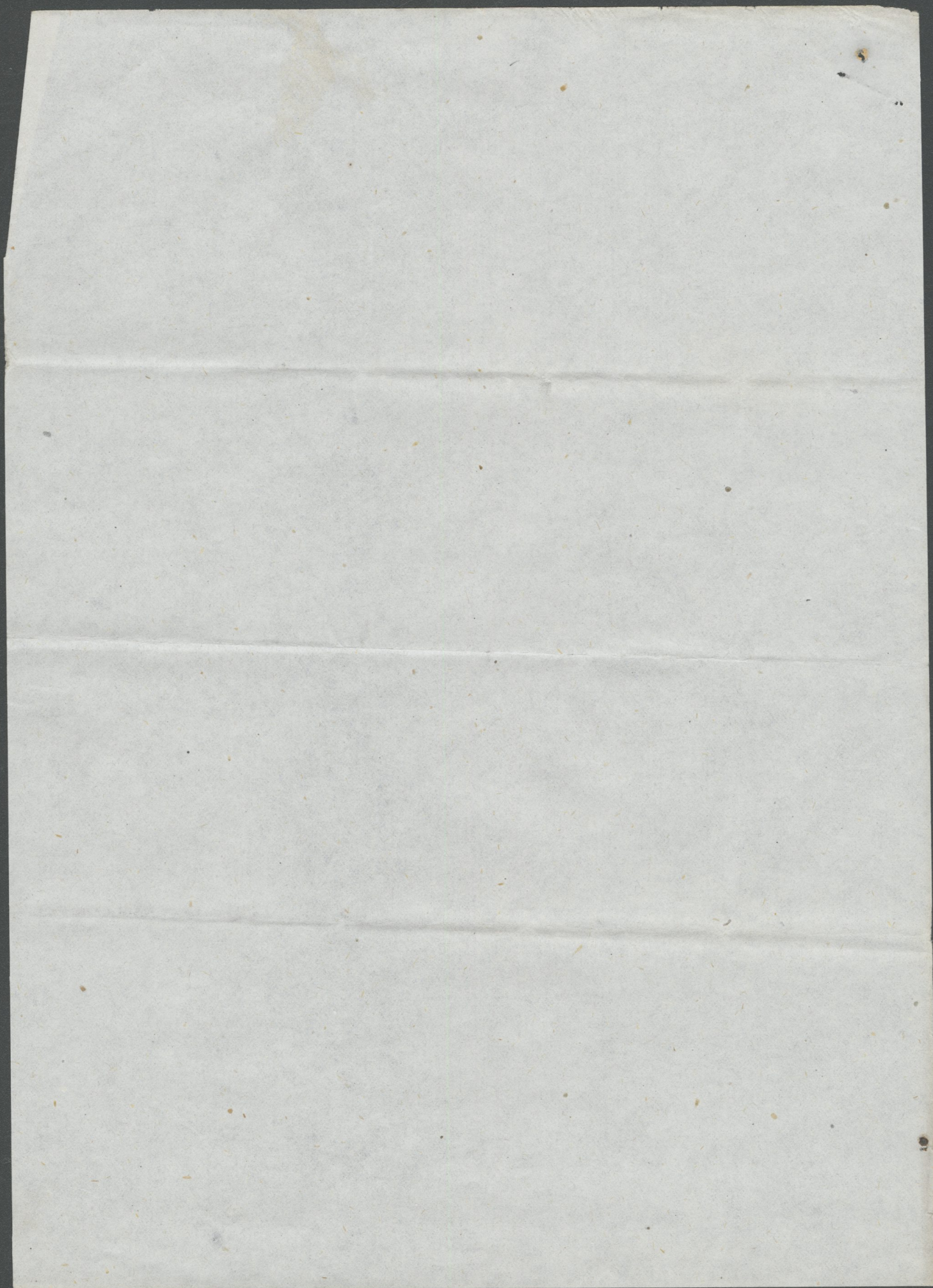
I write you in kindly
and brotherly love. You are hidden
away and cannot know the true feelings
of our people, and those that surround you
are afraid to tell you if they know.
There is a general murmur, a feeling
of uncertainty that has not been manifested
since the days of Hancock.
The people say that you and Cannon and
Smith have run away and left the masses
to go to the penitentiary or humiliate themselves
before the courts as they may, and if they
take the latter course you ostracize them
like you have Sharp; you will force
men to go to the pen when you would not
go yourselves.



The murrinings go so far as to say if Brother Brigham were with us it would be otherwise, and wish for a man that could lead us out of the darkness. Why does not some one come to the front and save our people from division? if things continue in this way much longer, there will be more danger with in than without the Church.

Many claim that the police with Charley Crow and John Jones as counsellors are running the Church.

Something should be done, by your course you are not uniting the people but you are setting one part of the polygamists who want to obey the laws of the land against those that will not obey them, but hide or go into court-

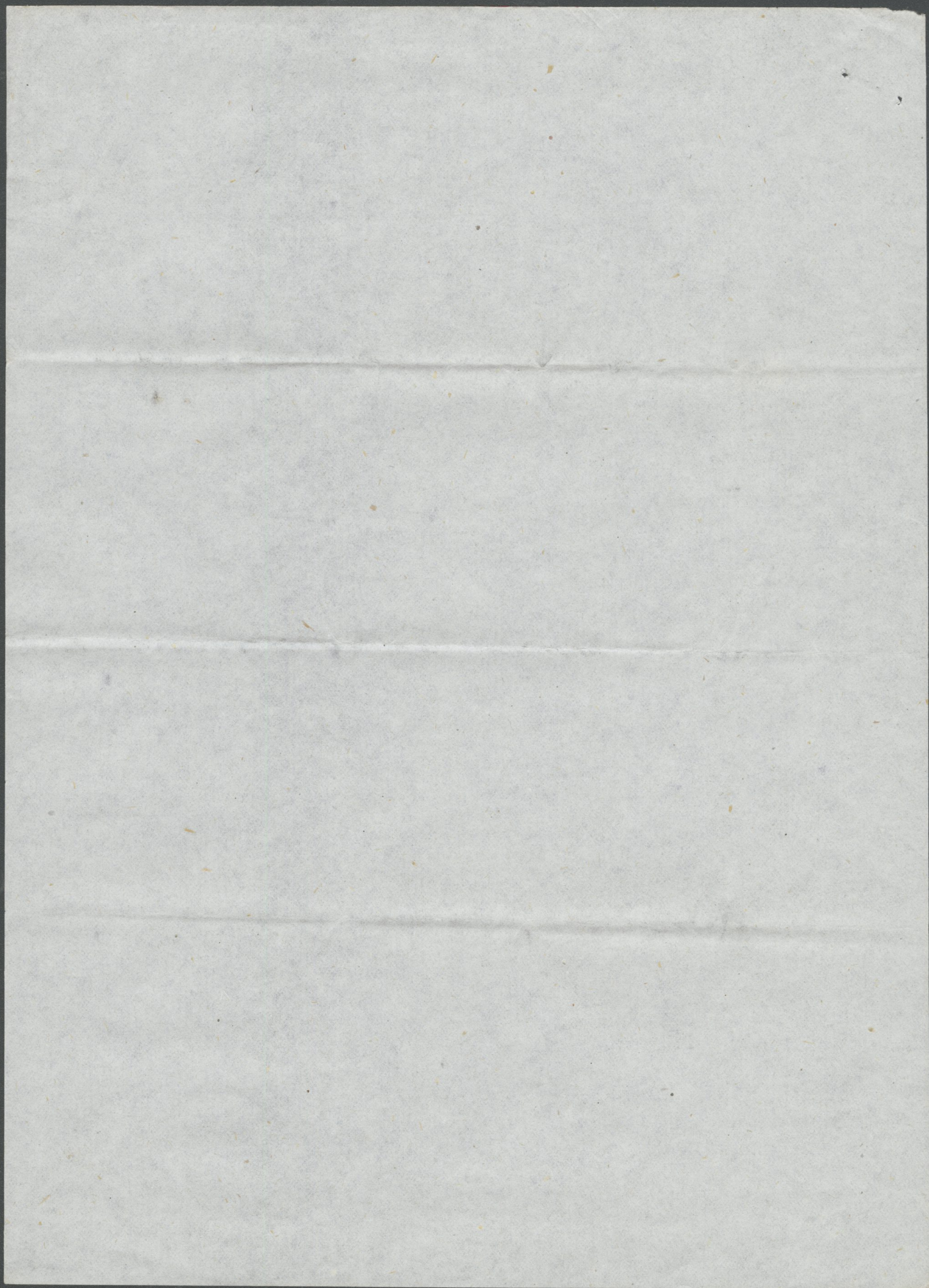


and swear falsely. You will do nothing for us, now in the name of God can you still claim to be a leader when you have ceased to be a leader, but instead become divider.

Why do you not do something for the people? What hope have you?

You proclaim to the world that there are two per. cent polygamists and ninety eight per. cent monogamists. now with half of those in polygamy going back on it, and the other half fading away, what do you expect to accomplish?

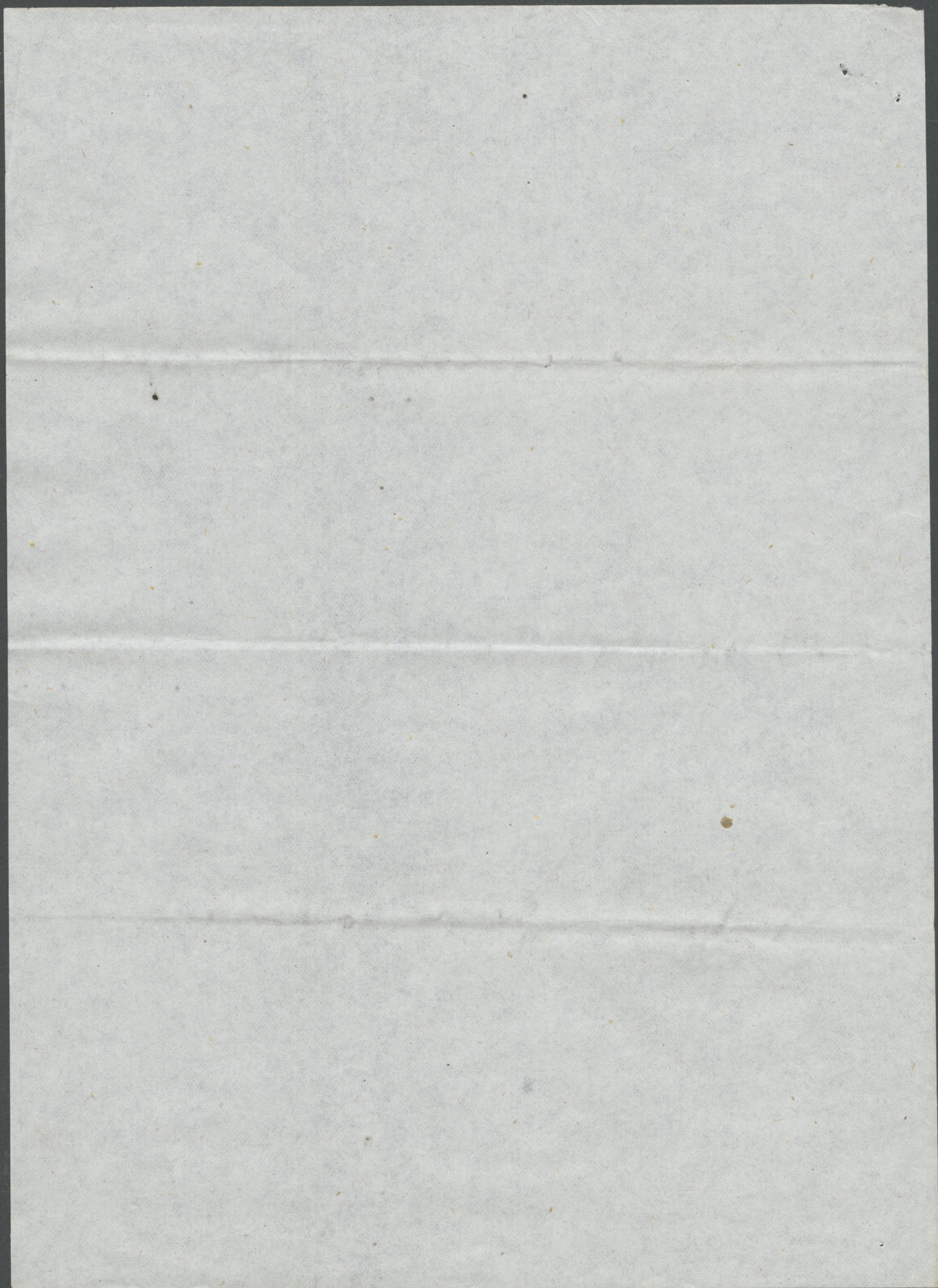
In a word why do you not advise the people to obey the law of the land you live in and get an enabling act-passed by Congress and get Utah admitted as a state. In ^{that} way ~~but~~ a stop to all the wrangling



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and let peace ^{come} to so many unhappy families.

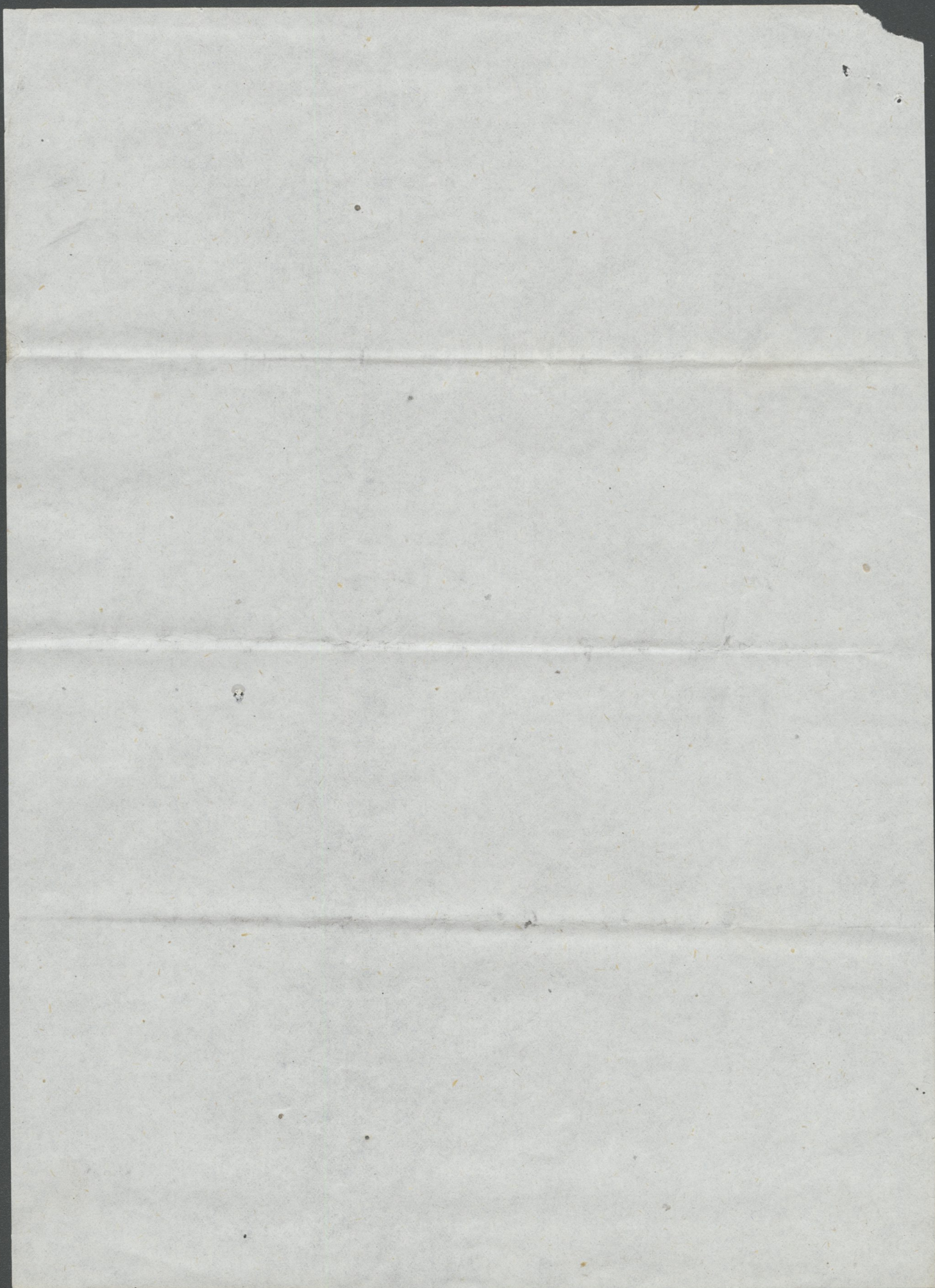
You are hardly aware of the many polygamists that sneak to the Governor and through him get a pardon from the President and go about their homes as usual.

Many saints that have been in the Church since the beginning say that your administration consists of nothing except contrivances and the putting of your sons and other members of your family in to office, and the abuse of your power by putting simulators in to the legislature regardless of the wishes of the people. The same you have done for the



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Pious Council. You are notorious
for ignoring the peoples will; you
are said to have no counselors and
to treat with contempt many of the
+ Twelve Apostles whom the people
love. But, as you are a leader of
the church no one around you dare
say a word, but acquiesce so that
they may remain in favor with you
and hold on to office.

I do not want you to come out
and go to the pen, but ^{what-} I and all
the people do want is for you to
do something. Save us from division
and contention with in and
reproach from with out.
How many times have I heard
you proclaim from the stand that

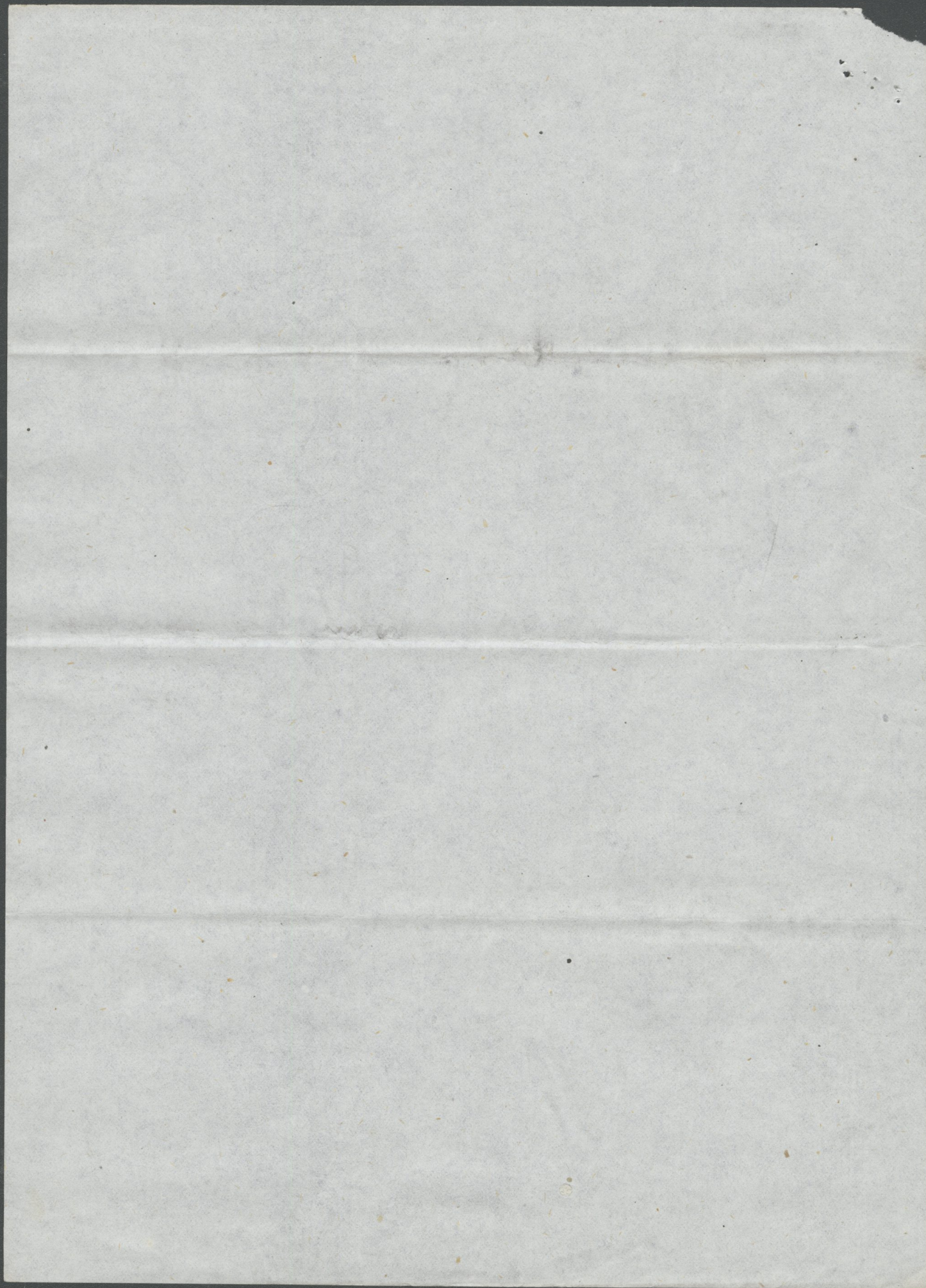


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We must obey the laws of our land
The people that you ^{have} said shall rule, have
through their representatives said that
polygamy should not be practiced.

We appealed to the highest Tribunal
as a last resort but this did no
good, now what can we do? Take
it to the Lord and from his silence
he plainly says, "I have heard the
cries of the daughters of Zion, I
have counted the broken hearts of
the many women who have been
sent to their graves on account
of Polygamy, and I will withhold
for a season until my people shall
repent."

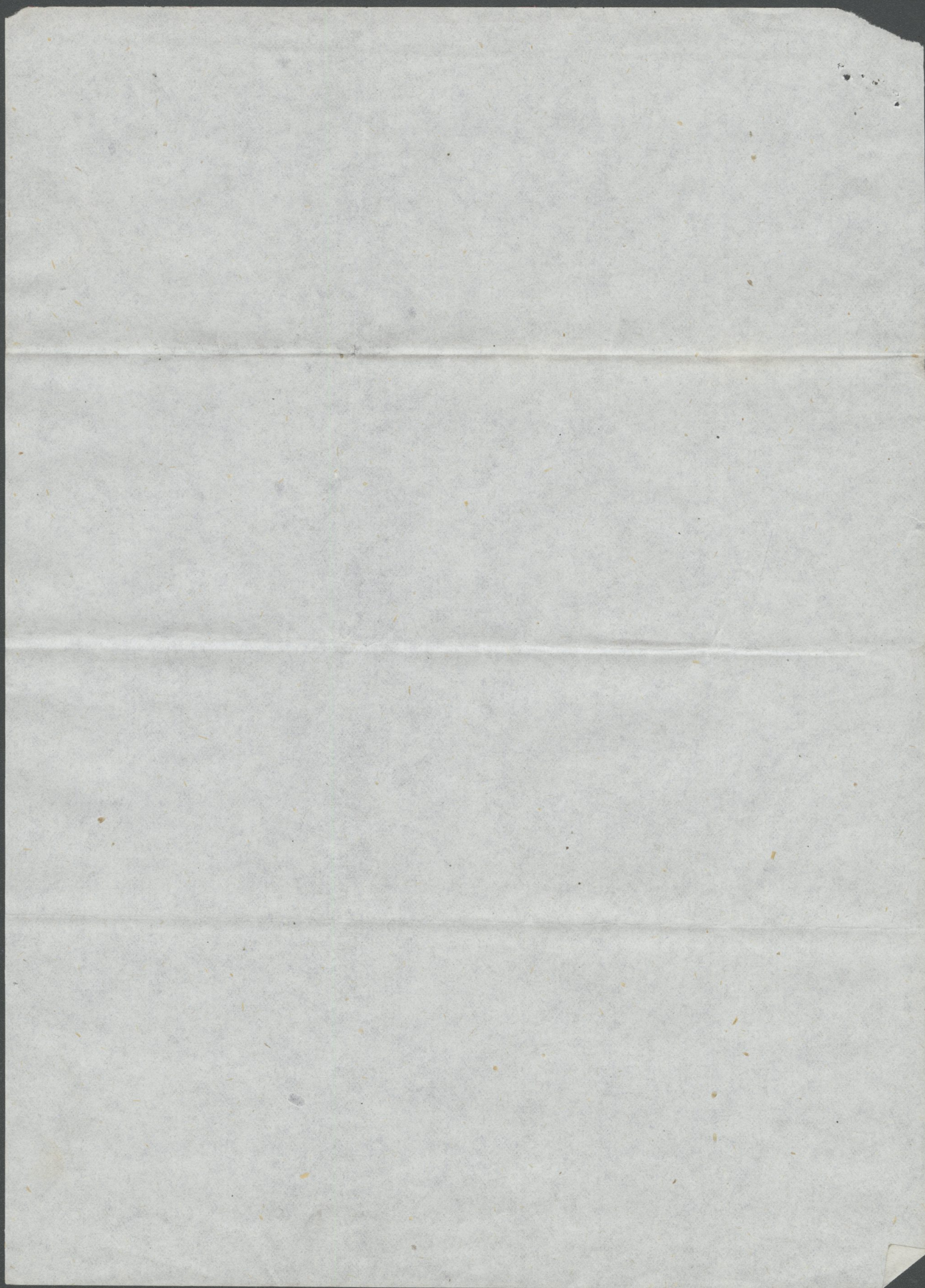
If you do not want to take the
responsibility of doing away



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away with polygamy upon your
(self you can do this; order an
election of all the people and let
them say Yes or No without
fear or hinderance, and you
will see for your self how they feel,
and you will be exonerated from
all blame; or, if you do not
want to do that - Why do you not
go to Mexico and take all those that
want to still continue the practice,
And there is peace, and the minority
eight per cent can obey the law, and
I will promise a greater adherence to
the Church than you can now conceive
of.

In conclusion I would say that I
would sign my name in full but
with that same fear that others have.



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the day will come, though, when
you will know from me who was
kind enough to give you the above.

Your Brother in the
Gospel

anonymous
Jan 11/86