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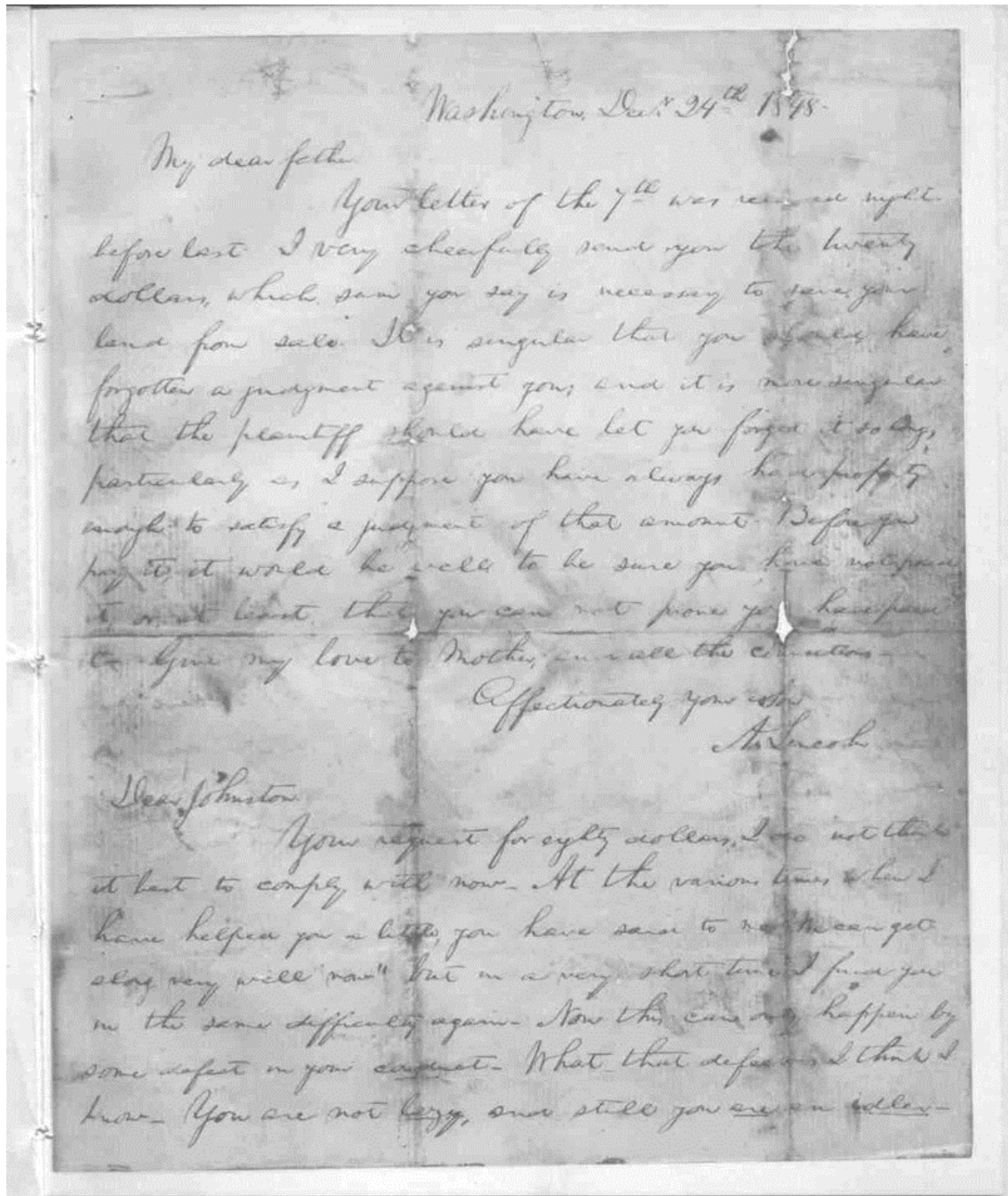
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NOTE

The letters herein by Lincoln are so thoroughly characteristic of the man, and are in themselves so completely self-explanatory, that it requires no comment to enable the reader fully to understand and appreciate them. It will be observed that the philosophical admonitions in the letter to his brother, Johnston, were written on the same sheet with the letter to his father.

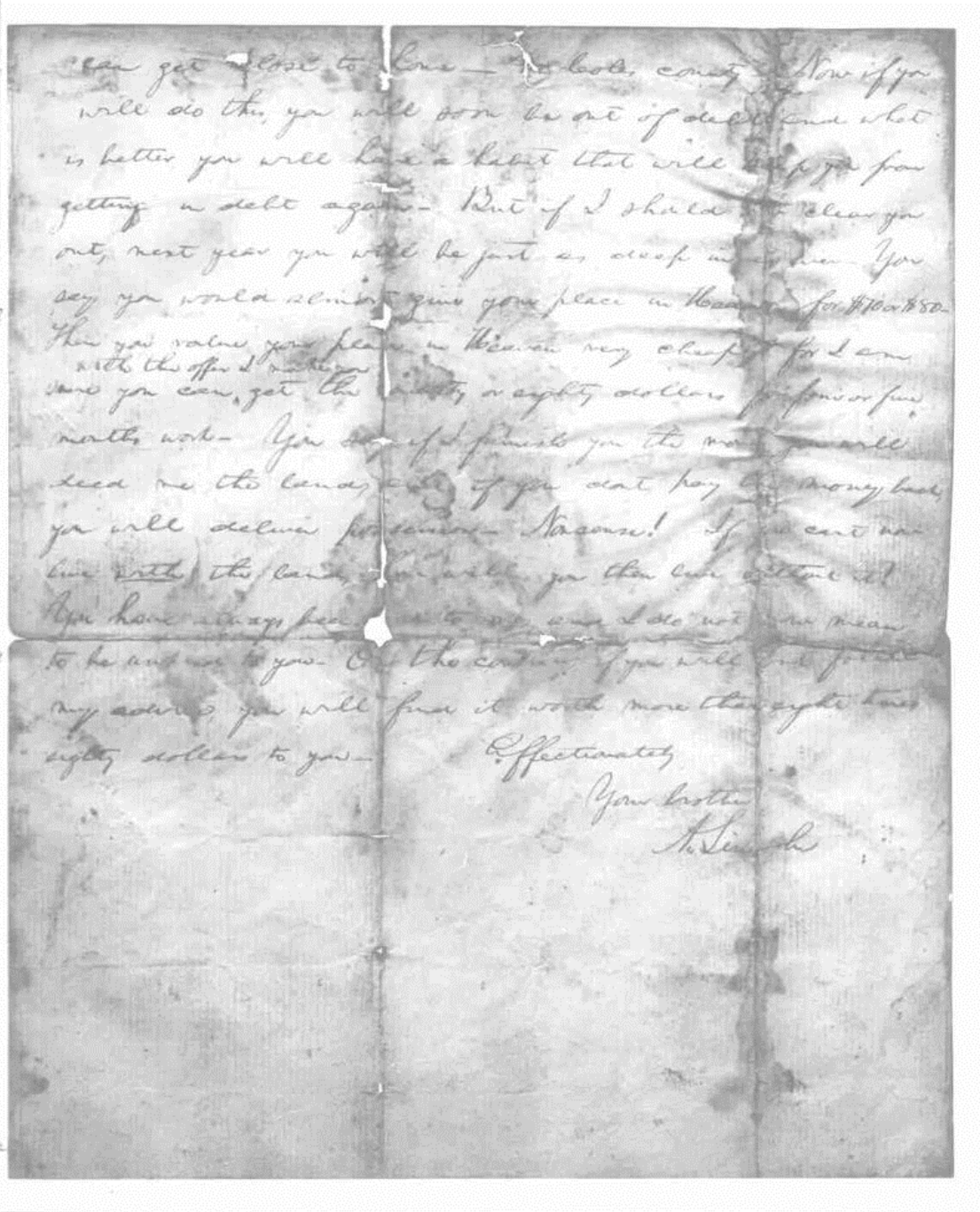
The promptness and decision with which Lincoln despatched the multitudinous affairs of his office during the most turbulent scenes of the Civil War are exemplified in his unequivocal order to the Attorney-General, indorsed on the back of the letter of Hon. Austin A. King, requesting a pardon for John B. Corner. The indorsement bears even date with the letter itself, and Corner was pardoned on the following day.

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I don't know whether since I saw you, you have done a good whole days work in any one day - You do not very much dislike to work, and still you do not work much, merely because it does not seem to you that you could get much for it - This habit of uselessly wasting time, is the whole difficulty, and it is vastly important to you, and still more so to your ^{children}, that you should break this habit - It is more important to them, because they have longer to live, and can keep out of an idle habit before they are in it, easier than they can get out after they are in -

You are now in need of some ready money, and what I propose is that you shall go to work, to the north and west, for some time, who will give you money for it - Let father, and your boys take charge of things at home - prepare for a crop, and make the crop, and you go to work for the best money wages, or the discharge of any debt you are, that you can get - And to secure you a fair reward for your labor, I now promise you that for every dollar you will, between this and the first of next May, get for your own labor, either in money, or in your own indebtedness, I will then give you one other dollar - By this, if you live yourself at ten dollars a month, from me you will get ten more, making twenty dollars a month for your work - In this, I do not mean you shall go off to St. Louis, or the lead mines, or the gold mines, in California, but I mean for you to go at it for the best wages you



Washington, Dec. 24th, 1848

My dear father: —

Your letter of the 7th was received night before last. I very cheerfully send you the twenty dollars, which sum you say is necessary to save your land from sale. It is singular that you should have forgotten a judgment against you; and it is more singular that the plaintiff should have let you forget it so long, particularly as I suppose you have always had property enough to satisfy a judgment of that amount.

Before you pay it, it would be well to be sure you have not paid it; or, at least, that you can not prove you have paid it. Give my love to Mother, and all the connections.

Конец ознакомительного фрагмента.

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