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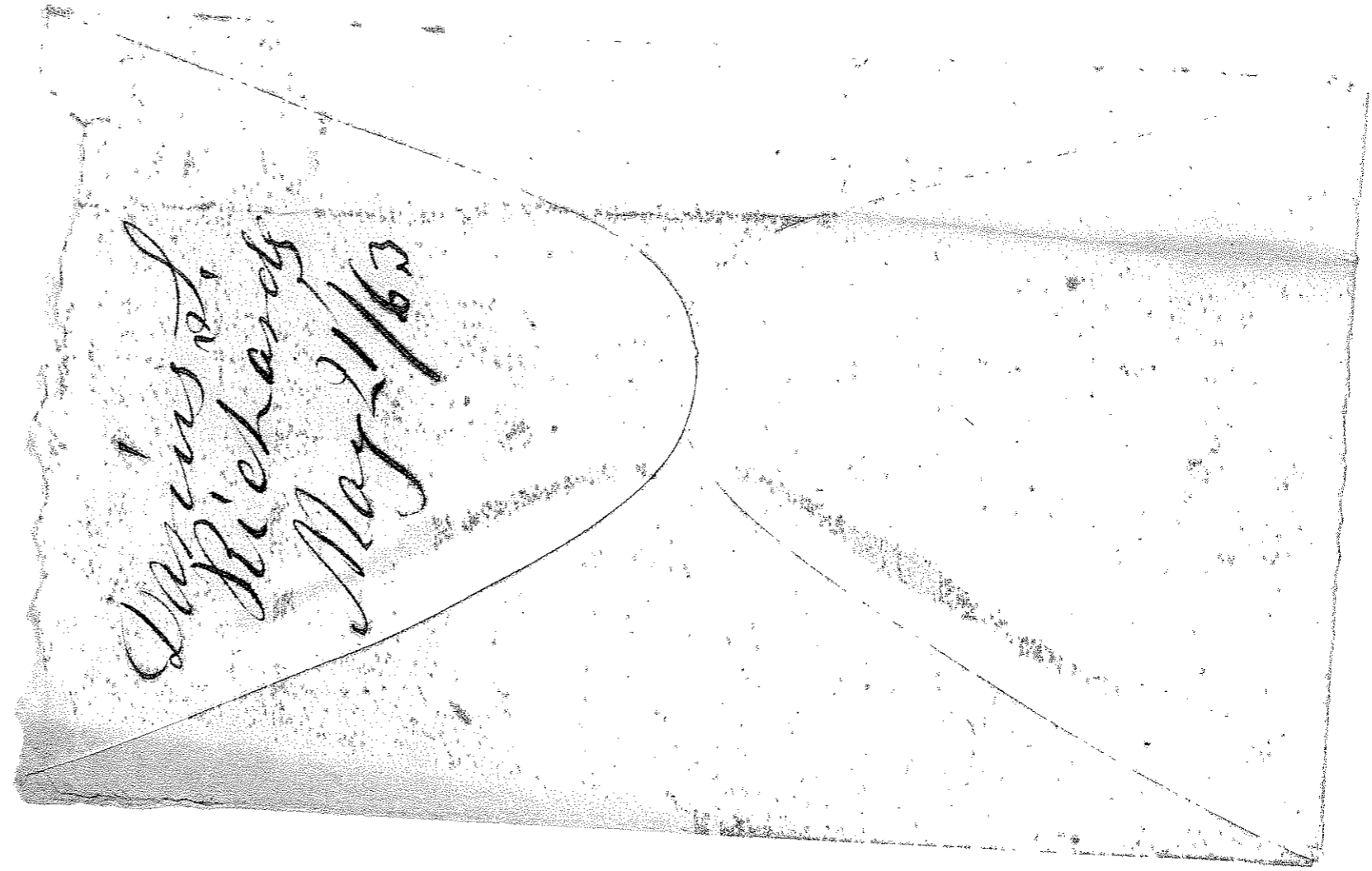
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Mr. Simon S. Richards,  
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By the way, Annah sent me your miniature 8 or 10 weeks ago. I was truly glad to get it, but I <sup>could</sup> not see anything about it that looked natural. I think it looked more like Cousin John Richards, than any of Father's family. But it was a good looking a miniature that I ever saw for a man of your age. It looked younger than Siranham, the last time I saw him. But I must close. Please write to me as often as you can all the news. Give my respects to your wife & children, also to Leudah, & the same to yourself.

Yours as ever  
 Darius S. Richards

Camp Clear, Vermont State, May 21st 1863

Dear Brother,

Your letter of the 8th, we came to hand night before last. I was truly glad to hear from you, but sorry to hear that you was not able to walk without the aid of crutches. It is very hard for anyone to be laid up so long, but I suppose you will have to bear our part.

I am well. I hope this will find you much better than when you wrote. I wrote a letter to Leudah a few days ago. I hope she will get it in due time. I suppose you have heard of the great Battle here on the Rappahannock at Chancellorsville & Fredericksburg. It was the hardest Battle since the war commenced. Our Regt. was not engaged in the fight, being detailed on the duty

