

Governor John St. John, Exoduster received correspondence

Section 46, Pages 1351 - 1380

Kansas Governor John P. St. John (1879-1883) received these letters from persons concerned with the migration of southern blacks to Kansas, commonly known as the Exodus or Exoduster movement. The letters come from blacks considering a move to Kansas, persons assisting with or monitoring the migration, officials of cities along the route, and persons providing for the relief of the migrants upon their arrival. The letters proceed in rough chronological order. Most include remnants of abstracts that were attached to the letter and then partially removed. The top of the abstract includes a reference to the letterpress book and page number of the governor's response. The governors' letterpress books are a separate collection. This collection comprises box 13 folders 13-15 and 20, box 14 folders 1-9, and box 15 folders 1-5 of the John St. John governor's records. The 1879-1880 correspondence was filed under "Immigration, Negro Exodus." The 1881-1882 correspondence was filed under "Freedman's Institute, Relief Association." A link to an inventory of St. John's entire governor's collection is available below. A full transcription is also available under "External Links."

Creator: Kansas. Governor (1879-1883 : St. John)

Date: April 1879 - October 1882

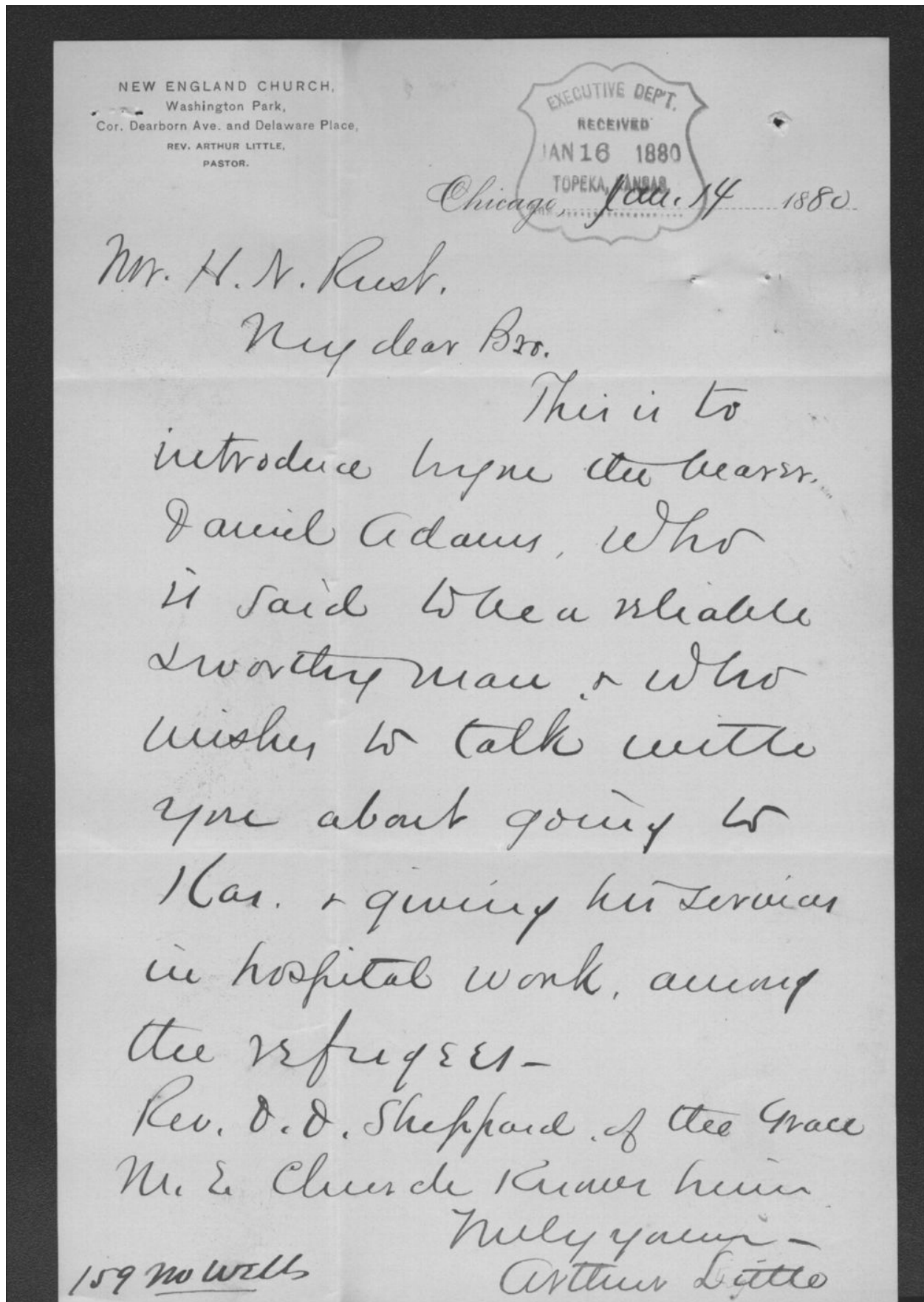
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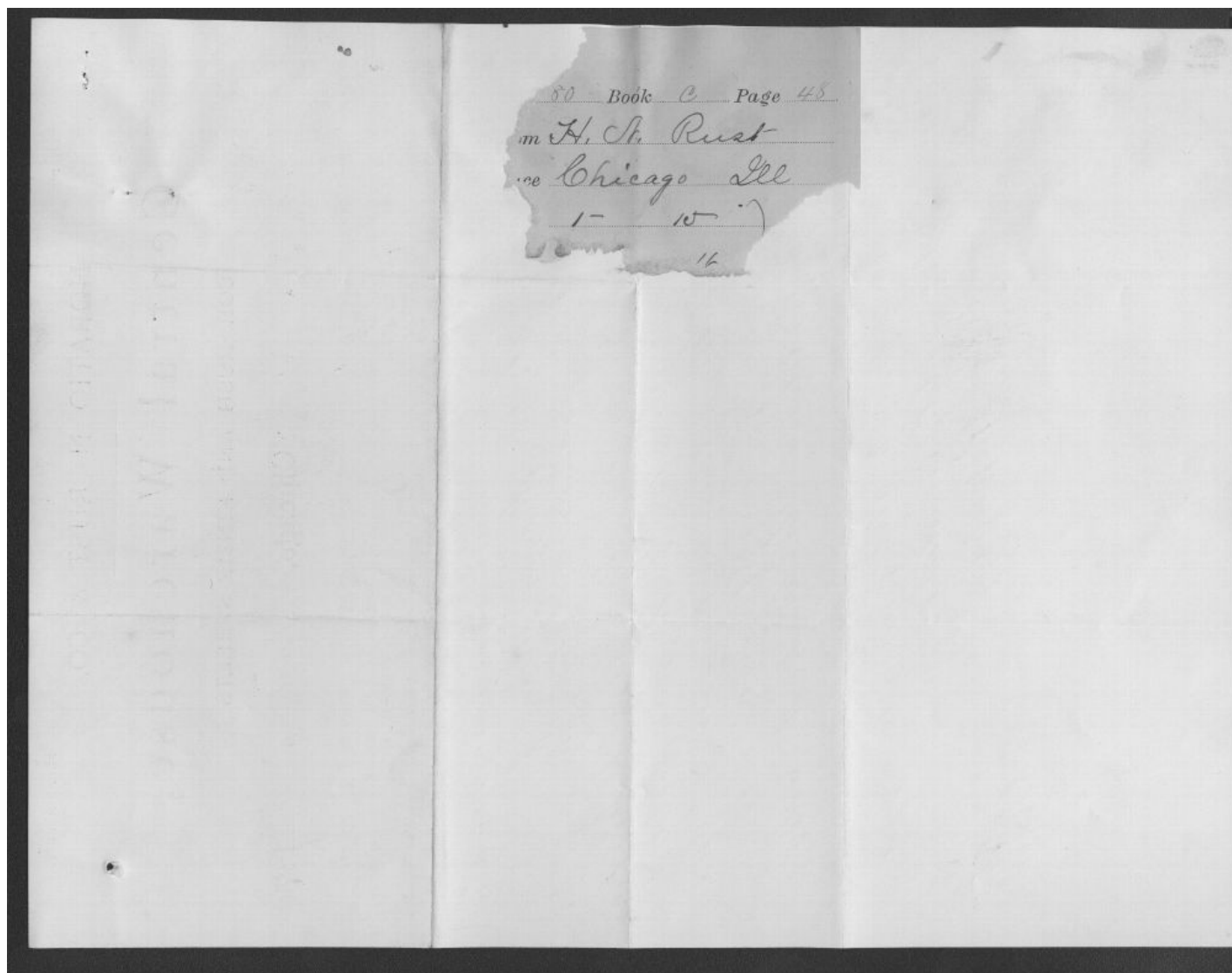
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Jan 18

Estimable Saml. Co. Exoduster
Gave St. John

Dear Sir having
read a great deal about
the poor Colored people
thought I would send
in my little mite
here is two dollars (Make
use of it for them
I think that several
of them could
get good comfortable
living in this
part of the country
I for my part would
be willing to take a
good man and wife

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to help me and wife
I have to hire some
help every year

Respectfully Yours
W. A. E. G.

Address Estenia Jannet
Nebraska

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Citronelle, Ala. Jan. 18th 1880
Dear Sir,

Wm. John. P. St. John
Governor. of the State of Kan.
I take the greatest opportunity
of writing you a few lines
stating to you that I have
wrote 2. letters to you since
I received the much beloved
Present, in which you sent
me by express. not just
about the time I received
your letter. I were thinking
probably - that you could
find something for me to do
when I reached or when I

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Might arrive at Topeka
 Kansas - My reason that
 I would like to get something
 to do when I arrive I have
 been told both by the Dem.
 Party that any man who
 went to the state of Kansas
 They could get nothing to do
 as I am bound for
 Topeka - the Capital this spring
 so I concluded that I would
 write again to you to try
 to get a letter from you before
 the first day of March 1880
 I think the more colored
 Republicans leave the
 South. will give you more
 support in the State of
 Kansas for Vice President

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for the insurrection election
 in 1880, I am doing all
 I can to get as many off
 by Spring as I can. So
 as to make the fair cheap
 as possible. Governor—
 please. Answer as soon as
 possible. I can do any
 thing at present to get away
 from the South. My daily
 business at the present is
 teaching. Public School
 at W. M. B. adow, Ala.
 but it don't give me
 but \$25⁰⁰ five per month—
 I have seen the state
 ment in the papers
 that you were going to
 Run for Vice President

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T. A. Simmon

I were very gl ad when I
found your name in the
papers - for if I am in the
State of Kansas on the day
of election I shall cast
my vote for Mr. John. P. St. John
I hope that it will be your
humble servant. to wait
on you in your office
After the election is
over & you are admitted
to your seat at Washington
Nothing more at present,
Hoping to hear from you soon
Your. humble servant
T. A. Simmon



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Jan. 20, 1880

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Chicago, Ills 20 18 80

Received at KANSAS 11:11 a.m.

To Gov. St John He.

RECEIVED
JAN 20 1880
TOPERA, KANSAS

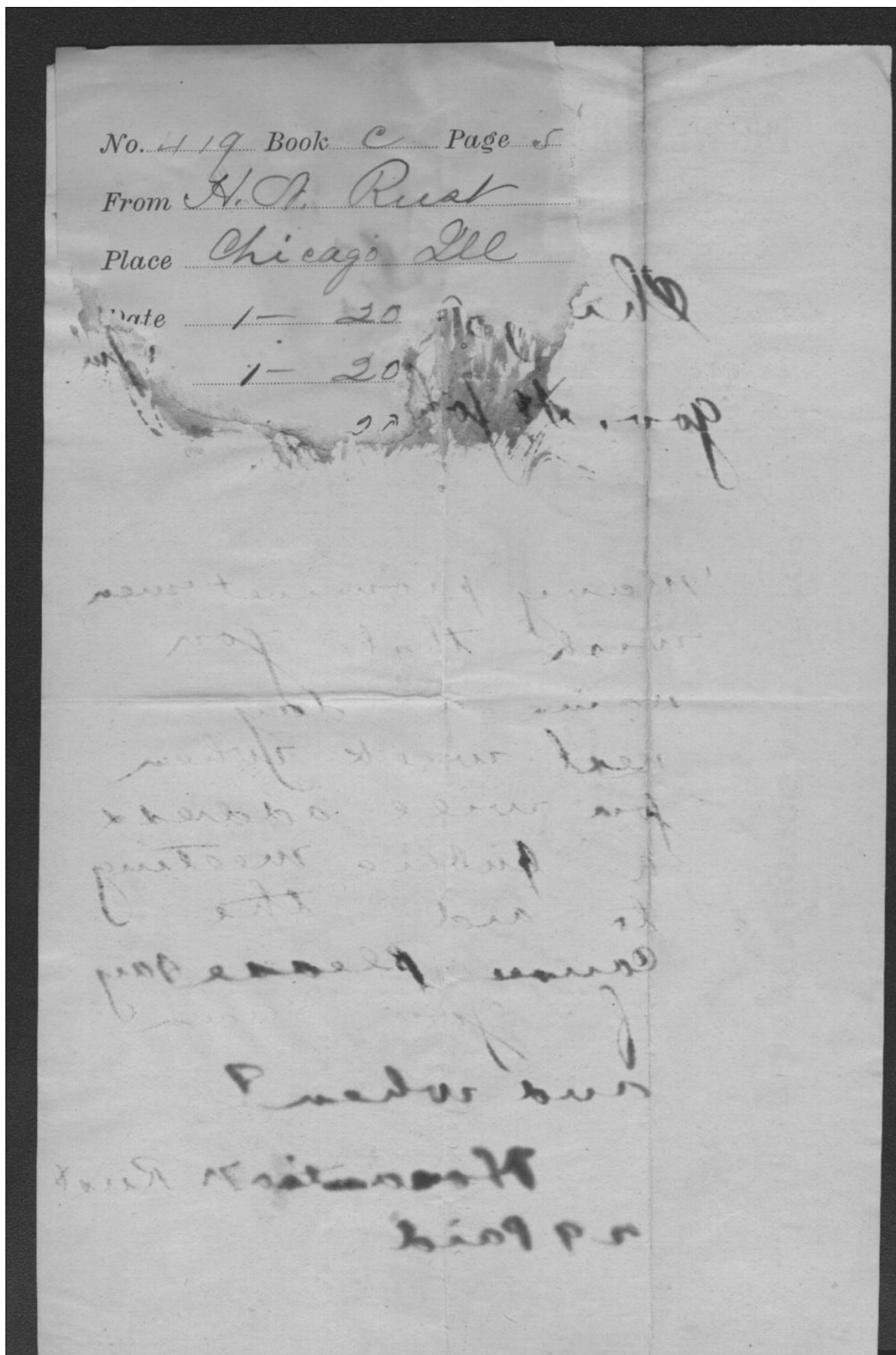
READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

many prominent men
wish that you
name a day
next week when
you will address
a public meeting
to aid the
cause Please say
if you can
and when?

Hosantown Road
29 Paid



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Watscka - Ill.
Jan'y 20th
1880

Govr. Excellency

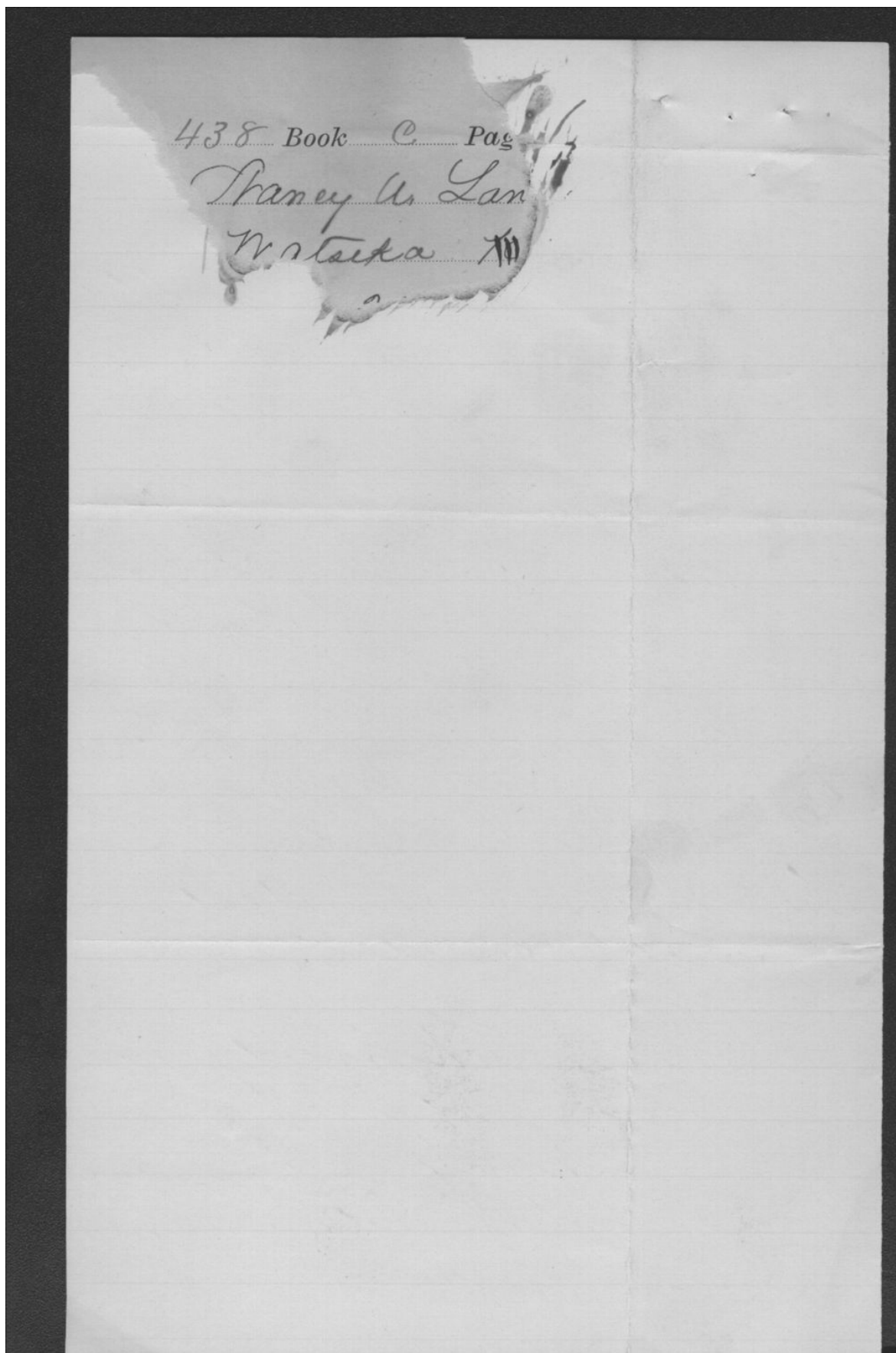
Gov. St. John
Topeka Kan-

Enclosed find \$65.⁰⁰
on New York Fort
to be used by Mrs.
Elizabeth Comstock for
the relief of the destitute
colored refugees in Kan-
sas-

Please acknowledge receipt
Very Truly

Nancy H. Lawrence
Treas. Watscka Relief Society for
Kansas Refugees -

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Central Warehouse,

COR. RUSH AND KINZIE STREETS,

Chicago, Jan 20th 1870

Gov J. P. St John
Dear Sir

Your favor of 16 inst
came to hand this morning and I am
greatly pleased. it is just what I wanted
and will be of great use I shall have it
published widely as soon as I get your reply
to the Telegram sent this morning. I know it
will reach our people and help the cause.

I am very anxious to get our organization
started upon so broad a basis that we can
meet any demands the Exodus make from
any direction. While our people have been
slow to start I am confident they will
move strong as they get started.

I have now gained several influential
men who did not see fit to inaugurate the
movement. we are very anxious to do what we
ought to do and to have you come and

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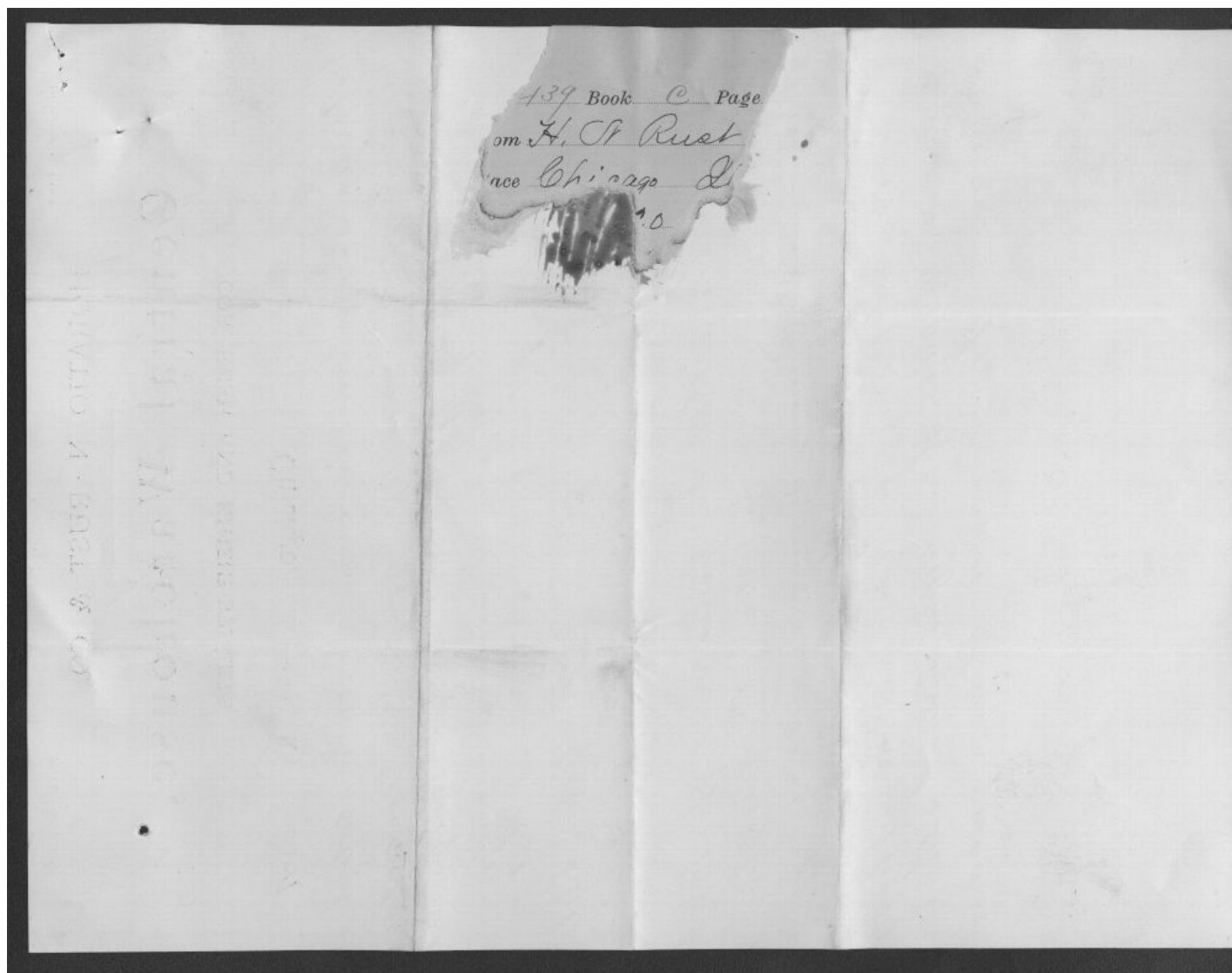
help us as no one else can. I am confident we can get a large meeting. Ex Gov Beveridge is interested and yesterday I met the Congregational Clergy at their Monday meeting. They warmly recommended my plans and were urgent that you should call such men as Rev Arthur Little Dr Goodwin Dr Noble &c They want one Sunday in which to give notice.

I learn that my friend Dudley Haskell is your Congressman I know him at Easthampton Mass. Gen S Permonoy is an old friend of my Father a relative each from Southampton Mass

I enclose draft for \$200.00 which amount has come into my hands from different parties for the Refugees I hope we may soon have a great deal more

Yours with great respect
Horatio N Rust

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1890.
Mt. Morris, Mich. Jan. 21,
Gov. St. John,
Topeka, Kansas,
Enclosed please find
three dollars and ten cents - \$3.10 -
Money order for refugees, this
amount being left after paying
freight on three barrels of clothing
&c shipped to day, to Wm H.
Sharp of Chicago. The receipt of
which I also enclose here.
Please let me hear if the supplies
and money reach you, and oblige.
This contribution of clothing and
money comes from Mt. Morris &
Geneseo Mich. We understand
that transportation on from Chicago
is free.
I shall advertise this call
for aid for those suffering

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people as widely as possible.
We love to help Kansas
as well in this great work of
providing for so numerous
and needy a people.

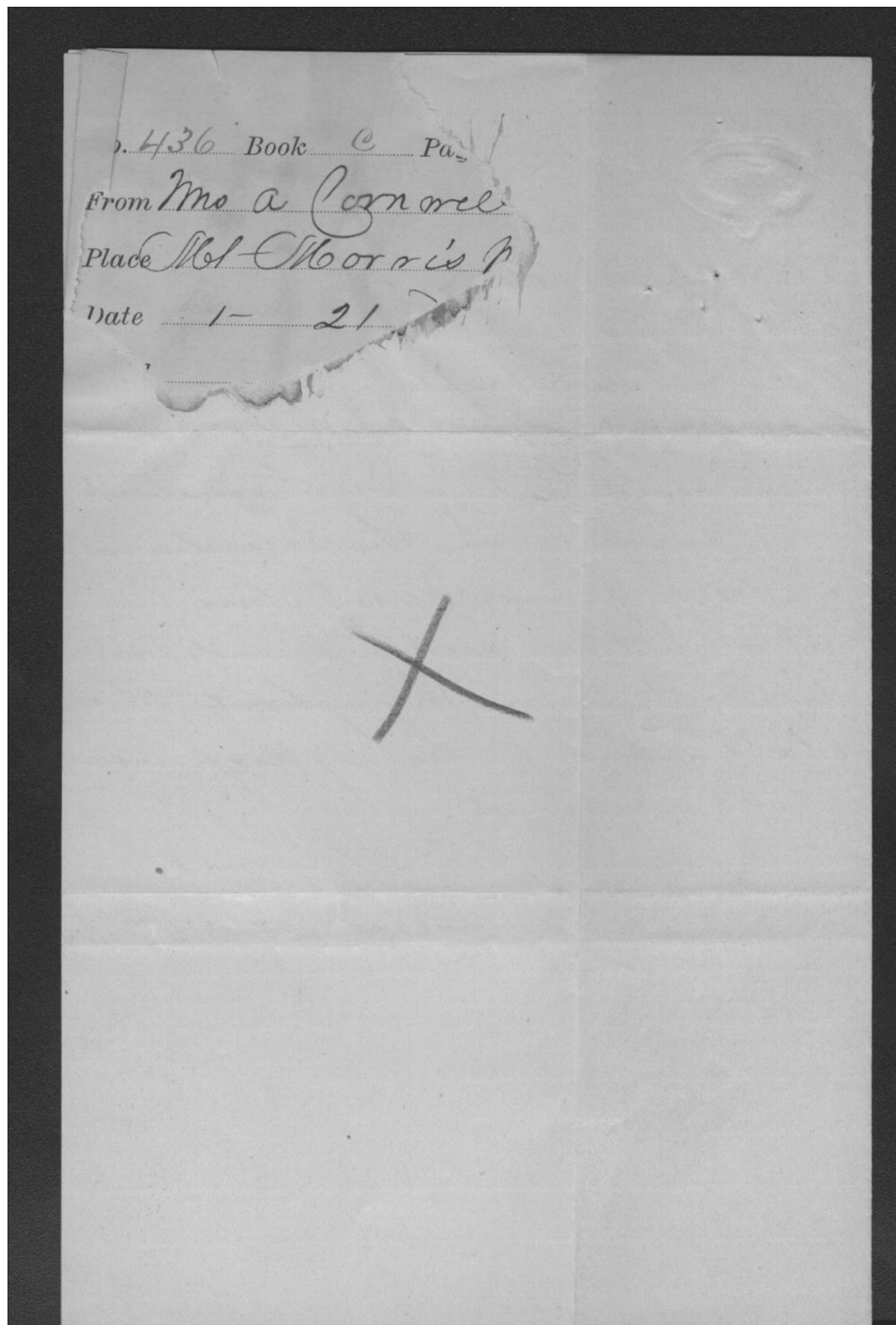
I have just received the
circulars sent by Mrs. Cornstock
also some from the Secretary
and my friend Mrs. Titus.

That I shall send to friends in
different towns throughout the
state, and a hearty response
may be expected.

Very Truly Yours.

(Miss) A. Cornwell.

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The Inter Ocean,

Chicago, Jan'y 21 1888

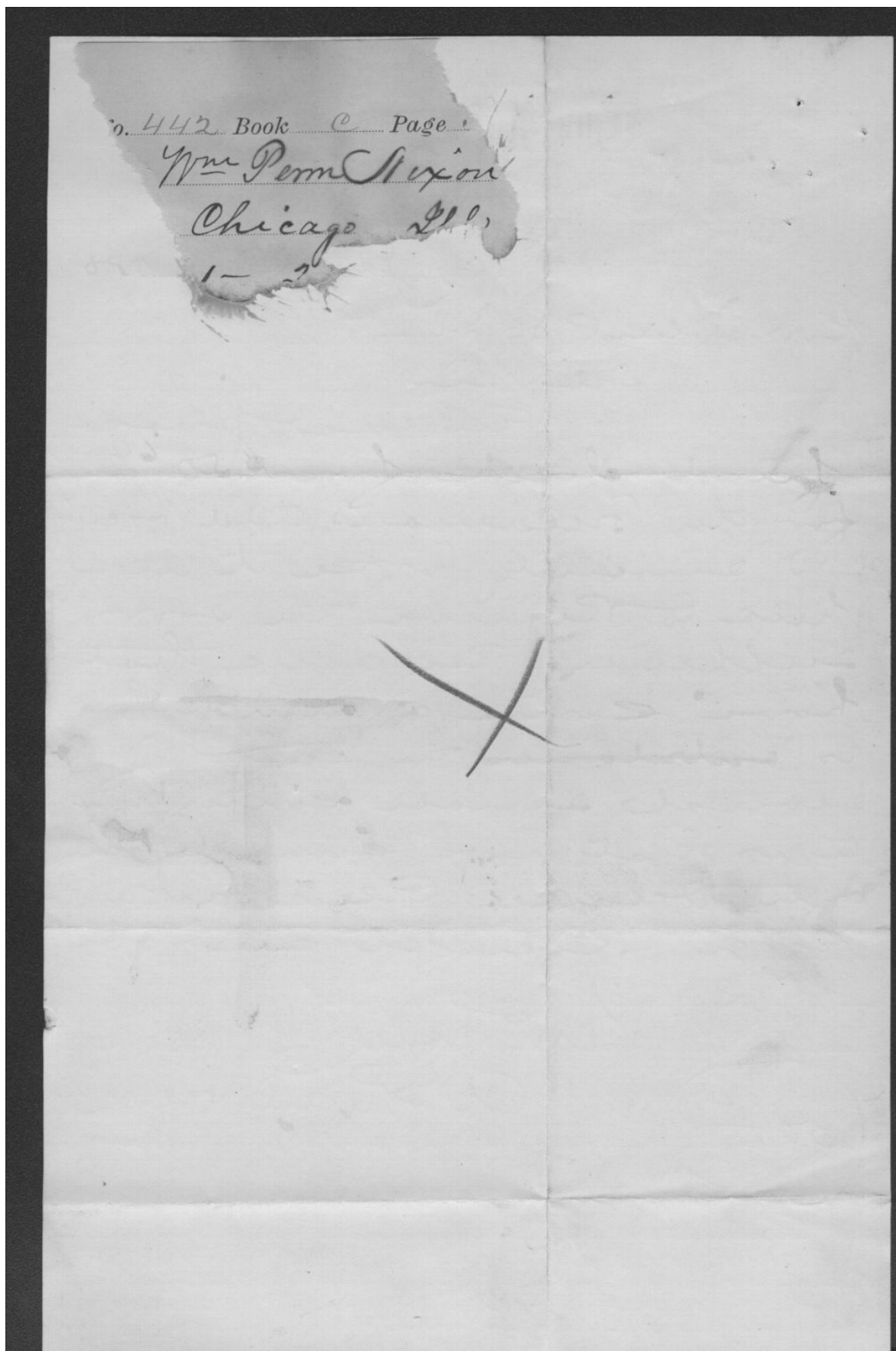
Gov. John R. St. John
Shawlin

Enclosed please
find check for \$50⁶⁴
for the Freedman's Aid Society
- I sincerely hope it may
help to relieve the poor
suffering Refugees that
have come among - this
is ~~substance~~ the sum of
several small contribu-
tions that have come to The
Inter Ocean. Please acknowl-
edge Receipt and ob-
lige
Y. S. P.

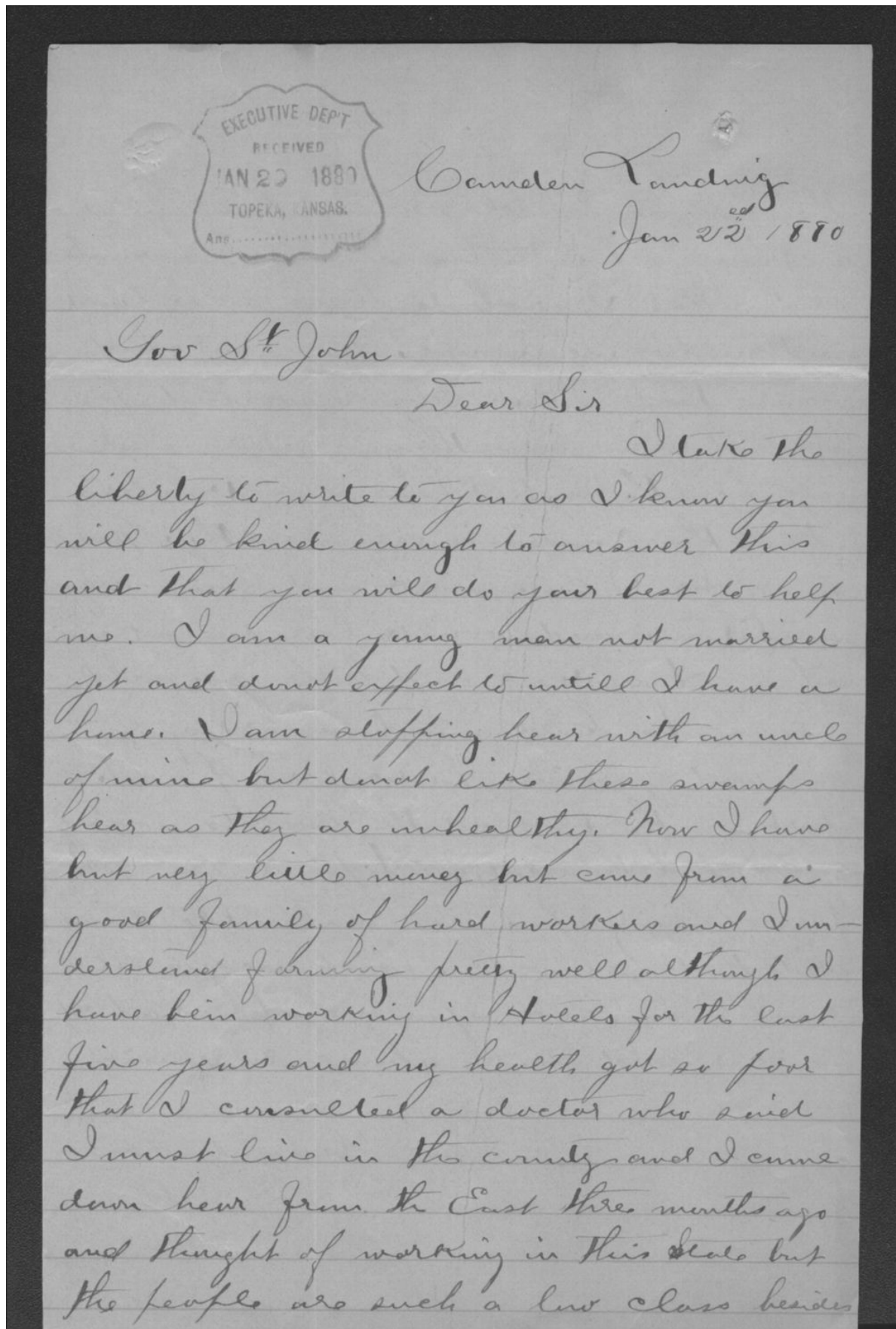
Yours truly
Wm. Penn. Boyer

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There are no Schools or any thing for
a young man to live in these swamps
and what I wish to have some land
and make me a nice home in a few
years that I can say I worked for
it and have something in return and
my health and I hear from travelers
that the Kansas is very healthy. Now
Dear Sir I am work and I am very
ambitious and would like to take
up a homestead and hope you will
please be kind enough in writing to
me and give me particulars of what
part is the best for the markets and
a spring of the State. Hoping I am not
trespassing upon your valuable time
and that you will assist me you will
confer a favor upon one who is a hard
worker and seeks above all remain -

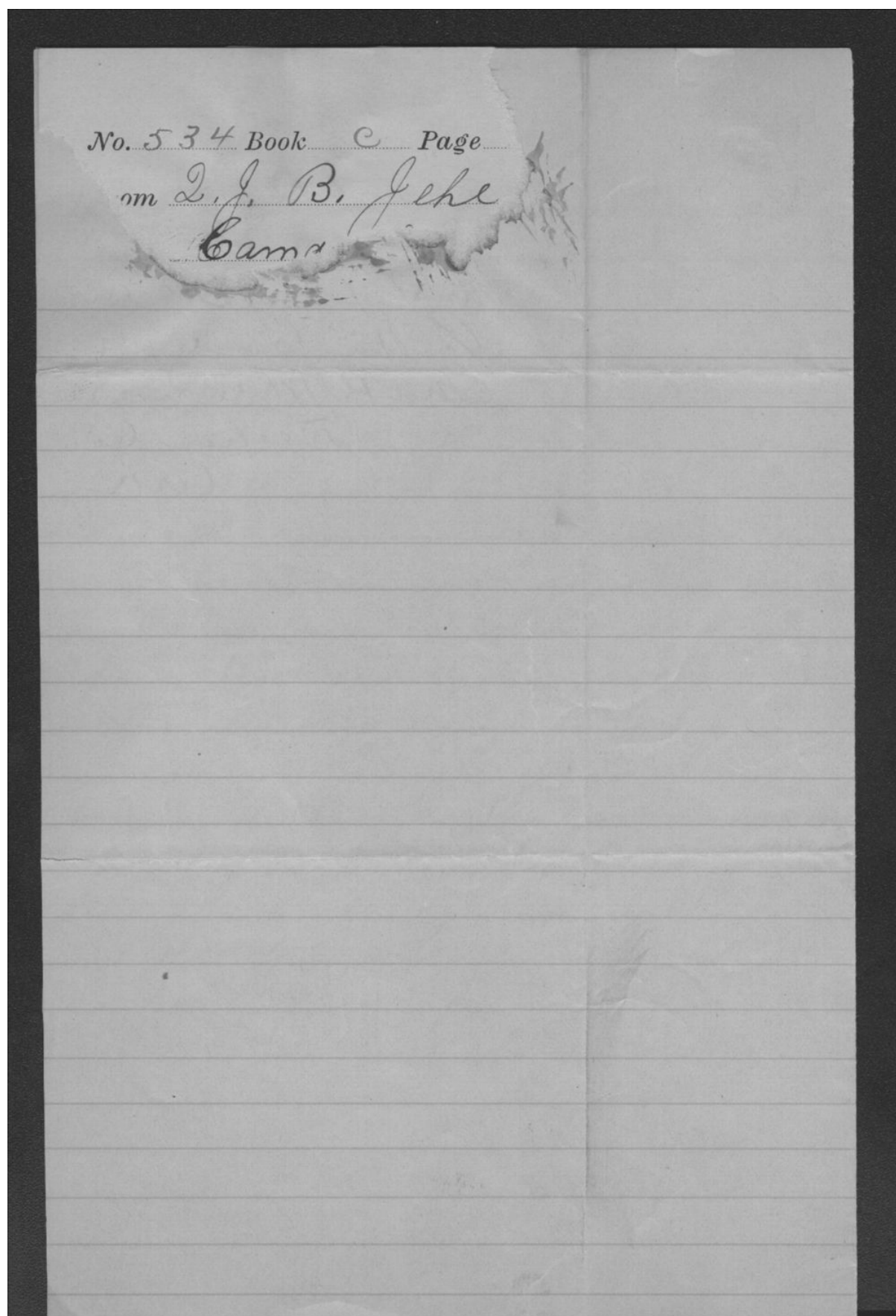
Your obedient servant
P. J. B. Juhl

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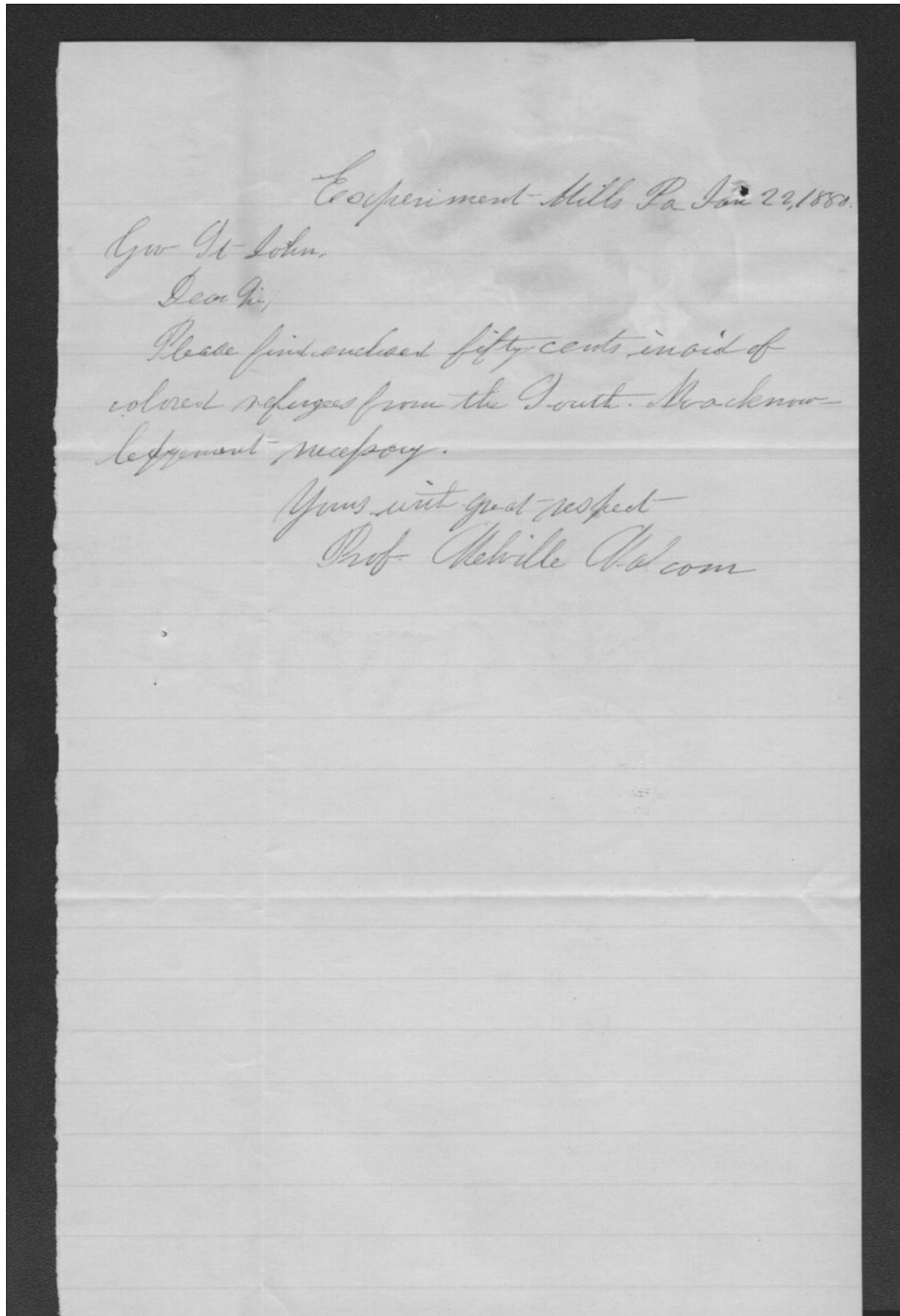
(P.S.) Please Address

Mr R. J. B. J. che
P. O. Camden
Mouth White River
Desha Co
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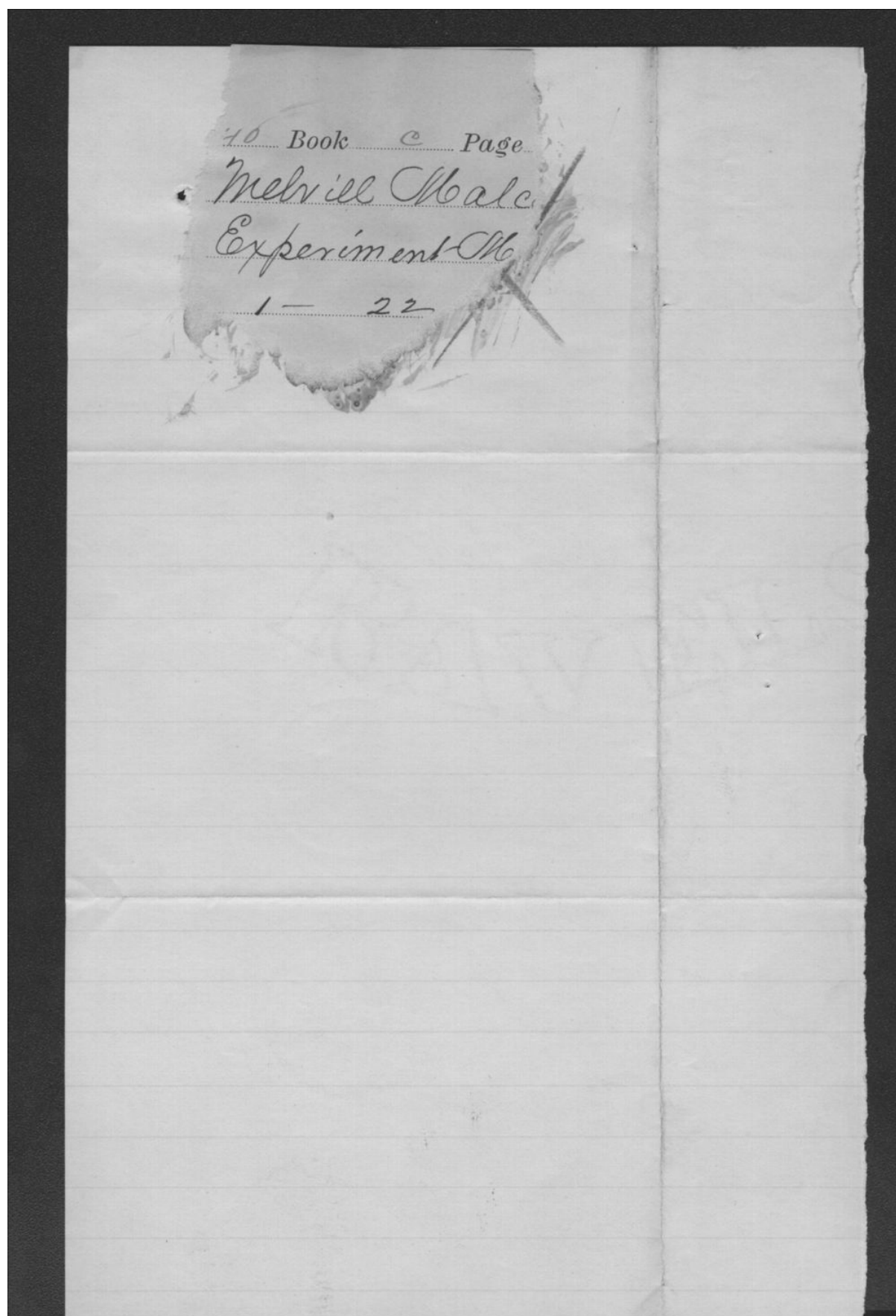
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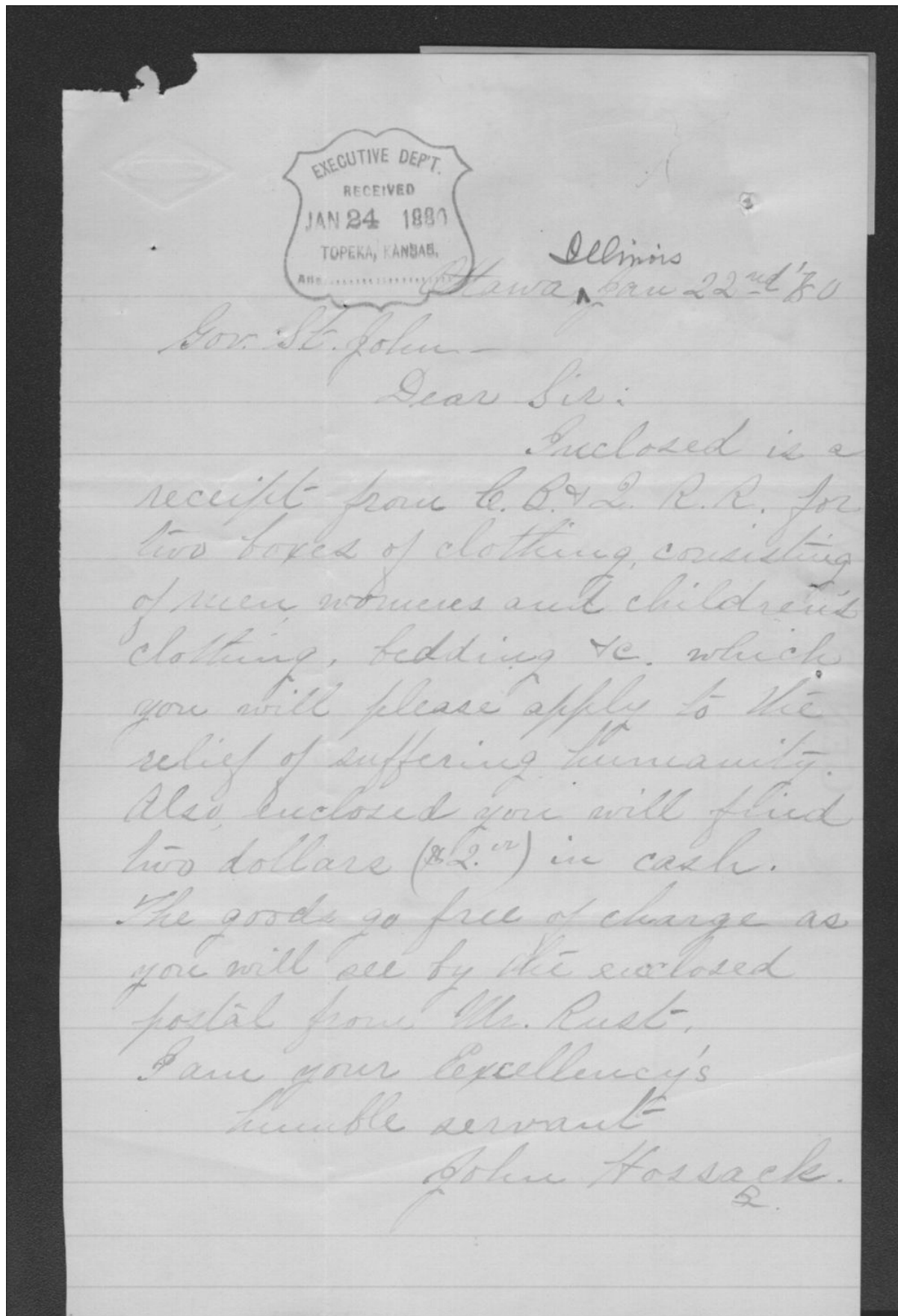
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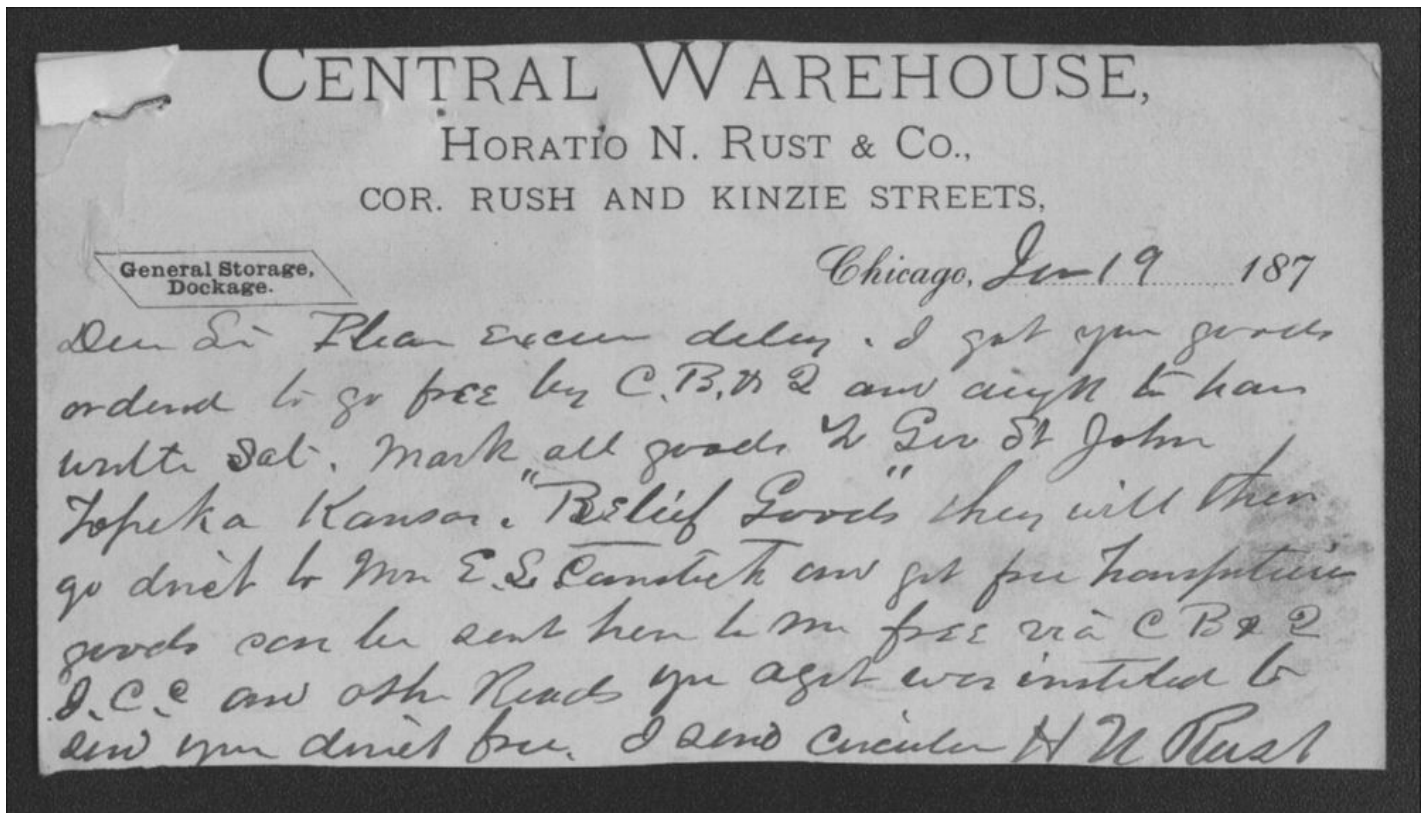
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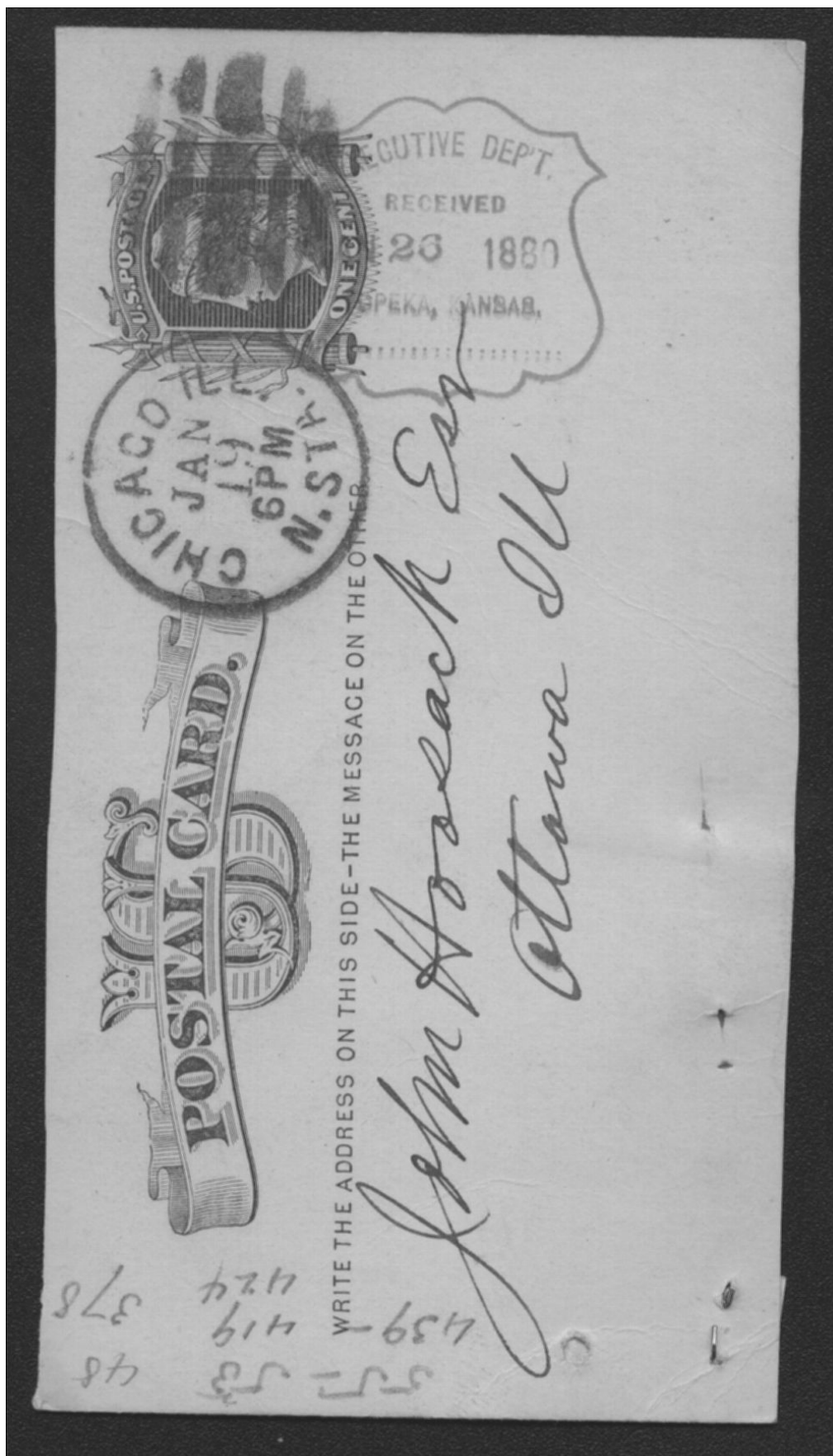
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