

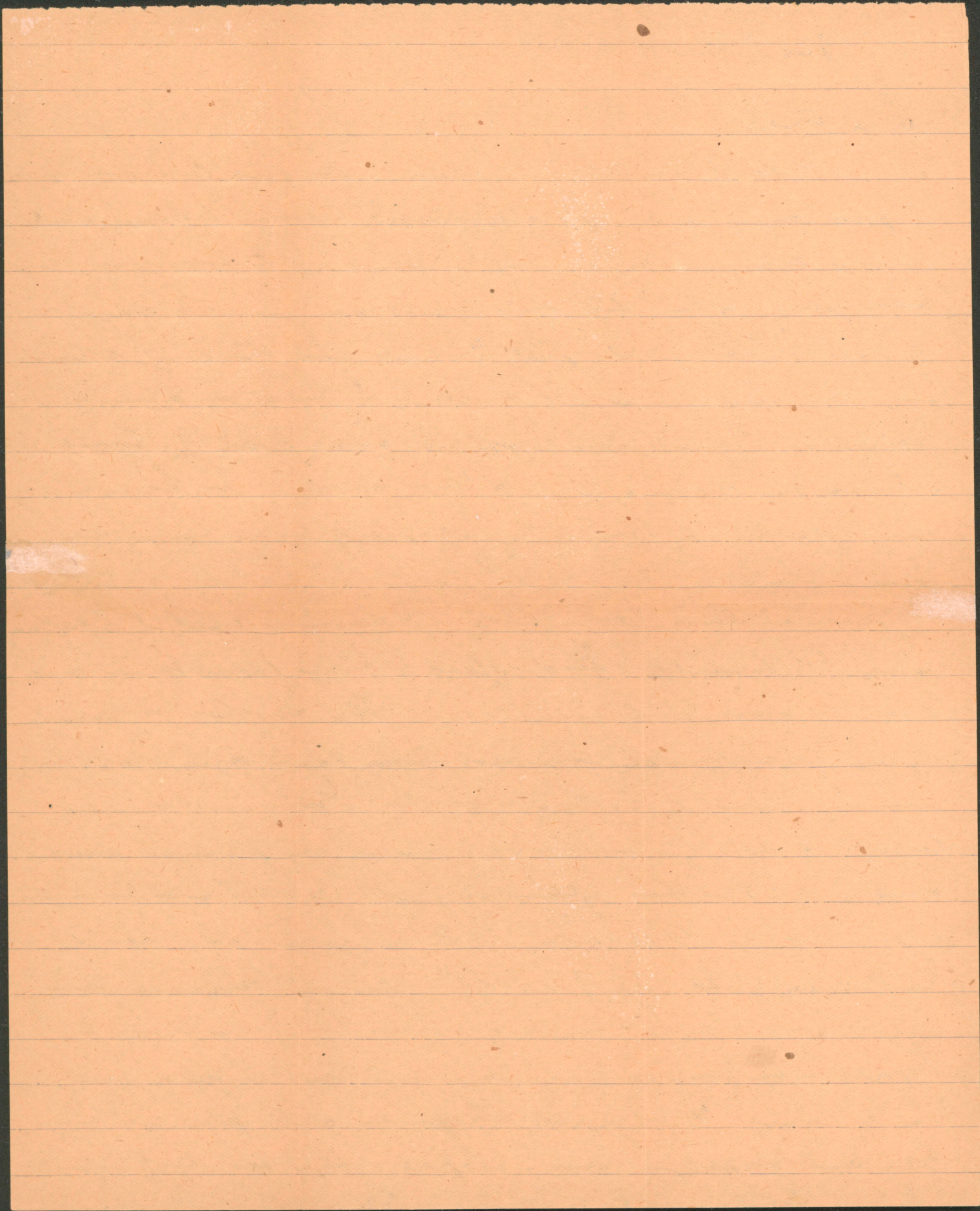
From: Paul Dunbar Jacksonville, Fla.
To: Alice Dunbar Washington, D.C.
Gay, April 5th 1901.

[April 8, 1901]

Dear Girdle:

As the time draws near for me to leave here I grow more and more anxious to come home and oh how I hate to think that I must go to Turkey. They have just written that they want me for ten days - if possible two weeks but I shall not think of staying that long. I shall shorten the time as much as possible. I just must spend some part of April with you in Washington. I don't believe we have ever been together in Washington all of April since we were married.

I have at last had a note - I cannot call it a letter from Ed Arnold. I was glad to hear from him and I hope to answer it soon. The weather is fine again today, much warmer than yesterday and the morning is full of the song of birds. I am enjoying myself in spite of all draw-backs - my present ones being a dinner this afternoon at the minister's house and a supper Wednesday with a friend who has a precocious child. Ye Gods. Am quite in disgrace for not having gone to church yesterday but I can stand it. I would have gone if they had not tried to force me, then of course I played the nurse act, played my part and would not move a peg. They all look upon



me as a hardened sinner.

I Mr. Dr. Parsons my thanks for the Easter card and tell
her that if the result of a well-spent life means that I am
going to lay eggs I prefer to spend my life otherwise.

I find one of them was a cheaper edition of that book of Brainerd
and then get that if not get the other but I do not think
that 2.40 was the price he wanted to me.

I hope you had a pleasant Easter and that you
and ma are getting all right. Give my love to ma
and Mrs. Douglass.

Truly Yours

Homestead Hubbins.

