

Salem April 5th 1853

Dear Bush

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I shall have much to say to you when I see you next week. In the
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Truly yours &c,

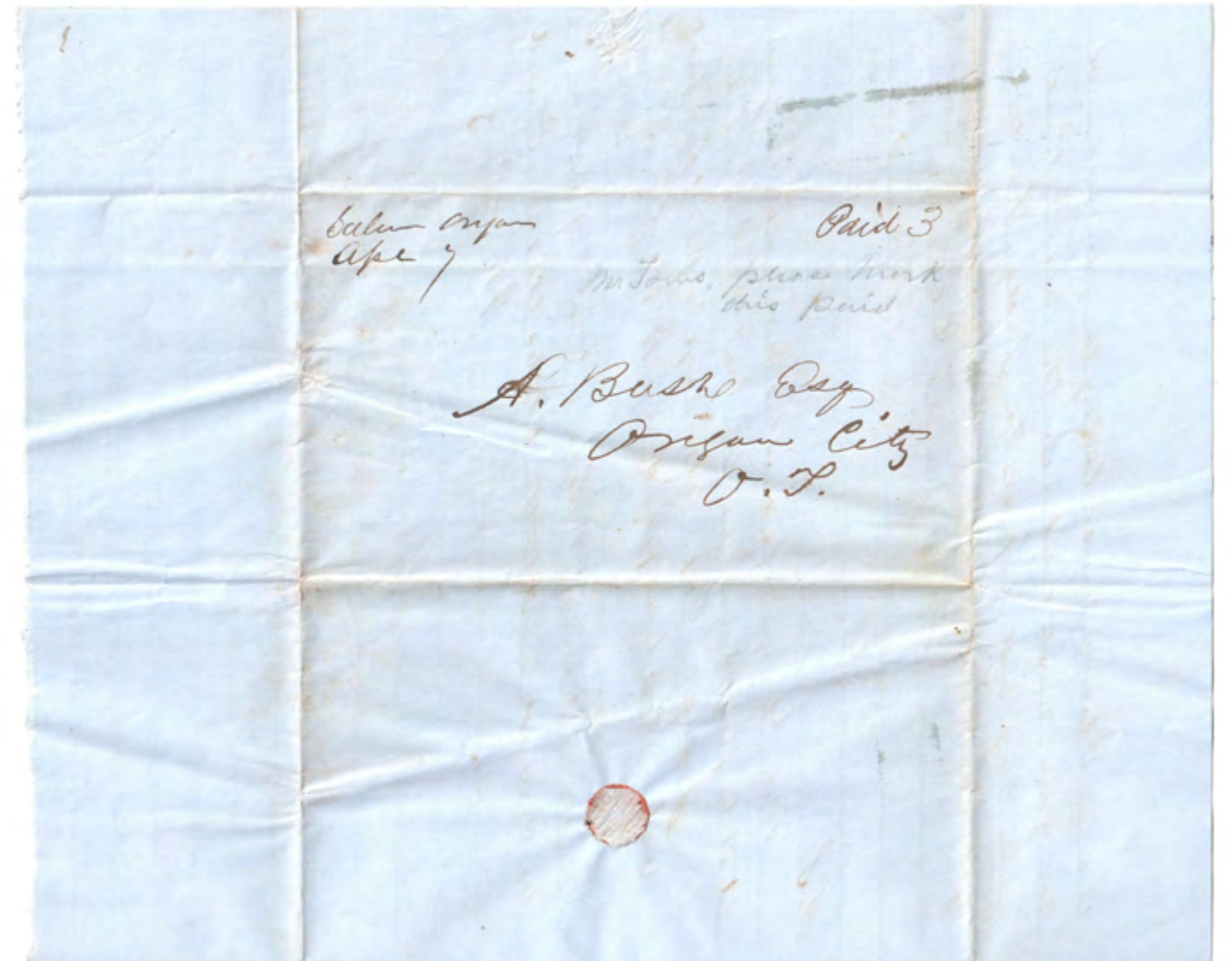
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