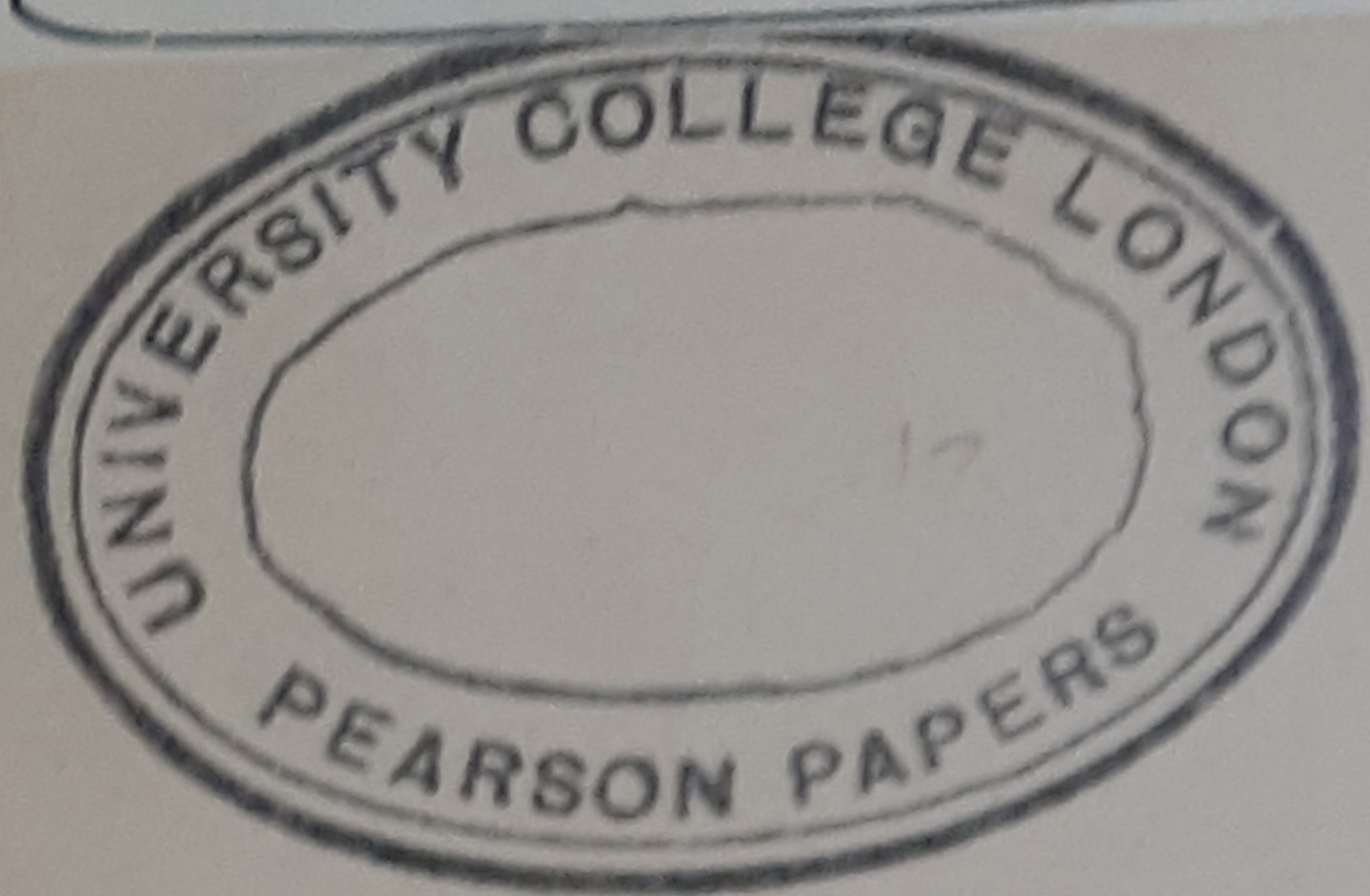


GRAND HÔTEL BELVEDERE



Turtegrøp, 23rd Aug 1896.
above Skjolden

Dear Maria,

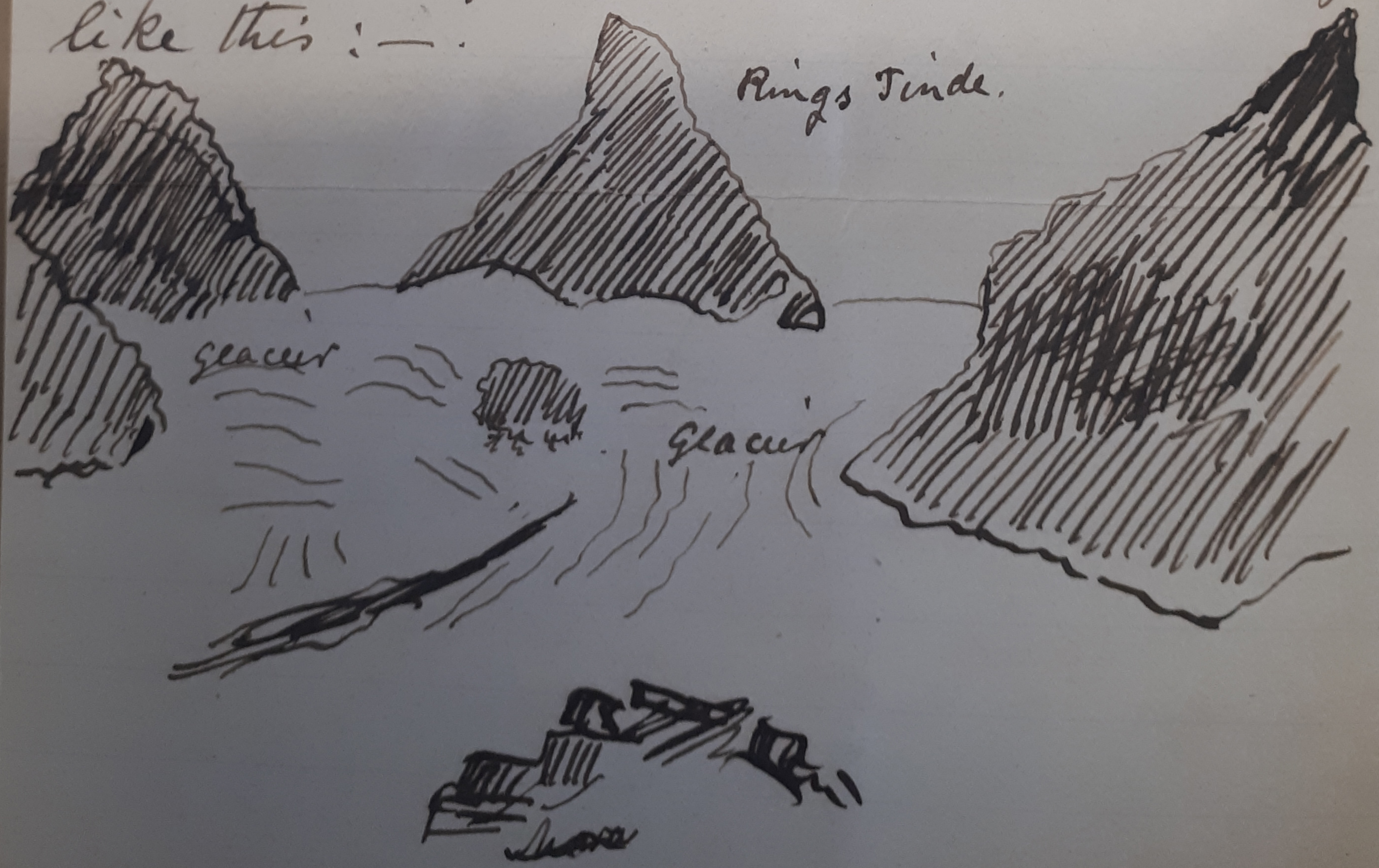
I consider you one of the family who are particularly attached to Norway, so I will try & get a letter off to you, whilst I am here. We have been having

a very fair time, fine weather very nearly every day, and certainly very fine scenery.

Wicksteed has been working us rather hard, as he has so much energy, more I think than any of the rest even perhaps including Wil. However poor man he has turned ill, & though he has been fighting against it for the last three days he stopped at home today & did nothing. We came up here yesterday evening from

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Skjolden and are all very glad we have come. (We have just discovered Karl's name in the visitor's book with Ralph Thieknesse in 1889} so that he will know the beauties of the place). Here we are amid the mountains and today have had great luck for after a dull morning when we started off for a walk to the ~~Bo~~ Rings Brä the clouds lifted & showed us the three grand peaks which stand above the glaciers there something like this:—



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We went up onto the Glacier. + then
had lunch. + then returned. to
dinner. We = Mr. + Mrs. Roger Lawrence
harian Aspland., Ruby Wicksteed.
Arthur, Wil + I. (People come in + out
in this small room + I can't write comfortably)
I think we are seeing this part of
Norway ^{in a} very pleasant way. We
started from Bergen + went up
by train to Evanger where we
met Wicksteed + Ruby. The
next day we walked on to
Tvinde via Vos. so you see
we purposely missed the bigger
places where the crowd goes.
The next day we walked on to
Gudvangen. There we had to
sleep. The Næro pass is certainly
most fine and the Hotel at
Stalheim is in a grand situation.
but there was a wretched lot of
English there it seemed as if half
the passengers of the "Eldorado" were

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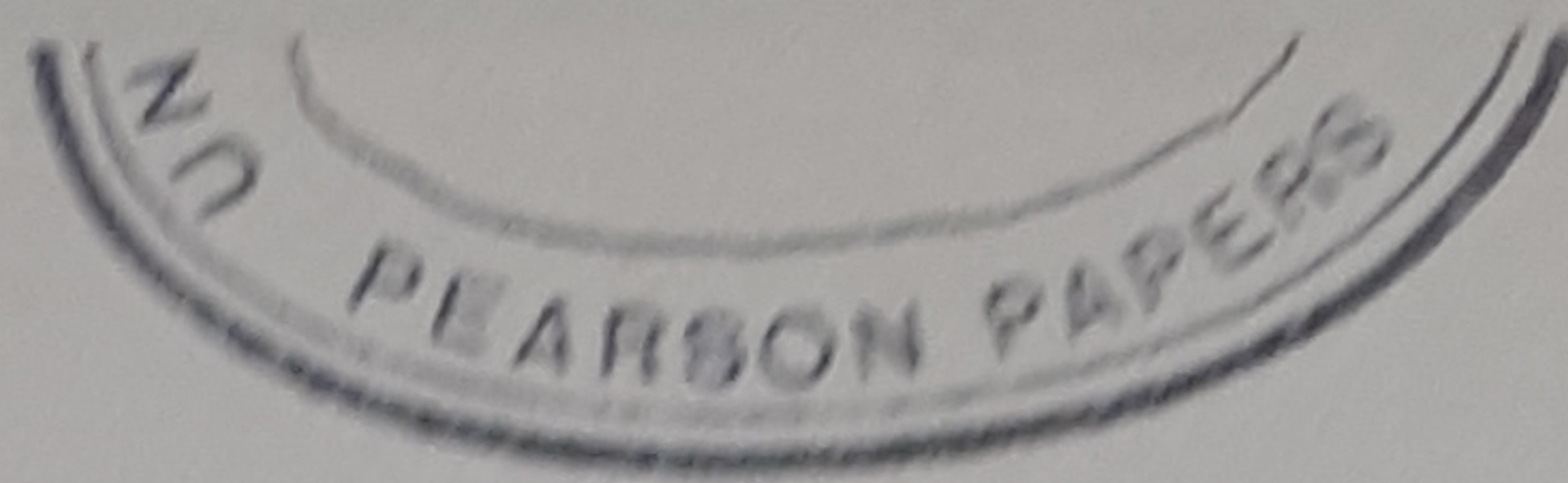
there. After our night at
Gudvangen we took to the boats
four in each, & rowed & sailed
to Aurland first night Fresvig.
second & third nights. Amble fourth
night. Solvorn fifth night. & to
the end of the great Sogne Fjord
sixth night. This certainly enables
one to get a good knowledge of
the Fjord in a way which one
can never get on a Steamer
for you can take your own time
row along the shores, lunch by
a stream, & bathe when you
like. Wicksteed has been most
jovial, and always ready to
talk on any subject, or do
anything suggested, & it is a
great pity he has fallen ill, but
he does too much for his age I
think. The rest of the party assort-
well I think, though I is a large

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number to fit in anywhere. Roger
Lawrence is a nice sort of fellow
and very quiet, so that I cannot
realize that he can be doing a
good business at the Liverpool Bar.
but they say he is. We have
just been called out to see the
moon rising behind the Skagastöls
Tinde. and the effect is very grand
It is a beautifully clear night, &
looks as if we were to have a
fine day again tomorrow. Our
plans are not quite settled,
but I think we shall stay here
another night & try & get Wicksteed
well, & then go over a low
pass or two to ~~Skagastöls~~ Skagadols-
born Sater, & Vetti. Then I shall
get away to Aardal & by
Steamer to Bergen & then home.
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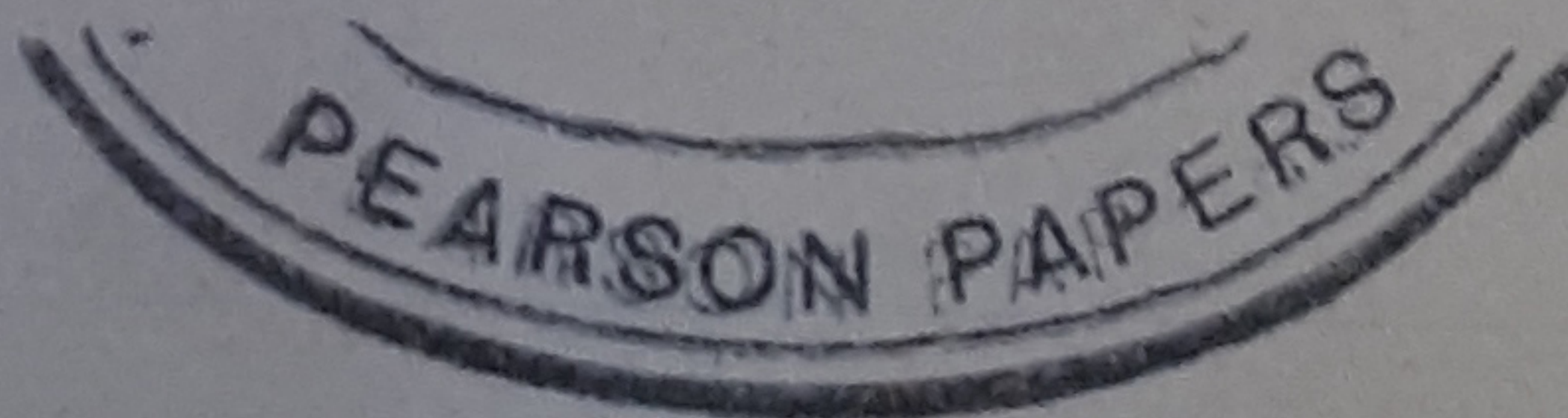
England, from Sand dated 12 Aug:
So I don't know much of what is
going on, but it can't be helped
when plans are made so free.

On the whole the Country is charming
& the people. I think even more
so. I am sorry I can't talk to
them, as they seem so simple &
friendly, but many a time have
we rubbed friendship together &
the way in which the natives shake hands
with you on the road if you only
give them the opportunity is very charming.
Along the Vos - Gudvangen road however
they are very different - I am sorry to
say, & there children will ask for
pennies, as no doubt you know
well.

I hope you are all well & having
a good holiday.

With love to all your affectionate
brother

Radford Sharpe



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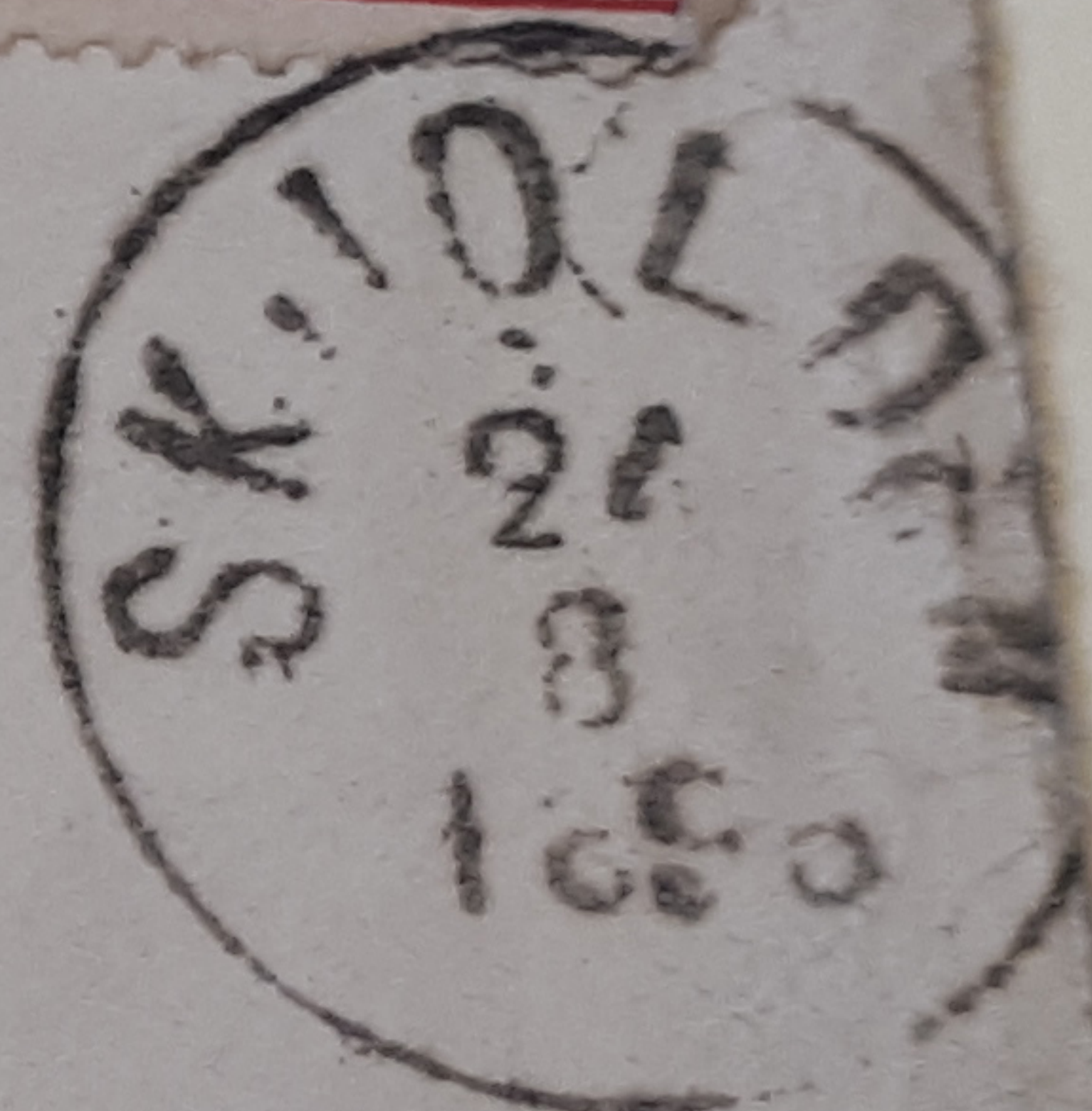
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