Matamoras Feb the 1st 1847

Dear brothers

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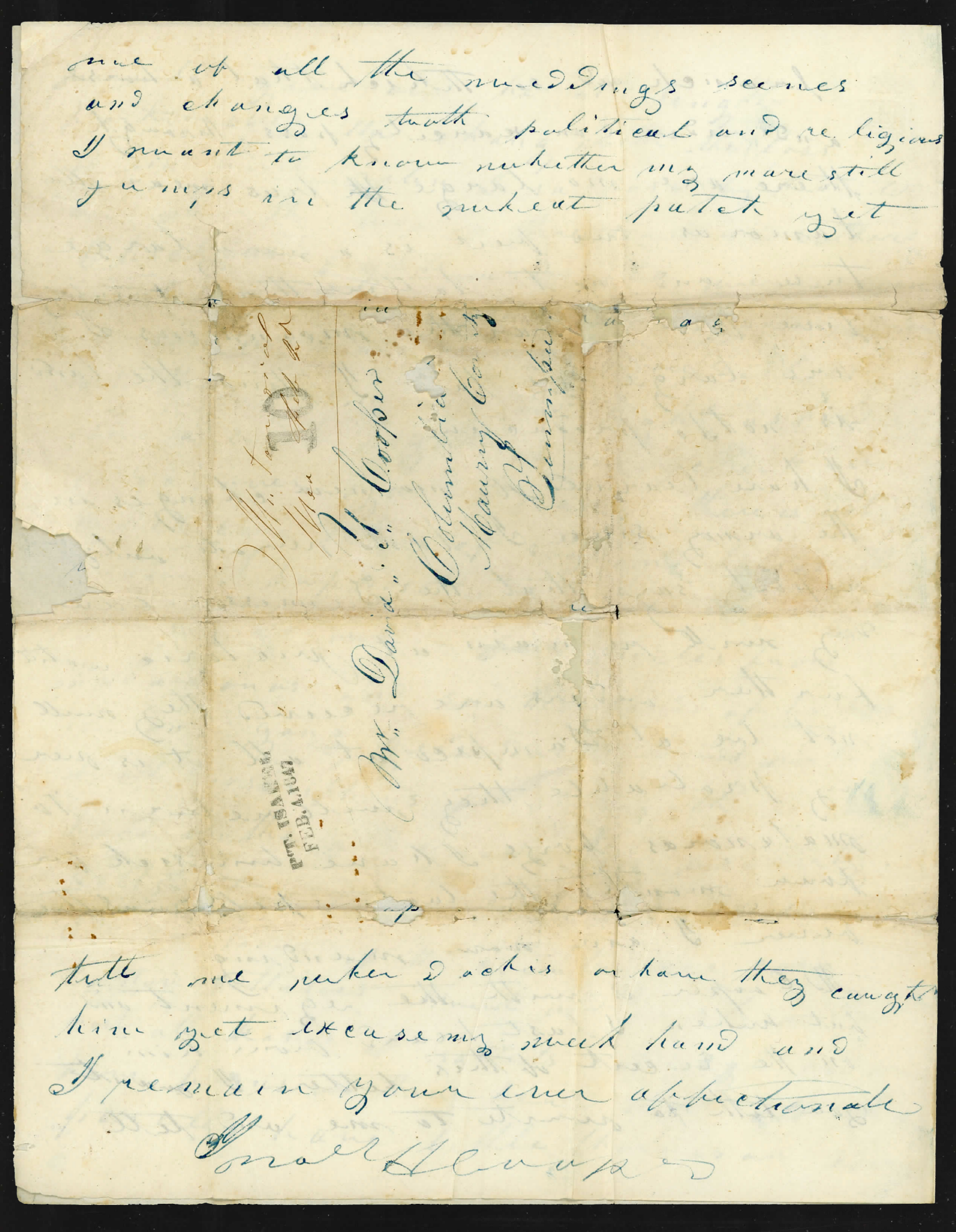
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forked down the chang with the loss
of six hundred rubes I suppose by them to
be worth two or three hundred dollars
O. Nickens nights were also many evenings
man of cum in Natamon as a game rooster
is common at twenty five dollars
and they as much and fight as hard
when a cock fight as near cruk use
to do over quarter races there is not
much care taken of dogs and horses the
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you can go out a few miles from
Natamon and see thousands of horses
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of all discriptions brown mouth to the
head of the rio grand I am weather by
killed two leopards at one shot
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most all kinds of rattets cattage has no
horns on them here most all sha
parells have little horns on every

branch and so thick that a horse
and rider can scarcely pass through
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H. Cooper

To Mr. David Y. Cooper, Columbia, Maury County Tennessee
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