



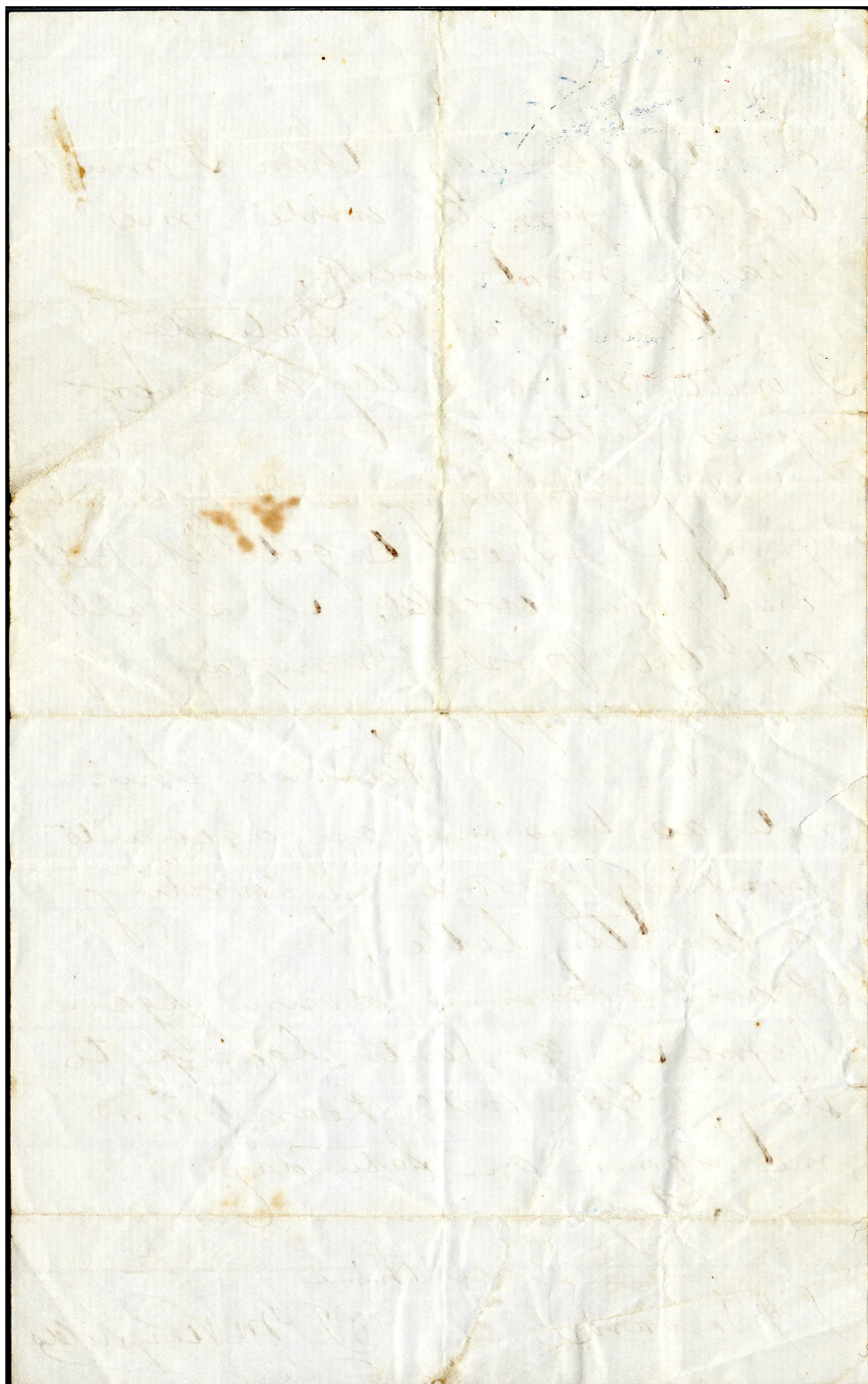
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We'll guard the UNION ever,  
And in the dust the traitors drag  
Who try its terrors to sever!

Camden Del July 10. 1862

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